



**Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association  
Environmental Committee  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
6:30-8pm  
Scout Workshop  
2744 Lyndale Ave S**

**Attendees:**

Joan, Bernadette, Mariah, Sky, Andrew, Paul, Pete, Katie, Lexi

**Introductions & Ice Breaker:**

**Upcoming Projects:**

- **Upcoming Organics Work Sessions @ Common Roots:**
  - Sunday, June 30th
  - Sunday, July 21st
  - Outreach/system updates to Compost Buddies
  - Drop-off developments at Jefferson and Lunds; Lunds is on hold at the moment, Jefferson is moving ahead and has the backing of school board
  - Development of "Steward" role for drop-offs
  - Developments at Emily's building (if any)
  - Zero Waste conversations with the Wedge Co-op (understanding the challenges as a business and where we could start to help make changes) Mariah suggested the need to reduce to-go containers that aren't compostable or recyclable. Perhaps suggest a branded to-go container available for purchase.
  - Better understanding the psychology behind zero waste behavior
  
- **Greenway Garden Crew**
  - Brainstorm signage ideas
    - Three small signs: Hennepin county to claim the land, the name "The Greenway Meadow", what is happening in the garden (and name plant and insect/ pollinator species that are in the garden) Possibly include images of select few pollinators ie. bumble bees and butterfly or hummingbird.
    - Two work times scheduled (Saturday and Tuesday)
    - Michael Keenan (U of M professors) will be there on the 18th to give maintenance tips

- **Mpls Green Team Announcement**

- Alicia and Bernadette attended the Community Connections conference; the Green Team has a focus on neighborhood connections & building new ones. Could give us a new way to branch out and collaborate with other neighborhood environmental orgs. Poss. quarterly meetings.
- For more information click the link here:  
<http://www.mplsclimate.org/neighborhood-green-teams.html>

- **Friends of Mueller Park**

- 3 focus areas; beautify the experience, support park events and support park/garden improvements.
- Mulching was just done in collaboration with Park Board - go check out the beautiful difference! New native perennials will be planted in front of the pergola - we may collaborate with them on planting new natives.
- Future ideas for park improvements: Chairs, Bike Racks, Dog waste signs that also hold waste bags
- Events; Community Dinner June 25th
- Joan will work to procure interactive demos on native grasses and their roots and a box that demonstrates water runoff too.
- Houseplant/ Garden Plant swap - use Pete's tarp
- Rain Barrel giveaways: 2-4 barrels discounted by half from watershed districts - 40 gallon plastic barrels

- **LHENA Sustainable Purchasing Policy updates**

- Katie brought copies of the policy to share and review. Broken down into 3 focus areas; Material Use, Material Sourcing and Material Disposal. It will be edited after she received feedback from the committee and reviewed again at the July meeting for the Environmental Committee then submitted to the whole LHENA board for final approval.

- **Decisions/ Actions Taken as a Committee:**

- We agreed to push off the approval of the Sustainable Purchase Policy until the next Environmental Committee meeting on July 9th, at 6:30pm

\*For any questions regarding these items on our meeting minutes or to suggest agenda items for our next meeting(s), please email both of our Co-Chairs; Pete Boisclair [peter.boisclair8@gmail.com](mailto:peter.boisclair8@gmail.com) and Lexi Scharmer [schar194@umn.edu](mailto:schar194@umn.edu) \*

**Just for fun**, here's an extra article for you all on some of the best plants (according to a NASA study) for improving your indoor air quality whether you're a renter or homeowner! Looking to add some color? Pick up a Gerbera Daisy or a Florist's Chrysanthemum! Looking for one of the best plants for your bedroom? Place an Aloe Vera in your bedroom, since they release oxygen at night while you're asleep and filter out the carcinogens benzene and formaldehyde!

<https://lifehacker.com/this-graphic-shows-the-best-air-cleaning-plants-accord-1705307836>