

Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) | [thewedge.org](http://thewedge.org)  
**Zoning & Planning Committee | Meeting Minutes**

January 9th, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: [2909 Hennepin Avenue](#)

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**Mission Statement:** The Zoning & Planning Committee provides a forum to share information and discuss land use, development, infrastructure improvements, and transportation affecting the Lowry Hill East community; as an advisory body, it often makes recommendations on these issues to the Board and City.

LHENA Zoning & Planning Committee meetings are open to the public, but voting is limited to LHENA Members (residents, business owners, and property owners within neighborhood borders of Lyndale, Lake, & Hennepin). Proof of residence may be required to vote.

LHENA is committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful community discussion. Attendees are expected to follow the meeting norms established by the Committee:

- Allow one person to speak at a time and refrain from speaking over other people
- Speak concisely so as to allow others time to contribute
- Be respectfully and refraining from using profanity

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## Meeting Minutes

- 6:30 PM      Call to Order: Introduction of Guests (please sign in)
- Abigail, Paul, Rachel Usher and Walker Reiss in attendance. Visited by Jeremy, John, Kate, and Burt - VSG architects for Vision Loss Resources.
- 6:33 PM      Approval of Meeting Agenda & Minutes
- Agenda and minutes seconded and approved by those present
- 6:30 PM      Vision Loss Resources (VSL) (Lyndale/Franklin) - Jeremy Striffler
- VSL is working with a group of people to sell the land with a vision of land use as part of its sales pitch. VSL wants the space to be reimagined as a community-oriented space that is pedestrian friendly; with retail, more affordable housing, and some luxury housing.
  - We discussed their proposed ideas and supported their outlook on having retail in the space, and fixing the current sidewalk landscape of that corner of Lyndale/Franklin.
  - LHENA was aware that they just wanted to connect on community principles, but that selling for VSL was, in the end, their top priority. Community members present shared the hope that their vision could play out on this corner.
- 7:15 PM      Strategic Planning LHENA - Paul

- Paul let us know that we should take the survey on the Wedge website, and since we were a small group, we left it at that
- 7:20 PM      Revision of Developer Questionnaire - Abigail
- We discussed proposed added questions to the developer project questionnaire, and made minor edits to them
  - There was a motion to amend, and it was approved
- 7:30 PM      Hennepin Avenue E Line Rapid Bus - Abigail
- We discussed the Metro Transit proposed express 6 bus down Hennepin, and agreed that LHENA should issue a letter of support for the project. We amended and approved a letter to forward to the board
  - A Letter of Support was motioned with amendments, and approved
- 7:40 PM      Feet First Kickoff Event Planning
- A date has been set for the first event: February 23, 10a-12p, at The Wedge Table
  - A Feet First information article appeared in the SW Journal on January 9!
  - We are working on a flyer to share around the neighborhood to garner attendance at the event
- 7:50 PM      Shovel It Forward Updates
- We will continue with the same wording that we had been using in December throughout January
- 8:00 PM      New Business/Announcements
- New office space information from Paul
- 8:05 PM      Adjournment