

Community-Building Committee  
August, 27, 2020 Minutes  
Held at Mueller Park

Committee Review

- **Environmental Committee** meets 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm via Zoom (link on committee page at [www.thewedge.org](http://www.thewedge.org)), next meeting is September 8. EC has two projects that are looking for more volunteers:
  1. Greenway Garden: Join Bernadette in the care of this native urban garden along the greenway Saturday mornings. Contact Scott at [outreach@thewedge.org](mailto:outreach@thewedge.org)
  2. Organics Recycling for Renters: LHENA pays for and maintains organics recycling bins at the Wedge Co-op. Looking for volunteers to help grow the program and help maintain the bins. Contact Scott at [outreach@thewedge.org](mailto:outreach@thewedge.org)
- **Zoning & Planning** meets 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm via Zoom (link on committee page at [www.thewedge.org](http://www.thewedge.org)), next meeting is September 9. The next big project is to finalize the Development Vision and Scorecard that LHENA has been working on for a year as a partnership with Z&P, Environmental Committee, the Board, and in a Community Workshop conducted in November.

Community-Building Projects

- **De-escalation Training:** The Conflict Resolution Center, a non-profit located in LHENA can provide a training for the community for \$500 that would be responsive to the community's needs. There was general consensus that this is a good idea for moving forward with, and a sense that this would pair well with people who indicate that they would like to do a Walking Watch (Wedge Walkers).
- **Safety Collaboration:** Eric Ortiz has been asking other neighborhood organizations what kind of safety programs they have and has a Zoom call with several neighborhoods, including Stevens Square later in the evening. The goal is to find the best practices in safety programming such as walking watches, and ways of engaging with the city on behalf of neighborhoods.
- **Music Series:** As a way of encouraging neighbors to continue to be outside and create a vibrant place to live, we would like to have a series of lawn concerts / jam sessions / deejay events. Lisa Hirst-Carnes volunteered to help organize this calendar. These music events will also serve as supply drives.
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** this is a mutual aid program where neighbors help run errands and take care of neighbors who need help. The sub-committee welcomed new region leads and is actively expanding their reach. Flyers are going out over the weekend and first couple of days of the week to expand reach and let people know about upcoming food shares. Several attendees signed up to volunteer. Contact Scott at [outreach@thewedge.org](mailto:outreach@thewedge.org) to join the efforts.

- **Food Share:** Joan Moser is an active member of Neighbors Helping Neighbors and has organized a series of food shares with money that she applied for from the county as a LHENA project.
- **GOTV announcement:** Board member Kari Johnson will be organizing a follow-up to her successful GOTV efforts from two years ago. To help out contact Scott at [outreach@thewedge.org](mailto:outreach@thewedge.org)
- **Wedge Walkers:** there has been some discussion on social media pages about people wanting an active walking watch. People in attendance thought it sounds like a good idea but no one stepped up to lead one in their area. This will stay on the agenda as something to keep talking about and attendees are encouraged to talk to neighbors and experiment with group walking.
- **Social Sub-committee:** there was some discussion of the social sub-committee starting as a flyering team to help spread the word about community events to neighbors. Could start from the park and buddy up, then return to food and music as a social. Contact Katie Mae if you're interested in helping to start the social sub-committee.  
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