



Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, January 15th, 2020
6:30pm-8:30pm
2744 Lyndale Ave S

Board Members Present:

Alicia Gibson
Kari Johnson
Joe Knaeble
Jordan Millikan
Walker Reiss
Rachel Usher

Not Present:

Pete Boisclair
Bernadette Knaeble
Manny Minter

Staff:

Paul Shanafelt

Guest Speakers:

Mpls Parks & Rec Senior Planner Emma Pachuta
NCR Director David Rubedor, City Clerk Casey Karl

Meeting Agenda:

- Call to Order & Welcome - *Alicia Gibson*
 - Welcoming statements
 - Meeting expectations
 - Ice breaker (*What makes you feel frozen?*)

- Approval of November Meeting Minutes - *Alicia Gibson*
-minutes approved unanimously

- Approval of Agenda and Rules of Order - *Alicia Gibson*
-both approved unanimously
- Appointment of LHENA Secretary
-Rachel: it's a small task, but I didn't want to leave the board. End of my term is in April.
-Alicia: everyone here but Joe is an officer, so Joe, jump in if you want to, but Bernadette has agreed to serve as secretary.
Vote moved to later in meeting.

- Minneapolis Parks Comprehensive Plan - *Emma Pachuta*

Emma: two handouts, one about comp plan, the other about individual input.

-we're going around to all the neighb association board, updating.

-current plan adopted in 2007, goes through 2020, aiming for new plan by 1/1/2021

-comprehensive plan: big picture doc to set policy for org- shared values w community, staff, and electeds.

-will build on work that we've already done with past feedback.

Alicia: like comments with SW area?

Emma: yes, and maintenance

-will not take place of parks and open space chapter of 2040

-does not cover any one specific park.

-park board's plan not required by met council.

-in vision and discovery phase right now.

-in 2020, a draft plan will be out for review, looking to refine and adopt by 12/2020.

-currently have an RFP out for engagement, taking to staff, community members, CAC, text option.

-community collaborator RFP due 3/2020.

-all CAC meetings open to the public, cards at every rec ctr

-question: what could and should we be focusing on in next 10 yrs?

Questions:

Paul: same CAC for SW area?

Emma: they're separate. 17 members of CAC, commissioners select some, public selects others, different CAC then that. Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles is taking applicants for that CAC through 1/31/20.

Alicia: let Kenwood elementary know for that.

Census - *David Rubedor*

Coming at 19:15 1/15

David Rubedor (director of NCR), Casey Karl (city clerk)

-number of things that will set the stage for the city for the future: census 2020, election changes. Much of the work falls on the local level. Test of true democracy.

-Have you done anything on the census?

Paul: not yet.

Kari: think about it through work.

David: census taken once every ten year, risk of some people for being undercounted

-If we did nothing on a local level, we would be undercounted by about 95,000 people

-about 420,000 estimated in mpls total.

-federal gov allocates about \$128/person/year based on census data, programs go out directly to residents.

-children under 5 are most undercounted. Can affect school lunch programs, SNAP, Pell grants.

- in 2010, we had a pro-census congress and pres, census was very well-funded. Now, not so much, much less funding to census bureau

-MN had 8 regional offices in 2010, we now have 3

-data is used to set all elected office districts, in 2010

-MN was and is at risk of losing a house seat

-census will be online for first time.

-around mid-march, get card in mail from Census bureau, one person enters info as of April 1

-presents challenges w seniors, homeless people

-can't get a paper copy until they come knocking on door.

-cybersecurity- big issue

-a lot of mistrust in federal gov, particular in immigrants and refugees.

-So, we're meeting w every neighb org, strategy is to meet with trusted neighborhood leaders to determine where hard to reach people are.

-Census runs 4/1-7/31

Alicia- we could have one at our annual meeting

David: we can use \$750 for event, can be used for food. Have to identify a complete count committee, and your efforts to get people out for the census.

400 grants available, about halfway through.

Kari: are you meeting with rental licensing?

David: yes, I don't think it would be redundant [for second round of flyering]

Kari: so we wouldn't be the only ones flyering apt buildings

Casey: city sending a mailer to every res. Post box about census/primary on 2/21 and 2/22.

-Hennepin county libraries- librarians trained to be census question resources.

Alicia: maybe laundry facilities as well?

David: great idea- Alberder is coordinator for it.

Kari: when I said rental licensing, I mean, is every landlord getting something?

Casey: yes, and we're sending reminders that it's fed law to let census enumerators into buildings.

Kari: business licenses?

David- unknown.

-sent in big order for posters, bus stops, etc.

Alicia- quick, pithy explanation of why it matters?

David- 2/1, community connections conference, it's free, talking about census and elections there.

Casey- elections

-primary goal is to talk about primary.

-starts on friday, one of the longest early voting pds, actual voting day is 3/3.

-first year of primary since 1992, and not caucus.

-special rules: set by national parties- a partisan process

-declare a party, then get a ballot.

-then sign a loyalty oath to that party.

-bc government runs it, was technically public record.

-now that data is not public record, but BOTH national parties get it.

-only applicable to this primary

-caucuses are still happening (feb 25th), just not for pres.

-statewide primary 8/11, general 11/3

-underrepresented census groups are underrepresented voting groups.

-encourage you to have registration drive

Kari: we did a big GOTV push last time, and had 88% voter turnout.

Casey:

-don't want a one and done, need you back in 2021 and 2022

-in 2021, we will get data back, and have to redraw all wards, city elections

-2022: next gov and state elections.

Kari: I've heard that the polling precincts are different in our neighborhood now because the southern wedge has grown so much?

Casey: haven't heard anything. Tim Schwarz is in elections office, draws precincts. By law, have to notify of pct change.

Kari: might have 3 locations in Jefferson...

Casey: not supposed to have more than 2500 voters in a precinct, now have pcts w more than 3500.

-we want to be resources, attend events, help get out the vote

Kari: will there be GOTV funding from mpl's foundation?

Casey- unsure.

Alicia- for the census, will we see a chart of pocket areas w/o a lot of response?

Casey- census bureau won't share it, we'll kind of know.

David- that info protected by law, guessing no.

- President's Report - *Alicia Gibson*
 - President's written report in the board packet includes information on the Garfield lot redevelopment, plans for a second LHENA development priorities workshop, updates and educational material on advocacy for a sager Lyndale Ave, and an offer for free consultation from the MN Peacebuilding Leadership Institute.

-meeting set with peacebuilding institute, to bring board plan in feb

-liaison reports: one from Jefferson

-Jefferson's christmas tree sale made \$1700 for them, Grant (previous chair) helped deliver trees

-history liaison: couple of projects.

-City received a lot of comments at the last min on the garfield lot, so they're delaying release of RFP.

Paul: RFP will be released this week, per ward 10 office, public comments were in line with what was in the RPF already.

Alicia: will be good for affordable housing.

Walker: is 80 parking stalls just because of what Jungle theater wants?

Alicia: pretty much, it's a regional theater, a lot of businesses say they'll fold if those spots aren't there, is down from something like 120.

- Executive Director Report - *Paul Shanafelt*
 - **Motion A:** Approval of amended 2020 LHENA budget
Kari makes motion, approved unanimously.

- Treasurer's Report - *Walker Reiss*
 - **Motion B:** Approval of treasurer's report
 - Motion: for LHENA to approve the monthly treasurer's report.

Walker makes motion, approved unanimously.

- Committee Business
 - **Motion C:** approval of Adopt-A-Drain program - *Finance*

The Finance committee recommends passage of the Adopt-A-Drain program, with a change from an "I Heart WedgeWorld" stencil to the "The Wedge." The Finance Committee also recommends approval for minimal costs needed to cover the stencil design and creation.

Program Summary: Create "The Wedge" adoption certificate that grants individual adopters and businesses that serve the Wedge neighborhood the right to name and maintain their chosen drain for a period of one calendar year.

Kari: Michael had been in conversations about providing funding opportunities for Jefferson and meeting our environmental goals. During school days, kids will be painting "the wedge" and "drains to river" on all of our drains, educational and community component. Michael working on funding right now.

Alicia: have we actually gotten ok from Jefferson?

Paul: not yet

Kari: paint got donated, Ace wants to help

Paul: Tangletown does same program, pretty cut and dry, ours would be different bc we're asking for a small donation to cover trip for jefferson 7th and 8th graders. As far as stenciling, has not been solidified.

Rachel: doesn't city have to do it?

Kari: school would just paint it

Alicia: like a project for girl or boy scouts

Kari: I would adopt a drain, pay a fee/donation, then commit to keep it clean.

Jordan: can residents do own designs?

Kari: no

Alicia: just to let people know that it drains to lake. So it's not set all that the kids would do this?

Kari: funding could go to school, basis of an educational unit re environmental impact

Jordan: last I heard, Ithaca would sponsor this. So now we're acting as a pass-through?

Alicia: part of sustainability for school- have to redo it every year

Joe: environmentally friendly paint?

Kari: yes

Paul: logistics of materials, where are we housing them?

Alicia: who is point person/mgr?

Paul: go through adopt a drain site to get signups, so staff would provide them w materials

Walker: are you ok with that, given your schedules?

Paul: yes, could be a good way to raise money- \$10/year/drain

Rachel: feels like it needs a little more dev?

Joe: I've adopted a drain- first rxn is, why would I pay to do a public service? Would rather be asked to fundraise for jefferson trips directly. I find it contrived.

Jordan: I thought the point was that people get to decorate them? But city will probably take umbridge w it

Joe: still more paint, and it will eventually end up in river. All for raising money for jefferson, doesn't ring true.

Alicia: This program cannot happen w/o a person running it, and this should not be a staff member.

Joe: I agree.

Paul: Michael not willing to, hoping someone would champion it. There needs to be admin support.

Kari: can we table it?

Alicia: yes, let's table it until we find a volunteer. Projects looking for champions table at annual meeting? Person needs to be communicating w jefferson teachers. Maybe organize cleanup, keep track of donation flow, materials, communicating w city, and marketing program inside neighborhood.

Alicia motions to table motion C, unanimous approval.

- **Motion D:** LHENA Name Change Vote - *Executive*
Name of the organization will be put for a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting to change from Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association to The Wedge Neighborhood Association.

Jordan: we're putting this to the community, to approach city

Rachel: if you want to ask neighborhood to change the *neighborhood* name at annual meeting, that sounds good.

**motion changed- now a motion to ask the neighborhood to approve changing the neighborhood name, authorize LHENA to change the name.

Paul: our city council member determines the name of the neighborhood. To change that name, we would have to go to every household. We need to be sensitive to the fact that LHENA name has been around for 50 yrs. Probably needs a steering committee. These are two very different things.

Alicia: what if in our newsletter we explained this issue, and released a survey to indicate support for *neighborhood* change? That could support what we do for the neighborhood mtg.

Rachel: this cannot be rushed. Should be a steering committee. Need to understand what people here call themselves. What if 90% of people call their neighborhood LHE? Not something we can keep talking about in 10 minute blocks.

Kari: Can I ask you joe?

Joe: I say the wedge most of the time...

Alicia- could take an impromptu survey at annual meeting- "what do you call the neighborhood?"

Rachel: another approach: just keep asking it at every gathering of neighborhoods.

Kari: businesses have more thoughts as well - we're in a unique position bc we've had two names for a really long time.

Rachel- that goes to Paul's argument, we have an identity problem, does that make it worse or better

Jordan: adamant that name of neighb and assn have to be the same.

Alicia- lack of a champion for it, I think it should be tabled?

Alicia moves to Table Motion D, approved unanimously.

- Committee Volunteer Needs
- Committee Q&A
- *Grievance - Jordan Millikan*
Grievance Summary from the complaint (included in full in the board packet): Grievance against LHENA Zoning & Planning Chair Walker Reiss, LHENA President Alicia Gibson, and LHENA Executive Director Paul Shanafelt regarding lack of notification of residents/LHENA members of issues that affect them and their property. Filed by William Neumann, a member of LHENA and a resident and property owner at 2624 Bryant Ave S.

Jordan- Grievance filed against Paul, Alicia, Walker. Bill upset that he didn't get advance notice. Alicia and Paul have reached out to him, he's attended a ZP meeting, and there's been silence since then. I am comfortable seeing this resolved.

Motion to make this resolved.

Joe: a lesson to learn, if the committee is going to just explore a topic, the committee doesn't have to notify everyone. When putting agenda out, don't get ahead of the game.

Rachel: I do think the agenda posting on the website thing is legit, in Walker's current role of many hats, I do think it is relevant that the committee gets the agenda out a week in advance.

Tabled bc no quorum (4 w/o Alicia and Walker)

- New Business & Announcements
 - Coin flip to determine term length for Walker and Pete

-pete gets to decide which term is his.

Paul: new updates from CURA, draft funding model would have LHENA lose \$30,000-80,000 per three-year cycle, but it's not an official recommendation yet.

-new draft 2/1, available for comment.

- Adjourned