



**Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association**  
**Wednesday, August 19th, 2020**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Virtual**

**Board Members:**

Pete Boisclair Y  
Alicia Gibson Y  
Kari Johnson Y  
Bernadette Knaeble Y  
Joe Knaeble Y  
Jordan Millikan Y  
Manny Minter N  
Jordan Peacock Y  
Rachel Usher Y  
Mariah Weitzenkamp Y

**Members:**

Eric Ortiz  
Liz Isaac-Herzog  
Riley Palmer  
Kevin O'Hara  
Katie Mae Dickinson

**Staff:**

Paul Shanafelt

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Call to Order & Welcome - *Alicia Gibson*
  - Welcoming statements
  - Meeting expectations
  - Ice breaker
  
- Approval of July Meeting Minutes - *Alicia Gibson **Approved***

- Approval of Agenda and Rules of Order - *Alicia Gibson*
- President's Report - *Alicia Gibson*
  - **Motion A: Motion to ban the use of ketamine by EMS** On July 26th a resident of this neighborhood, Max Johnson was nearly killed when EMS injected him with 500mg of the tranquilizer ketamine -- the same dosage that killed Elijah McClain in Aurora, CO. EMS were called when his girlfriend woke up to him going into a diabetic seizure. When they arrived they refused to give him life-saving glucosamine for 7 minutes, instead insisting that his girlfriend tell them what drug he was overdosing on. EMS did not believe that the Black man was having a diabetic stroke and called for police back-up; officers arrived en masse, completely blocking off the intersection in front of their apartment building. Because of the extreme known sedative effects of ketamine, Max Johnson spent two days in the hospital, intubated, and nearly died. As investigations have shown, and this situation highlights, ketamine is not used for medical purposes, but rather as a tool for law enforcement, and it is overused particularly on Black men. LHENA calls on the City Council to ban the use of ketamine by EMS emergency responders in the city of Minneapolis.

- <https://www.startribune.com/at-urging-of-police-hennepin-emts-subdued-dozens-with-powerful-sedative/485607381/>

- <http://www.citypages.com/news/report-paramedics-dosed-diabetic-black-man-with-ketamine/572004121>

Alicia gives overview. Came up in 2018 reviewed by county. Sense vote mixed. J. Millikan one bad instance we are not qualified to judge appropriate use. J P used to subdue righty appropriately lawsuit in Woodbury over use. What body oversees this. B friendly amendment review of use by HC and city. Rachel- racial justice factor is the above situation. Only the tool ,not the problem. Agrees with Alicia's sentiments. A: some physicians question. A also concerned its a blunt non medical tool. Cool with changing to review as above. JP What laws govern use of ketamine? A: letter of advocacy. JM outside the scope of what a Neighborhood Association .takes issue in making comment at all: **Does not Pass**

- **Motion B: Letter to political reps**

I would like to write a letter to our political reps, pulling some of the most clearly articulated and heart breaking lines from the applications for the small sums grants, and making a strong case from the city, to the county, and the state level of how much need there is for people who are on the brink due to Covid-19. Looking for someone to help me with that letter. Useful information for reps and advocates. Covid housing assistance is live call 211 Kari will work with Alicia to draft a letter. **Passed**
- **Board Orientation:** Paul and Alicia are planning on having new Board members do a LHENA 101 with him, and then as a group they would either work with MN Peacebuilding Institute in a moderated session for team building and to develop a

strategic plan for the year, or would conduct something similar themselves. **No Discussion**

- Executive Director's Report - *Paul Shanafelt*
  - Next Ward 10 community forum co-hosting with a couple of neighborhoods  
Benders update, QA and news updates
    - LHENA rep last time Jordan Millikan, now.... Pete
    - 2020 public comment deadline ?? final draft letter just to Paul advocating additional funding with caveats do we want to sign on? Paul will send email with details tomorrow
- Treasurer's Report - *Jordan Peacock*
  - **Motion C:** Treasurer's Report
    - Motion: LHENA approval of the monthly treasurer's report.  
Under operating costs this year next month, high cost next month due to newsletter **Approved Unanimously**
- Committee Business
  - **Motion D:** Renewal of CEE loan admin - *Kari Johnson/Paul Shanafelt*
    - Approval of \$5,000 for CEE to administer LHENA's residential and commercial loan program for 2021. **Passed Unan**

Kari: Formal early renewal last year 29 loans given JM great experience personally, K research on environmentally sustainable practice. P: advocacy for best practices

- **Motion E:** LHENA letter to City re: 2003 Aldrich Ave - *Rachel Usher*
  - Approval of letter to City with action item requests re: 2003 Aldrich Ave.

Rachel review substance of letter (history) demo permit in process. Little legal standing. No creativity from city. Z and P discussion. Open survey common theme losing affordable units Review viability of building. Influence owner to retain affordability possibility

Joe: original owners compensation? Sold as part of insurance settlement, not transparent.

Unknown physical damage. Kari: we need to be more forceful but want to clarify those apts are not classified as deeply affordable "naturally occurring" better and then use personal stories.

Would like " LHENA urges, demand. Rachel window of opportunity to review damage. Cannot move forward with out guarantee plus third "LHENA is requesting the following..."

There have been groups marching about related issues. This site highlighted. Peoples Charter.

Our forum to help develop a peoples charter. Affordable housing and others. Alicia will be speaking on Action plan similar to Z and P letter. Action items Committee Volunteer Needs

- Contact deve for repair or rebuild
- City accountability for inspection
- City Council publicly behind by expecting developers to consult us so we will get say
- Ruling on legality and take action to make illegal

Joe: 3rd ask not likes to be met \ if we don't ask

Rachel: postcard writing campaign. City advises legality . Board approve something to put out to neighbors. Action Aert with suggested talking points also put letter with talking points

Board support Alicia's reping of us K: Letter more formal suggested talking points in letter to neighbors **Passed**

- Committee Q&A/Updates
- New Business & Announcements
  - GOTV(?) - *Kari Johnson could still could use help. grant applied for*
  - Safety issues re-emerge working toward non racist application of safety net work
- "Exit Interviews" and Celebration of Outgoing Board Members
- Adjourn