

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

3/26/2018 at 7:00 PM

Present: Sharon Fischlowitz, (Amy) Lucas Riley, Ashley Rashid, Larissa Kiel, Paul Bakke, Jeremy Lostetter, Sarah Murphy, Dawn Puroway, Joshua Wilkes, Emmy Treichel, Amy Gundermann

Excused: Sam White

6:30pm: Pre-meeting tour of the Teen Tech Center at 1150 Selby

1. Call to Order – Sharon 7:06pm Meeting called to order
2. Approval of March 2018 Agenda, February 2018 Minutes – Sharon

Motion to Approve – Ashley, Seconded- Emmy, All in Favor

Motion to Approve Feb 2018 Minutes- Paul, Seconded- Josh, All in Favor

3. Reports and Discussions

- a. Executive Director's Report - Amy (see written report)

- Reconnect Rondo- Urban Land Institute Assessment – these were interviews of communities and stakeholders
- Auto withdrawal for home loan is not working- supposed to be coming out of borrower's account into LHCC- Amy is working on correcting this
- Y meeting is this week (same night as Park Design) Emmy will be able to attend since Amy is not able to attend
- Whatever Goodworks money is left from 2017, we are giving to New Park and Rondo Commemorative Plaza as approved by board There is \$2100 left from Goodworks. $\frac{2}{3}$ will be given to New Park and the other $\frac{1}{3}$ to Rondo
- Mangala has reached out and now they have a young woman as leader of their community group. Looking for a training experience for their whole board. Does anyone have a resource for her?
- Sad news: Trust for Public Land- one of the women in Community Engagement that we worked with on the new park was killed in a car accident- we are sending a note

- b. Committee Reports and Discussions

- i. Events – Lucas

- Spaghetti dinner was AWESOME! We did have an injury. A volunteer fell. She's fine, but in the future, we need to check for hazards around the room. Any event should be double checked for safety.

List of reflections from the Spaghetti Dinner:

- Liked that Sam came and talked to table
- Attendance was good and so was Accordion Player (Thank You Note ☺ 🙏)
- Entry lighting could be better. Lamp for cash table.
- Sign in with emails or addresses and phone numbers
- Volunteer sign up online was successful, use for future Lex-Ham events
- RSVP's for dinner? So we know who was coming ahead of time? This may be too difficult to manage
- Kid's activity outside? Have two adults out there to supervise

- Leave a broom out for us
 - Projector was on the wrong setting
 - Table oriented sideways so that we can receive people from either entry (Downstairs was excellent placement for the cash table)
 - \$100 Raffle Tickets sold- MC on Raffle Duty- And a time set for Raffle
 - A Good Works grant could be used for people in the neighborhood who cannot pay for the event- this has been one of the barriers to inviting residents of Skyline tower
- Other upcoming events- Volunteer Thank You Event. It will be in the neighborhood. Seeing if the Lexington will work.

ii. Anniversary Task Force – Sam

- Sam can't be here tonight. Met with Amy. Had a couple of people sign up to be on the committee.
- Dao Tao has decided to give us Ward 1 money to fund storytelling project \$1000. Either video or book.
- Sam had wanted to raise money for a specific physical item for the neighborhood- a sculpture, a mural.
- Sharon suggested that Board Members should all participate in either the Strategic Planning Committee or 50th Anniversary committee

iii. Finance – Ashley

- No meeting in March. But will be meetings in April and May. Especially, to discuss Loan Program.
- Also want to revisit the Investment Policy. A couple of suggestions. – Look at the amount we were going to take out each year. Adjustment period do we want to do this quarterly? Annually? Are we too heavy in equities?
- Met with Associated to start the paperwork for switching over to them. They suggested we revisit our Investment Policy. Look at what we normally had produced for Financial Report

iv. Outreach - Sarah (written report included)

- Sarah is having a little trouble with a Logo for the Lex- Ham in Motion group
- A Do A Little Something- approved to fund Fourth of July Parade on Portland
- We Care- AARP wants us to do something with their Health Fair – talking with them about it. Emmy also got people together to create - 50 Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries with a grant from Thrivent

v. Exec and Personnel - Sharon

1. Resolution for LHCC Signers

- A resolution for LHCC Signers is needed to complete the transfer from Bremer to Associated Bank & Trust. This would be an authorizing resolution to appoint the Lex-Ham Treasurer, President and Executive Director as representatives for the LHCC. Currently these positions are held by: Lex Ham Treasurer: Ashley Lex Ham President: Sharron, Lex Ham Executive Director: Amy
- It was suggested that we need a document that we all sign-by the next meeting that a document be drafted that certifies that officers are authorized to represent Lex-Ham in relationship with Associated.

- Sharon suggested that in the future, we have minutes for Annual Meeting. And follow through with approving them in the meeting following the Annual Meeting. We need to capture the actual meeting.
- We will be putting together a formal list of Board Members, Officers and staff before the next meeting.

Motion to Authorize Amy E. Riley to certify the resolutions on behalf of the Board of Lex - Ham Community Council, Inc. – Paul, Seconded-Dawn, All in Favor

2. Revisit 2018 Goals and Assess 2018 Retreat

- Thought the exercise of adopting Norms for the group was helpful and productive- Let's do that every year- Liked that it was an acronym and had a mascot
- Congratulating the group for setting up the format of Committees and Task Forces- things are getting accomplished
- Brainstorming was fruitful- want to see that earlier in the day so we have more time
- Maybe more time in the meeting- not advocating for more time necessarily, but maybe we need it
- Cheerleading- list of wins and thank you's
- Getting to know one another better- Ice Breakers
- So helpful to set up Norms- FROGS- Many people really liked these
- Looking at the Calendar- applying Big Ideas to it and putting them into action right away
- Multiple people who planned and did presenting- more shared ownership in the running of the retreat
- Start with Goals and Brainstorming and maybe revisit at the end
- Review of Year- and follow with Goals
- Start at a beginning time and ending at an ending time- this is the time frame and we followed through!!!
- More efficiency could help tighten up meeting
- Norms had a positive effect of giving ownership to new members
- Our job at the retreat is to help provide a framework
- Should we be publishing our goals from the retreat on the website?
- Offer to neighbors a way to contribute to the annual meeting- somehow introduce this before
- Every month mention goals so that we review them and check in with how we are doing
- Could put the goals on Facebook – to get feedback from the community

GOALS

- Increasing visibility – through Outreach and community action. Move the meeting to other locations throughout Lex-Ham.
- Facilitate Community Opportunity- Good Works 2 to facilitate community interest in this: Sock Drive, Run Club
- Internal Health- Strategic Plan, Finalizing the Financial Policy, Race Conversations with the Y

Executive Committee will put together a solid and more complete list of our Goals for next meeting

Advocacy, Service, Community

b. UPDC Reports

i. UPDC BOD – Jeremy

- Community Organizer- Michael Johnson is leaving for another job- left March 13th. Looking for a community organizer- if you know anyone, still looking for another position at 10 hours a week- to focus on Land Use and Transportation to free up some of Julie's time
- Dan Taylor- Chair of Board and Chair of Land Use and Economic Development Committee – wants to give up position- looking for a new Chair for Committee
- Historian came to talk- Union Park (now Iris Park) was originally created to bring the two cities together
- Changes to the bylaws to give Executive Committee more power to represent Board
- Bike safety event- giving away up to 100 recycled bikes being given away April 4th, April 10th, April 18th
- Rethinking I-94 – improvements to Hamline- gathering ideas and documenting issues

ii. Land Use and Economic Development – Paul

- Public hearing for approval for language of Selby Community Plan- Next month's city council meeting, April 4th
- Presentation of building that's going to replace the Dairy Queen- 1 story building, simple with Dunkin Donuts on corner
- O'Gara's is looking to redevelop- tearing down bar and rebuilding it, adding residential spaces and outdoor spaces – important to us because of potential for development in Lex-Ham

1. New Business
2. Adjourn meeting - Sharon

Motion to Adjourn- Dawn, Seconded- Lucas, All in Favor

Submitted by Larissa Kiel