

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

4/30/2018 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, Sam White

Excused: Paul Bakke

1. **Call to Order** – Sharon called meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Nikki Beasley, YWCA. She was joined by Brian Ferrel, a friend of Nikki looking to work with non-profits. Vivian and David, residents on Laurel also joined us.
 - a. Nikki Beasley oversees housing and staff at Lexington location, in charge of the economic and employment division- she has been with Y since beginning of March.
 - b. The Y held a community meeting about a month ago- Things seem to be going a bit more smoothly at the housing program at the Lexington location
 - c. The Board wanted to know what the program is, services offered and what has been done to address concerns
 - Transitional housing (Lexington building) – It is an up to 24 month program. They use the Coordinated Entry System (used in Minnesota- adopted 4 years ago). In the Coordinated Entry System, people are assessed and assigned to programs. Programs can't do vetting themselves. They must take whoever gets assigned to them. People in need of assistance are also assigned to the programs. They, too can't choose a specific program. The Lexington location houses young families. They do onsite case management, groups for the women, children's programs. They try to take care of the whole family. Many of these families come with myriad issues: trauma, mental health, substance abuse. The Y does what they can do in the time that they have with them. They try to provide them with the tools that they need to get into next housing opportunity.
 - The main issue with the Lexington location has been the coming and going of males- The Y recently began allowing male guests that are not a part of the household in the residence. This is another change apart from the recent implementation of the Coordinated Entry System.
 - Changes made:
 - They Y is currently working with Saint Paul Police Department to provide additional patrolling to properties, especially on evenings and weekends.
 - The gate was broken, and kids were running out onto Ashland. The gate has been fixed. Guests of residents can no longer wait in alley.
 - The staffing levels are being looked at, as well as how to increase staffing.
 - 36 units- all of the leases are being checked by legal team
 - They are implementing a Clean air policy – moving toward smoke free building
 - Guest policies- if there is a violation around guest policies, then there would be eviction notices. There also needs to be pre-approval for overnight guests- and long term stays.
 - d. It was agreed that we need to open the lines of the communication between the neighborhood and YWCA. Lex-Ham is supportive of this residence and the Y's work there. The neighborhood wants this housing to succeed and be safe for everyone. We can do this by letting the residents know that they are a part of this community and neighborhood. We can find alternative ways to get information about events and ways to get involved in the neighborhood. Maybe encourage residents to volunteer. Lex-Ham shared info about the Teen Tech Center as a resource for some of the teen residents in the building.
3. Approval of April 2018 Agenda, March 2018 Minutes – Sharon

Motion to approve April Agenda- Emmy, Seconded by Sam, All in Favor
Motion to approve March Minutes as amended- Emmy, Seconded by Sam, All in Favor

4. Reports and Discussions

- a. Executive Director's Report – Amy (see written report)
 - o Express Bike Shop won an award
 - o Amy shared letters thanking us from Trust for Public Land and Commemorative Plaza for our donations
 - o Pinhole workshop was yesterday- may be an annual event, Larissa and Amy shared photographs and pinhole cameras
 - o Urban from Lex-Ham Arts wanted to share that their organization is doing a show (Dead Man's Cell Phone) at Dreamland, Do we want to do a show like we did with the History Theatre???? Show is performing June 1st – June 9th
 - o Stop for Me Campaign- they want to do an event with Lex-Ham, again.
 - o Western District has noticed organized car thefts from Car Rental places
 - o Board thanked Amy for testifying at the City Council Meeting regarding the community plan for Selby
- b. Committee Reports and Discussions
 - i. Events – Lucas (see written report)
 - o Yay! For Block Leader Appreciation event! Successful event! Only 10 people came, the budget was a little stretched, (but we had a donor to cover what went over budget.) It was suggested to maybe make it a family friendly event next year. Each block leader was given a pin, pen, a magnet, and a thank you letter.
 - o Next big event is the Ice Cream Social, July 22nd. Sunday 1 to 3pm at the Tot Lot – Pinhole Camera pictures will posted at the Social.
 - ii. Anniversary Task Force – Sam
Urban is on board, Amy has been emailing people. They are still looking at a fundraiser for a sculpture and/or mural. Just found out that Concordia has Aerial pictures of the neighborhood. How can we use these? Ideas?
 - iii. Finance – Ashley (see written report)
 - o Cleaning up our investment policy for Community Fund- we are going to rebalance once annually instead of quarterly so that we don't have to rebalance too often in a volatile market. Ashley will send out updated policy – Board will vote on approval over email
 - o Chad and Jeff are our contacts at Associated. They want to talk to the Board
 - o Transfer has not happened yet. We are waiting on one fund- have to ask Bremer to sell a specific fund before we can transfer to Associated
 - o Joe cleaned all of our financials up from 2017. Thank you, Joe!
 - o We will be doing our contract for review with same person that we have been with
 - o Looking at the budget: We are down \$1000 total for last year for budget, we under spent, but did not bring in the revenue. Grants still need to come in- work on this for the next year.
 - iv. Outreach – Sarah (see written report)
 - o Idea of having of shared resources- a resident on Laurel applied for a Do A Little Something grant to get tables for the block for National Night Out and other block parties- could these resources be made available to the whole neighborhood? Should they? How can we keep the Do A Little Something fair?

Motion that the Outreach Committee come back with a recommendation for guidelines for the Do A Little Something Grants- Emmy, Seconded Sarah, All in favor

We will approve the grant for the tables, but come up with clear Guidelines for Do a Little Something Grants

- Larissa Reported on Ellison's Sock Drive- donated socks to West Side Community Medical Services to help give socks to homeless through their mobile medical unit.
- Bike Rodeo- What kind of scale do we want this to be? What kind of volunteer numbers do we want? Bike shop is on board, police will do content. We will have uniformed bike officers. It could be done at the parking lot at Dunning. Police can supply helmets or other swag- Do we want to make this a big event? Keep it manageable? It could be a great way to build the relationship between Express, Police, and Lex-Ham- Could rename event to Bike Safety Event, Amy could contact Julie and see how the bike events went with Union Park.
- We Care – Emmy
AARP has an aging specialist – Emmy is now on a Task Force that's planning Healthy Aging Forum. This will include intergenerational activities, gardening and other activities for Healthy Aging. Information about Healthy Forum on May 22nd 10am to 2pm at the Hallie Q Brown Community Center is being shared in the Lex-Ham newsletter.

v. Exec and Personnel - Sharon
Revisit 2018 Goals

- GOALS:**
- 1) Improve Internal Health:
 - Begin strategic planning process
 - Revise subsequent documents
 - 2) Increase Visibility
 - Grow online presence
 - Purchase more branded merchandise
 - Rotate meeting locations
 - Create additional signage
 - 3) Facilitate New Opportunities for Community
 - Do A Little Something project and events
 - 4) Plan for the 50th Anniversary of LHCC

vi. UPDC BOD – Jeremy (written report)

- Julie is leaving Union Park as Executive Director for a job at St Thomas, so Union Park is looking for ED. Julie may serve as Board Member on Union Park,
- Executive Committee decided that we need to give Jeremy ideas and input about what we want to say to Union Park- please think of these for each meeting
- In candidate forum, are there any questions we need to propose to Ward 4 candidates?- Board would like to hear their thoughts on Stadium since two closest districts are losing their ED's. What the candidates feel are the roles of community councils and district councils- how do they think they will interact with the community and district councils? Are there better avenues for communication? Mention our Stop for Me event and Bike Safety

vii. Land Use and Economic Development – Paul (not in attendance)

5. New Business- none
6. Adjourn meeting - Sharon

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

Submitted by Larissa Kiel