

**Lexington-Hamline Community Council**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**5/22/2017 at 7pm**

Present: Ashley Rashid, Lucas Riley, Amy Gundermann, Paul Bakke, Jeremy Lostetter, Sharon Fischlowitz, Sarah Murphy, Sam White, Emmy Treichel, Johnell Kolve

Excused: Larissa Kiel

Guests: Eunice Smith, Dan Elenbas, Walter Jirik, Channon Doerr, Justin Selbitschka

1. Call to Order - Sharon
2. Approval of May 2017 Agenda and April 2017 Minutes - Sharon

**Sam: Motion to approve May Agenda and April Minutes. Seconded, Lucas. Motion passed.**

3. Board Discussion - Code of Conduct for LHCC Board (TABLED)
4. Reports
  - a. Executive Director's Report - Amy (see written report)
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Emmy
    - i. Need to keep eyes on goals for grants to satisfy budget
  - c. Grants Update - Ashley
    - i. Watershed - grants for boulevard projects
    - ii. Supervalu environmental grant, use for current budget instead of new programs
    - iii. Target Grant - only for law enforcement, check next year to see if Western District applies for the grant for National Night Out
    - iv. Restaurant fundraiser - French Meadow or other local restaurant, option for social gathering or We Care event
    - v. Encourage others to give through their employer or other financial institution (Thrivent Financial offers community grants to members, maybe explore making a request to Concordia employees)
    - vi. Allina grant (Walter can look into this)
  - d. UPDC Reports

- i. UPDC BOD and Selby Survey Update- Jeremy
  - 1. 2 bylaws changes:
    - a. removed UPDC VP positions from legacy neighborhood; still 3 VP positions, but not geographically bound
    - b. Removal “with good cause”: UPDC’s bylaws will now state that their board can choose to accept or reject results of election “with good cause”; will be voted on at next meeting
    - c. Need grid 6 spot filled for UPDC
    - d. Selby Survey result conclusion:
      - i. LHCC submitted a statement with survey results to be approved by UPDC
      - ii. Language submitted represented survey results but has been edited through meeting with Kady Dadlez (city planner) Julie Reiter and Dan Elenbas (UPDC), and Amy, Sarah, and Paul (LHCC). New statement suggests openness to development.
      - iii. Emmy: meet with Donna Drummond to ask her advice about the current issue
      - iv. Dan: context for plan - 3 years of work, pages of information produced were not included in plan due to lack of alignment. Make sure the statement indicates the predominantly residential mixed-use corridor.
      - v. Eunice: ‘Tour Saint Paul’ defines Selby west of Lex as residential
      - vi. Channon: bigger trucks, lots of trust here, families running around; want this to be safe and continue to be a vibrant community
      - vii. Jeremy: submit results of survey in addition to conclusion to the city and have them reject the statement with reasons why; ask for scenarios to be considered and explain what type of protection would be in place

**Paul: Move to modify the conclusion statement. Seconded, Sarah. Motion passed.**

**Paul: Move to include “smaller scale” in front of “commercial”. Seconded, Sam. Motion passed.**

**Paul: Move to modify second sentence “If new development should occur in this segment, it would preferably occur at existing commercially-zoned nodes.”  
Seconded, Sam. Motion passed.**

**Emmy: Move to present amended conclusion statement to Union Park District Council as an addendum to the Union Park District Plan to be sent as a recommendation to the City. Seconded, Sam. Motion passed.**

**Approved Amended Statement:** *The community process referenced in LU1.4 indicated that smaller scale residential and smaller scale commercial uses are the most appropriate uses for the predominantly residential mixed-used corridor of Selby Avenue between Lexington Parkway and Ayd Mill Road. If new development should occur in this segment, it would preferably occur at existing commercially-zoned nodes.”*

- viii. Dan: add “UPDC” in letter referencing LHCC’s work to indicate their support of the conclusion and survey
- ii. Land Use and Economic Development - Paul
  - 1. Midway Storage building south side of Selby to be torn down and replaced with a building with similar footprint and height
- e. Committee Reports
  - i. Events - Lucas
    - 1. no meeting this month
    - 2. Sharon: touch on auction planning next month
  - ii. Outreach - Sam,
    - 1. No meeting this month; Sam will be gone June/July; Sarah will now chair
    - 2. Community Garden Update, still exploring possibility; we may hold more risk
  - iii. Finance - Emmy
    - 1. Focused on Community Fund, next look at Home Loan Program

- iv. Community Fund Task Force - Jeremy
  - 1. Met with Associated Bank, now gathering info to review and will present recommendation to the board
- v. Personnel - Sharon
  - 1. In board communications, there was a suggestion that LHCC was not in compliance with 501c3 laws. Sharon and Gillian have researched the specific concerns and have concluded that there are no violations evident. Sharon is willing to give more detailed presentation if desired.
- vi. Executive - Sharon
  - 1. Code of Conduct should be produced for LHCC board
- 5. Recreate March 2017 Minutes - a draft will be offered via email
- 6. New Business
  - a. Recap conversation with YWCA (potential facilitator)
    - i. How to gauge levels of trust within neighborhood
    - ii. Look at policies and bylaws of LHCC and how they speak to equity
    - iii. Twofold approach: systemic evaluation and events involving community members
    - iv. Particular emphasis on inclusion of Skyline residents
    - v. Need to consider next steps

**Sarah: Motion to continue to explore race equity and inclusion. Seconded, Jeremy. Motion passed.**

- b. Add to June agenda: police visit from Western District regarding crime
- c. Paul: invite PED guest to talk about zoning, add Pizza Luce topic for future

**Sam: Motion to adjourn meeting.**

**Next BOD Meeting Date: Monday, June 26th from 7-9pm**

**Upcoming Events:**

July 23rd from 1pm-3pm: Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social at Tot Lot

Food Drive: TBD

July 31st from 4-8pm: New Park Event on Griggs (Co-Hosted with Union Park)

August 1st: National Night Out