

# Lexington-Hamline Community Council

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2/22/2021 at 7:00 PM

*Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19*

Present: Lynne Heuton, Amy Gundermann, Dawn Puroway, Jesse Henum, Ashley Rashid, Amy (Lucas) Riley, Kent Trichel, Paul Busch, Sarah Murphy, K.C. Sager, Dave Clements, Marisa McDaniel, Pat Sullivan

Excused: Natalie Kennedy Schuck

1. Call to Order - Sarah - 7:02 pm
2. **Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes, motion by Jesse, seconded by Paul, & February 22, 2021 Agenda, motion by Lynne, seconded by Jesse, approved**
3. Group Building Exercise - Sarah
4. Approval of Strategic Plan
  - a. **Move to approve the strategic plan, motion by Lynne, seconded by K.C., approved**
5. Strategic Plan Rollout Discussion - Lynne
  - a. Produced to two parts - one is the goals and objectives (that will be shared with the public) and two is the work plan (primary audience is the board AND it will be available for anyone who would like to see it.
  - b. The strategic plan will be promoted to the neighborhood.
  - c. Next step is to recruit volunteers for the new committees
    - i. Be thinking about who we would recommend for the key positions of leading the new committees
    - ii. Direct perspective volunteers to Amy for right now
6. Book Study
  - a. Discussion on Chapter 2 - Disparate Impacts by Taiyon J. Coleman
7. Reports
  - a. Executive Director's Report - Amy
    - i. Alatus Project
      1. Planning commission denied the project, Alatus is appealing the decision
      2. Amy will talk to Exec about how we will share Lex Ham's position about this project

- ii. Gordon Parks program - it is moving forward with a separate bank account
- iii. Emerald Ash Borer tree treatment program
  - 1. 3 options from Amy
    - a. Create a fund for people to donate to Lex Ham specifically for treating trees
    - b. Partner donors with people who want trees treated (LHCC would not be the go between for a long term program)
    - c. Create a fund for EAB tree treatment and other tree programs (for example - planting trees in parks in Lex Ham)
  - 2. Amy will go back to donors and say that we might come back to them for treating trees on Dayton after the city stops treating them.
- b. Intern Report - Bethany
  - i. She will be working on how to better reach out to the 18 - 25 year old group, renters and landlords, and Skyline.
  - ii. Yellowbird LHCC space is almost done
- c. Committee Reports
  - i. Exec - Sarah
    - 1. We are putting together guidelines and expectations for leading a committee
  - ii. Personnel
    - 1. They are working on the employee handbook and hope the handbook will be discussed in March.
    - 2. More in the personnel report in the folder for this month
  - iii. Finance
    - 1. To audit or not to audit - revisit the question of the audit after procedures and controls are examined.
    - 2. Move that LHCC hires an accounting firm that has not previously worked with LHCC to examine the LHCC procedures and controls and make recommendations for improvements based on their findings, motion by Paul, seconded by Ashley, approved
  - iv. Strategic Planning
    - 1. See attached report in folder
  - v. Fundraising

1. Database for managing donors and volunteers will be described in more detail in March.
  2. Work with finance committee to come up with goals
  3. Greg Northup will be our representative on the Community Shares board
  4. Committee is looking into the tax implications of selling merchandise at Yellowbird
- vi. Events
1. Spaghetti Dinner - LHCC will get 40% of profits from Pizza Luce on the day of
  2. Any contacts with getting a generator for summer concerts under the Hamline bridge?
- d. UPDC Report - Kent
- i. Speaker Danielle Swift talking about redevelopment in neighborhoods
8. New Business - none
9. **Adjourn Meeting, motion to adjourn by Lucas, seconded by Kent, approved.**

**Next LHCC Board Meeting:** March 29, 2021 from 7-9 PM via Zoom

**Upcoming Events:**

**Spaghetti Dinner Alternative** - TBD

**Blood Drive** - April 6 from 1-7 PM, St. George Orthodox Church

**Clean Up Day** - April 24 from 9-11:30 AM, Midway Peace Park

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway