

Lexington-Hamline Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
5/28/2019 at 7:00 PM

Present: (Amy) Lucas Riley, Emmy Treichel, Dawn Puroway, Ashley Rashid, Sarah Murphy, Amy Gundermann, Jeremy Lostetter, Jesse Hennem

Excused: Natalie Kennedy Schuck

1. Call to Order (7:07 pm)
2. Approval of May 2019 Agenda, motion by Jesse, seconded Sarah, approved & April 2019 Minutes, motion by Jesse, seconded Sarah, approved
3. Reports
 - a. Executive Director's Report
 - i. Selby and Dunlap has been removed as a Neighborhood Node on the city's comprehensive plan
 - ii. Conversation with neighbor about the history of Lex-Ham regarding race
 - iii. Help with LHCC communications - found a volunteer, Kalley Seeger, through Volunteer Match
 - iv. Meeting with new Executive Director of UPDC Brandon Long - addressed lack of communication from UPDC about issues that pertain to Lex-Ham (for example the water line project this summer in Lex-Ham)
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Exec
 1. We received a letter from a concerned neighbor about crime by the Tot Lot and the Hamline Bridge
 - a. Amy reached out to the Western Police District, they did a year to year comparison and there was no increase from last year to this year and Department of Safety and Inspection came to look at the area under the bridge and did not see anything concerning
 - b. Police Department recommended the following:
 - i. Encouraged us to have a block club - we have block leaders who organize for the blocks, including the Hague block by the Tot Lot
 - ii. Encourage residents to call in issues every time they see crime or have concerns - that is encouraged in every newsletter and the block leader of the Hague block

emailed her block with this advice a few weeks before this letter was received

- iii. Encourage us to hold positive activities in the park - LHCC does this
- iv. Put up neighborhood watch signs - we have those
- v. Encourage neighbors with concerns to attend our monthly police meetings - the dates of those meetings are included in each newsletter

c. Motion that LHCC's position is that anything illegal or suspicious should be reported to the police and we acknowledge and appreciate the letter from our neighbor. Motion by Jesse, seconded by Sarah, approved.

2. Motion to accept Josh's letter of resignation from the LHCC board, motion by Jeremy, seconded by Emmy, passed.

ii. Personnel

- 1. Discussion about an employee handbook vs a contract - handbook can act as a contract in a way, it could be changed for each position
- 2. They proposed to change the Personnel Policy to include generalities of how the LHCC handles employees and volunteers, and to exclude information about specific positions.
- 3. Emmy and committee will work on recruitment of board members and volunteers
- 4. Discussion of possible proposal for a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield - Sarah will get information from Emmy and Karen to write a proposal

iii. Finance

- 1. Changes and additions to the lease
 - a. Still have not agreed on a start date
 - b. Item 11 - information about signage will be listed in Appendix A
 - c. Item 14 - the space is reserved for our board meetings (other events will be in Appendix A)
 - d. Added an item about terminating the lease if a staff member or board member has a disability that restricts them from accessing the basement office
- 2. LHCC Debit card number was stolen and used. Amy applied for a new card and filled out paperwork to get money refunded.

iv. Outreach - see below about garage sale

- v. Events -
 - 1. Garage Sale - 15 families participated and we got positive feedback
 - 2. Volunteer Appreciation -- 7 - 8:30 pm May 31
 - 3. Bike Rodeo - maybe we will organize one in the summer of 2020
 - 4. Ice Cream Social - it's coming!
- c. UPDC Reports
 - i. UPDC BOD - Jeremy
 - 1. St Paul Regional Water Services project meeting, questions were answered, group contracting is being looked into in Lex-Ham
 - 2. Permit parking by the stadium, recommended that they move forward with permit parking
 - 3. We would like to be involved with community engagement for the area west of Lexington, on Fuller to advocate for affordable housing and a through street
- 4. Anniversary Projects
 - a. Gala - had a meeting with Corinne (the event planner), will include an auction, ticket will include a drink, appetizers, and desserts.
 - b. Book - Karen Randall is keeping us on track
 - c. Video - narrow down 4 or 5 people to interview and someone to voice over (ideally from the neighborhood)
- 5. New Business
 - a. Pizza Luce - asked us about Tour de Luce, Saturday, June 1st from 8 - 5, we support the event
 - b. Everyone think of one way that they can help to foster recruitment in the next month
- 6. Adjourn Meeting (9:06 pm) - motion to adjourn, Ashley, seconded Jesse, approved

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway