

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8/27/2018 at 7:00 PM

Present: Sharon Fischlowitz, (Amy) Lucas Riley, Ashley Rashid, Paul Bakke, Jeremy Lostetter, Sarah Murphy, Dawn Puroway, Joshua Wilkes, Amy Gundermann, Sam White, Paul Bakke

Excused: Emmy Treichel, Larissa Kiel

1. Call to Order - Sharon 7:01
2. Introductions
3. Review City of Saint Paul's Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan - Guest Josh Williams
 - a. Discussion regarding concerns about Neighborhood Node identified in Lex-Ham; Josh was unaware of UPDC Community Plan engagement work with LHCC regarding Selby; Implications unknown, Node definitions regarding size should be clarified; Nodes should be identified in consistent way and reflect Community Plans; Several neighbors in attendance
4. Approval of August 2018 Agenda (amended): **Motion: Josh; Second: Paul; Passed**
Approval of June 2018 Minutes : **Motion: Paul; Second: Sam; Passed**
5. Best Practices for Nonprofits Topic Discussion (Lucas)
 - a. Governing Nonprofits--Board Responsibilities
 - i. Ensure that the organization has adequate resources
 - ii. Provide direct oversight/direction for the exec. Dir and organization as a whole
 - iii. Each nonprofit board should actively set policy
 - iv. Evaluate its own effectiveness as a governing body
 - b. We should look at goals we set at annual retreat and see if they are reflected in these responsibilities. 2018 Goals:
 - i. Improve internal health
 - ii. Increasing visibility
 - iii. Facilitating new opportunities for the community
 - iv. Planning for our 50th
 - c. Nonprofit Best Practices Topics to be explored during LHCC Board meetings for ongoing development: Governance - Principles and Practices including Board responsibilities, Board characteristics and qualifications, Board composition, Board responsibilities, Board operations, Transparency and Accountability, Accountability and transparency, Public input, Public information, Fairness and equity practices
6. Reports
 - a. Finance - Ashley
 - i. Home Improvement Loan Program termination

Motion to terminate the Home Improvement Loan Program and move the money back into the Community Fund, based on the board's experience with operating the program and not seeing an appreciable benefit to the Lex-Ham community at large. Motion: Sam (amended by Paul); Second: Dawn; Passed.

Note that we will continue the one loan that we are currently serving; we will not be starting new loans.

- ii. Community Fund Policy revision:

Motion to revise Community Fund Policy to state "Asset allocation rebalancing will be completed at least annually by the investment manager at its discretion." Motion: Ashley; Second: Josh; Passed.

Input from new servicers on our policy has been sought. Previously, the policy required quarterly rebalancing.

- iii. Auction 2018
 - 1. Ashley will create a link so we can see what items went for last year. Look at spreadsheet and send Ashley ideas about auction items or who/what you know. Could try to raise more \$ by having fewer items, 20 items. Ashley's looking for help this year with the auction. Idea of having raffle, giving tickets to board members ahead of time to sell, people who don't come to event can win. Have something you can buy for a dollar at the event. One challenge is people bringing last minute items, if you have ideas to make this work better please share.
- iv. Budget 2019 - will discuss at our next meeting
- b. UPDC Reports (skipped these)
 - i. UPDC BOD - Jeremy
 - ii. Land Use and Economic Development - Paul
- c. Executive Director's Report - Amy (See written report)
 - i. New thing: Dai Thao is putting together a Ward 1 community meal.
 - ii. Watch for and report drug dealing at Syndicate & Carrol, constant activity
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Events - Lucas
 - 1. Thanks to everyone for all their work making the ice cream social a success! Great event, enjoyed by all. Please share with Amy or add to the doc she shared if you have thoughts for next year.
 - 2. Annual Potluck (& Annual Meeting)
Bylaws require us to have an annual meeting, but emphasizing potluck.
 - 3. Neighborhood Awards
Encourage your neighbors to nominate people, form on LHCC website.
 - 4. Selby Stroll - Amy
Coming up Sept 22, fun fall event. Music, we will be in side yard next to building, painting pumpkins, activities. Let Amy know if you can help.
 - ii. Anniversary Task Force - Sam
 - 1. Looked at doing live auction at gala next year
 - 2. Sam shared logo his brother had put together for 50th
 - 3. Look into idea of installing fancy stop signs with \$ from gala. Maybe lamppost looking stop sign.
 - 4. Sam went to many NNO parties and took photos and videos
 - 5. Looking into video editing prices and photo book prices
 - 6. Next meeting is September 6th 7:00-8 at Concordia's Carlander Room
 - 7. Concordia's 125th year anniversary is this year, would LHCC want to do something for this?
 - iii. Exec and Personnel - Sharon
 - 1. Board Recruitment & Nominations

Motion to approve board nomination of Natalie Kennedy Schuck. Motion: Paul; Second: Dawn; Passed

7. New Business

AirBnB on Dayton: Amy contacted city today, they are enforcing new rules and will investigate

8. Adjourn Meeting - Sharon

Motion to adjourn: Paul Second: Ashley; Passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Murphy