

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8/31/2020 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

Present: Lynne Heuton, Amy Gundermann, Dawn Puroway, K.C. Sager, Jesse Hennem, Pat Sullivan, Ashley Rashid, Amy (Lucas) Riley, Kent Trichel, Suzie Norris, Paul Busch

Excused: Sarah Murphy, Natalie Kennedy Schuck

1. Call to Order - Lucas - 7:06 pm
2. **Approval of June 2020 Minutes, motion by Jesse, seconded by KC & August 2020 Agenda, motion by Jesse, seconded by KC, approved**
3. Reports
 - a. Executive Director's Report - Amy
 - i. Renter Relief program with UPDC - draft of the MOU is still in the works
 - ii. Insurance policies were reviewed and there may be a few things that the board will need to approve.
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Exec - Lucas
 1. **Presentation of Mission Statement Review Results - Move to shorten the Mission Statement to The purpose of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council is to improve the quality of life and bring about positive community change in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood of St. Paul. by Dawn, seconded by KC, approved**
 - ii. Personnel - Jesse
 1. Recruitment for the board of directors by the end of October - ideally we would like one or two new members
 2. Recruitment for VP spot on LHCC board
 - iii. Finance - Ashley
 1. Presentation of Draft Budget 2021
 - a. We would like to approve the budget at September's meeting

- b. Midway Peace Park partnership - money to be used for collaborative activation for the park.
 - c. Concordia has given a donation of \$1000 that is intended to be repeatable annually
 - d. Extra distribution is noted
 - iv. Strategic Planning - Lynne
 - 1. Entering community engagement phase - conducted focus groups with non-profits and block leaders; multiple events for feedback at Skyline
 - 2. Survey from the neighbors - we'd like a good representation of the neighborhood (especially from renters)
 - 3. Next stop is identifying focus areas after looking through the surveys
 - v. Fundraising - Amy
 - 1. Year-end giving campaign
 - a. Friends Letter - typically goes out in the end of November
 - i. Maybe it will be a one week campaign online (in addition the option of mailing a check after getting the Friends Letter).
 - b. Explore Monthly Giving/Level Giving
 - i. Set benchmarks for giving
 - c. Possibly have a matching donation
 - vi. Events - Amy
 - 1. Discuss alternatives to Annual Meeting/Neighborhood Awards
 - a. Live stream of an online auction
 - b. Auction and or raffle running for several weeks before or after the event.
 - i. We would need someone to gather items
 - c. Tribute-style video
 - d. Nominations of neighbors for big and small contributions during COVID, beyond the usual awards.
- c. UPDC Reports
 - i. UPDC BOD - Kent

1. Departure of Executive Director Brandon Long
 - a. Wako, the community organizer, is the temporary Executive Director while they search for a new ED
2. Neighbors United Funding Collaborative - began to beautify the area around the stadium
 - a. Money came in after COVID and then again after George Floyd protests
 - b. There is disagreement who the money should go to and how it should be dispersed because donor intent matters (and the language on the website changed over time)
 - c. There is a new advisory council for the fund.
4. New Business - none
5. **Adjourn Meeting - motion to adjourn by Paul, seconded by Jesse, approved**

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway

Next LHCC Board Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7 PM, TBD if in person at Yellowbird or virtual meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Bike Events - 2nd and 4th weeks in September

Annual Meeting (Modified) - October 25 (or 26?)