

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

3/29/2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

Present: Lynne Heuton, 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: Amy Gundermann

1. Call to Order - Sarah
2. **Approval of February 22, 2021 Minutes, & March 29, 2021 motion to approve the agenda, Paul, seconded by Lynne**
3. Guest: Cody Olson from Metro Transit, B-Line (answers below are from Cody)
 - a. cody.olson@metrotransit.org 612-248-0642
<https://www.metrotransit.org/b-line-project>
 - b. Have they received feedback or consideration about the proposed lack of block-to-block service between Hiawatha in Mpls and Hamline in StP?
 - i. Feedback received that there was not a large concern about the lack of block-to-block service.
 - c. Pedestrian safety with more frequent buses, presumably going faster?
 - i. The busses will not actually be going at a faster speed. The new stations have the ability to pay before they get on the bus and people can board at any three doors.
 - ii. New stations tend to shorten the crossings. Typically they try to plan so that stations are after the stop light, not stopped at the light.
 - d. How will the new station at Selby and Hamline impact neighbors whose homes would be behind the station?
 - i. The homeowner will be able to give feedback about the station
 - ii. Metro transit takes care of snow and trash removal.
 - e. Will the B Line have Electric or hybrid busses?
 - i. don't know at this point
 - f. Will there be a decline in ridership to downtown business districts?
 - i. The 21 has been one of the more resilient routes through the pandemic - 60 - 70% of the pre-pandemic levels on the 21.

- g. The Selby/Hamline platforms will block traffic. This is especially concerning on the south side, with the intersection behind it.
 - i. They will be doing traffic modeling. It is a concern that is well noted. The hope is that the bus is not stopped there for long.
 - h. Neighbor Angela (should her name be included?) with a house on Selby stated a preference for electric buses, less noise and pollution and for not having twice as many busses going past their house.
 - i. How much of an increase in buses per day will this be?
 - i. One extra per hour, the busses will be more efficiently moving people.
 - j. Have there been impact studies on the neighborhood after projects?
 - i. They haven't done any post project traffic studies (maybe the city of the St Paul does).
 - ii. Metro transit has surveyed neighbors by stations and neighbors feel ambivalent about the stations.
 - k. What are the issues with the electric busses?
 - i. Mainly malfunctioning batteries
 - l. Are there other proposed routes instead of down Selby, like along Marshall?
 - i. Marshall was considered, but it was not preferred by the public to Selby. One reason Selby was chosen is because there is already a station at Snelling and Dayton.
 - m. There's a mature maple tree where the Hamline platform would go. Are there any plans to preserve that tree or other trees?
 - i. They have saved trees along the A line, wherever they can save trees they try to.
 - ii. If they are not able to save the tree, they try to replace the tree.
4. Lex Ham community member Sam Gilbertson spoke about his email to the board regarding his support of the Alatus project
- a. Sam said that he thought it was inappropriate for the board to send a letter of opposition without getting input from the neighborhood.
 - b. He supports the Alatus project because it will be development on a vacant lot, he also supports affordability
 - c. Sam said that the project meets zoning requirements and that opposing the project will discourage investors.

5. Book Study - we discussed Chapter 2
 - a. Make a priority to gather multiple perspectives (especially with the non-represented groups mentioned in the strategic plan)
6. Reports
 - a. Executive Director's Report - see attached report
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Exec - minutes are in board packet
 - ii. Personnel - Ashley
 1. Performance review is being updated. Moving towards a reflective goal-based review. Will be done yearly.
 2. Updating the job description to what the Executive Director is actually doing and reflects the strategic plan
 3. Employee handbook is updated and we will look at approving it in April.
 - iii. Finance - Paul
 1. 990 Form and Review of Procedures and Controls will be done by Carpenter Evert
 2. Strategic financial planning will be done in collaboration with the Fundraising committee - a 3-5 year financial plan will be created.
 - iv. Fundraising - Jesse
 1. They are exploring a data base for donors and volunteers and online fundraising, a non-profit version of Salesforce (30 day trial)
 - v. Events - Lucas & K.C.
 1. Blood Drive - we need more volunteers to help out that day
 2. Planning is underway for bridge concerts for the 21st of every month May through September
 - a. K.C. is lining up food trucks - let her know if you have ideas.
 3. Block leader zoom meeting - do you have ideas for that meeting?
 - c. UPDC Report - Kent
 - i. A lot of discussion around development and zoning on Marshall
 - ii. Redefinition of family when it comes to family housing
 - iii. Looking into hiring an executive director

7. Vote to approve resignations for Katie Penson and Natalie Kennedy Schuck - motion to approve the resignations of Katie Penson and Natalie Kennedy Schuck by Jesse, seconded by Paul, approved.

8. New Business

- a. How can we acknowledge what is going on and support our community during the Derek Chauvin trial
- b. Put the link to AmazeWorks resources in the e-newsletter again - it was very helpful.
- c. Look into scheduling a bystander training sooner, rather than later.

Adjourn Meeting - motion to adjourn by Lucas, seconded by Kent, approved.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway

Next LHCC Board Meeting: April 26, 2021 from 7-9 PM via Zoom

Upcoming Events:

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

Spring Sale - April 9-11, Yellowbird

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