

# Lexington-Hamline Community Council

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

4/26/2021 at 7:00 PM

*Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19*

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

1. Call to Order - 7:02 pm
2. Approval of March 29, 2021 Minutes, & April 26, 2021 Agenda, motion by Lucas, seconded by Marisa, approved
3. Motion (via email) - Approval to partner with Parks & Rec Dept of Saint Paul on grant application from Lowes for \$450K for Dunning Playground project and serve as recipient of funds. Fiscal agent agreement to be determined if grant is awarded.
4. Book Study - Chapter 3 of A Good Time for the Truth  
-----Break-----
5. Reports
  - a. Executive Director's Report - Amy
    - i. Celebration of the dedication of the Midway Peace Park date is still yet to be determined.
    - ii. Alatus project - Mayor vetoed the city council's decision
    - iii. B Line
      1. There will be a new line also, the 60, with the bus stops that are already in Lex-Ham.
      2. Metro Transit has modeling of what would happen at the intersections of Hamline and Selby and also Lexington and Selby.
      3. There are a few other rapid line stations in front of residential homes.
      4. Stations are not set in stone. We would have to have a good argument to change what is proposed.
      5. Amy will follow up with Angela about the proposed stop in front of her house.

- iv. The Dunning Park rebuild is moving forward with the assumption that it will be accomplished in 2021
- b. Committee Reports
  - i. Exec - Sarah
    - 1. [Strategic Plan Phase 1 Link](#)
      - a. Both Housing and Development Committee and Parks and Open Spaces Committee are looking for chairpeople.
  - ii. Personnel - Ashley
    - 1. Job description for Executive Director is updated with language from the Strategic Plan, will be included in May's board packet.
    - 2. They are working on the draft of the Employee Contract
    - 3. They are updating the policy manual
    - 4. Motion to approve the Executive Director Employee Handbook by Ashley, seconded by Marisa, approved.
  - iii. Intern - Bethany
    - 1. Concordia St Paul will have a community liaison next school year who will hopefully attend board meetings and/or work with the Building Community committee.
  - iv. Finance - Paul
    - 1. Review of procedures and controls will be done after tax season
  - v. Fundraising - Jesse
    - 1. They are continuing to work on their long term fundraising strategy
  - vi. Events - Amy, Lucas & K.C.
    - 1. Block Leader meeting will be rescheduled, due to the verdict of the Chauvin trial being read on April 20th
    - 2. Under the Bridge concert series - bands are being booked
    - 3. Ice Cream Social - July 18th from 1 - 3 pm
      - a. There will be a free will donation for individually wrapped treats.
      - b. It would great if board members can be at this event to help.
  - vii. Crime & Safety - Lynne
    - 1. Draft of the first crime report for May's meeting

2. Looking for committee members

c. UPDC Report - Kent

- i. Karen Randall shared the difference between community gardens and co-op gardens.
- ii. MN DOT is proposing changes to I94 - UPDC is working with other concerned parties to be effective partners with MN DOT regarding these changes.
- iii. Wako is the new Executive Director.

6. New Business

- a. The proposed dog park off Hamline (not technically in the boundaries of Lex Ham) is on hold but that there may also be less opposition to it currently.
- b. Can we decorate the stumps of the ash trees that have been cut down?
- c. We can accept new board members at any time, if anyone has a neighbor in mind.

7. Adjourn Meeting, motion by Lucas, seconded by Jesse, approved.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway

Minutes approved by: Lucas, Lynne, Paul, Kent, Pat, K.C., Dave, Marisa, Sarah, Jesse, (Ashley?)

**Next LHCC Board Meeting:** May 24, 2021 from 7-9 PM (NOT the last Monday due to the holiday)

**Upcoming Events:**

Midway Peace Park Community Opening Celebration: June 10 from 4-7 PM

Under the Bridge Concerts: May 21, June 21, July 21, August 21, Sept 21 (?)

Ice Cream Social: July 18

BandFest: Sept 12