

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

5/24/2021 at 7:00 PM

Virtual Due to COVID

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

Excused: Pat Sullivan and Paul Busch

1. Call to Order - 7:02 pm
2. Confirm Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes (approved via email) & Approve May 26, 2021 Agenda, motion to approve agenda Lynne, seconded by Marisa, approved
3. Board Check-in Activity - Sarah
4. Guest: Greg Finzell, Rondo Land Trust
 - a. The Rondo Land trust has built homes, moved houses, and rehabbed houses in the Rondo neighborhood and now includes other neighborhoods and Shoreview.
 - b. Two commercial buildings have been built on Selby east of Lexington through the Rondo Land Trust
 - c. Land Trust works with 50 - 80% median area income, people who wouldn't normally be able to buy a home, the Land Trust helps with limited repair
 - d. The buyer agrees to sell to another person with modest income and agrees to limited appreciation
 - e. 4 areas of affordable housing
 - i. 30% or less - special needs housing with services (requires deep subsidy)
 - ii. 30 - 50% of income - low income rental housing (requires a large subsidy)
 - iii. 50 - 60% of income - requires some subsidy
 - iv. 50 - 80% of income - population that the Rondo Land Trust and Habitat for Humanity serves
 - f. Question for Greg - "What can LHCC do regarding housing?"
 - i. Work with renters and ask them if they can afford the unit that they're in and if not, how to make it more affordable.
 - ii. Work with potential landlords that are interested in keeping their properties affordable.

- iii. Work with landlords that don't want to own their properties anymore and connect them up with good non-profits that will keep units affordable.
- g. Greg suggested having a group of trusted people to go to when we have questions about housing and development.

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5. Reports

a. Executive Director's Report - Amy

- i. Community Shares organization is closing
 - 1. LHCC was one of the founding members of Community Shares
 - 2. The closing of this organization will mean a loss of about \$3000 for LHCC.
- ii. Midway Peace Park Community Opening Celebration: June 15 3-6pm
 - 1. Amy will let us know if there are ways to help
- iii. We might have a high school intern this summer from Keystone Tech Center
- iv. Incentive program for Gordon Parks HS is going well, there might be a gap between now and the end of the year where \$1000 would be needed for the program to continue.
- v. Housing Relief fund - 4 grants have gone out for a total of \$2000, there is \$16,000 available
- vi. Volunteers are working on putting together documentation of the housing co-op in Lex Ham
 - 1. The purpose of this is so we have an accurate document of this history and to protect the fund established to support our ongoing operations.

b. Committee Reports

- i. Exec - Sarah - no report this month
- ii. Personnel - Ashley
 - 1. Added that Exec Committee can add feedback about the Performance Review.
 - 2. The Employment Agreement is ready for the Exec Committee to review.

3. Board recruitment - the committee will reach out to board members about interest in continuing on the board.
- iii. Finance
 1. 990 is done and Amy will meet with Paul about it.
 - iv. Fundraising - Jesse
 1. Looking into how to tie fundraising into the summer events.
 - v. Events - Amy, Lucas & K.C.
 1. City-wide Clean up day in April had great attendance, perhaps because this was the first year that we were an official site.
 2. Block Leader event in May - not much participation in Zoom call so Events committee sent out a survey
 3. Concert series
 - a. June 21 - performer: The Southside Aces
 - b. July 21- performer: Emilia Mettenbrink & Eclectic Whirlwind
 - c. August 21 (looking for food trucks for this date) -
Performer: Pluto
 - d. September 12 (Rock the Bridge)- performer: Jacuzzi Puma
 4. Ice cream social - board members are expected to volunteer
 - vi. Crime & Safety - Lynne
 1. Lynne shared three different ways to share the crime data
 2. How can we tell the story of the “why” of the trends? Patty from the Western District is happy to work with the committee on this.
 3. The committee will look into developing a relationship and partnership with Target.
- c. UPDC Report - Kent
 - i. UPDC’s main fundraiser is still being determined if it will be in person or not.
 - ii. More market rate apartments are being developed along Marshall.
 - iii. A survey went out about reducing Mississippi River Blvd to one lane to increase space for bikers and pedestrians, the reduction might happen on a more regular basis.
 - iv. UPDC is working on an Equity scorecard for development
6. Book Study - Chapter 4

7. New Business

Adjourn Meeting - Sarah

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Puroway

Minutes approved by: Lucas Riley, Marisa McDaniel, Kent Treichel, Lynne Heuton, K.C. Sager, Dave Clements, Ashley Rashid, Dawn Puroway, Jesse Hennum (heard from and approved by 9/10 members that were at the meeting)

Next LHCC Board Meeting: June 28, 2021 from 7-9 PM

Upcoming Events:

Tree Planting at Midway Peace Park: June 3

Midway Peace Park Community Opening Celebration: June 15 from 3-6 PM

Under the Bridge Concerts: June 21, July 21, August 21

Ice Cream Social: July 18

National Night Out: August 3

Rock the Bridge Band Festival: Sept 12