

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

8/28/2017 at 7pm

Present: Amy Lucas Riley, Sarah Murphy, Emmy Treichel, Paul Bakke, Sharon Fischlowitz, Jeremy Lostetter, Larissa Kiel, and Amy Gunderman, Johnell Hargis Kolve, Ashley Rashid

Excused: Sam White

1. Call to Order - 7:04pm called to order by Sharon
2. Approval of August 2017 Agenda, June 2017 Minutes - Emmy

Motion to Approve the Agenda- Emmy Seconded- Johnell All in favor

Motion to Approve the June Minutes- Jeremy had one correction under UPDC report, Larissa corrected it

Motion to Approve corrected June Minutes - Paul Seconded- Jeremy All in Favor

3. Approval of recommendation for Jeremy to continue as UPDC LHCC Seat - Amy

Motion to keep Jeremy on UPDC- Paul Seconded- Johnell All in favor

4. Reports

- a. Executive Director's Report - Amy (see written report)

- Liquor store being proposed at the Fairy Garden Building- owner is going around looking for signatures for approval. Neighbors are concerned that this may not be the right fit. Lex-Ham may need to write a letter to Union Park and to Land Use now so that when the variance request comes in that letter will be on the record. Neighbors and Lex-Ham concerns are parking issues, close proximity to the high school and residences, sober houses nearby, that the business will be run properly, and that the building may be in disrepair. It was also suggested that we reach out to this business because they are our neighbor as well, and let them know our concerns.

Motion that we oppose a variance that a liquor store be within 300 feet of a residence- Paul Seconded- Lucas All in favor

Motion that we oppose a variance for city parking at a liquor store due to access to parking lot and vehicle count - Paul Seconded- Larissa All in favor

Motion that a letter be composed summarizing our oppositions to liquor store to the Union Park Council and Land Use to make clear our concerns-Paul Seconded- Emmy
All in favor

- Discussed the incident at Dunning/ Arts Us on August 12th- 15 shots were fired. The incident, according to police reports was considered a riot. This was the second incident this summer. On May 5th, there was a 50 person fight. Concern was expressed about how Arts Us is managing Dunning. What are our next steps? Amy has talked to Concordia and

Dai Thao. Sharon suggested we speak with Andy Rodriguez from Parks and Rec about the contract that Arts Us has with Parks and Rec, i. e. What are the specific requirements of managing the space? What are the rules and regulations? It was also suggested that we write a letter to Parks and Rec addressing our concerns, and that we bring a motion up at the UPDC meeting so that they can do the same. A community meeting was also decided upon, so that we can get input from our residents. The meeting should address concerns, but also work on problem solving in a positive way: How do we keep Dunning safe?

- Sober house on Hague: Owner wasn't upfront with neighbors about it being a sober house. There is a meeting 7pm on Thursday, August 31st. A representative from Elite Recovery is going to talk to residents about what the program is all about.
 - Pedestrian event on Thursday. Marshall at Syndicate.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Emmy (see written report)
- i. Approval of 990 - Motion to accept auditor's 990- Paul Seconded- Lucas All in favor
 - ii. Amy will meet with Steve and possible Treasurer next week to discuss financial reports
- c. UPDC Reports
- i. UPDC BOD - Jeremy- Meeting was on August 2nd- It started with panel about supporting development of affordable housing; New Board member elected - Faris Rashid is now on the Board, not Grid 6 rep. Grid 6 Rep does not live in neighborhood, but works for Concordia. Faris went for Grid 6 seat, but then one of the Union Park Board members resigned. He had an at large seat, so Faris could have it.
 - ii. Land Use and Economic Development - Paul- Nothing new about Midway storage; residents on Marshall from Snelling to the River are asking for zoning study- currently Zoned RM2- allows for large apartment buildings
- d. Committee Reports
- i. Events - Lucas (see written report)
 - 1. Annual Meeting Discussion: awards, auction, program- moving Annual Meeting from MEA weekend, October 22nd to Sunday, November 5th-as a board we will have to have a waiver to by-laws- Motion to take vote move the Annual Meeting from October 22nd to Nov 5th Seconded- Paul All in favor- Amy will see if the space is available; Awards: Summary of awards- we should get this out to the neighborhood so that we can get input and nominations from the neighborhood. Awards should be given to neighbors, not staff. - Ashley- auction- gift cards did well, and things that

were handmade by Lex-Ham residents- for auction, she wants to focus on that. If you have a restaurant that you frequently go to, please let Ashley know and get a donation letter to give to the business. Ashley will send out a list of business that we have sent to letter to before. Also if you have ideas for auction items and perhaps a raffle.

2. Concordia Event: kickball & potluck
 - ii. Outreach - Sarah
 1. EAB Task Force Update- (see written report)
 - iii. Finance - Emmy
 1. Home Improvement Loan Update- Great Metropolitan Housing Corporation is closing the program that supports the home loan program. They suggest that we contract with Community Reinvestment Fund to service loans. Amy will send more information and an update. We will vote on this in September.
 - iv. Community Fund Task Force - Jeremy- met with Minnesota Bank and Trust representatives. They will have another meeting with Associated Bank. And then the Community Fund Task Force will meet to look at all the information gathered and come to the board with a recommendation.
 - v. Personnel - Larissa- moving along
5. New Business
 6. Adjourn meeting - **Emmy Motion to adjourn meeting - Paul, Seconded - Lucas All in Favor**

Next BOD Meeting Date: Monday, September 25th from 7-9pm

Upcoming Events:

August 31 at 6pm: Stop for Me Event at Marshall and Syndicate (volunteers welcome!)

August 31 at 7pm: Community Meeting about Sober House on Hague Ave (LHCC office)

Sept 10 at 6pm: Concordia Event for Students hosted by Wherehouse Church at Dunning Park

Sept 11 at 7pm: Meeting about LED Streetlights (LHCC office)

Sept 21 at 11:30am: Lex Ham We Care Lunch & Learn at Oxford Community Center

October 22 from 6-8pm: Lex-Ham Annual Dinner, Potluck, & Silent Auction at St. George Greek Orthodox Church
(note that the date is a Sunday and week earlier than usual!!)