

Additional Outcomes and Highlights

Hi-Lake Interchange Community Meetings

LCC organized community meetings focused on the Hiawatha and Lake St. Interchange, to provide updates on planned improvements and allow residents to voice safety concerns and share their experiences in the area. To broaden our reach with residents, LCC partnered with other community organizations on the events, including the Lake Street Council and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The meetings brought together representatives from the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MNDOT, Metro Transit and MPD, who have historically struggled to coordinate their efforts to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety at the interchange. As a result, Hennepin County and MNDOT have made a commitment to expand other Improvement projects to include Hi-Lake.

Development Review

One of the major functions of LCC as a neighborhood organization is to advocate for and facilitate, when appropriate, opportunities for Greater Longfellow residents to learn about and provide input on issues that impact their quality of life. Over the past 18 months, the LCC Neighborhood Development and Transportation Committee has done this by organizing opportunities for the community to review and provide input on 16 proposed new developments within Greater Longfellow.

Committee Strategic Plan Updates

In 2018, Each of LCC's three committees spent time developing strategic plans. This process allowed the committees to identify priorities and set goals to guide their work.

Environment and River Gorge Committee Merger

In order to increase efficiency and combine efforts towards achieving common goals, LCC's Environment and River Gorge Committees merged in 2018.

2040 Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting

LCC hosted a community meeting to provide an opportunity for Greater Longfellow residents to learn about the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, ask questions and provide feedback. Presenters included the Heather Worthington, City of Minneapolis Director of Long-Range Planning, as well as Council Members Cam Gordon and Andrew Johnson.

Neighborhoods 2020 Community Meeting

LCC hosted a community meeting to inform residents and garner feedback regarding Neighborhoods 2020, which is a City initiative to develop the next generation of neighborhood organization funding, programming and governance structure. Presenters included David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department Director, as well as Council Members Cam Gordon and Andrew Johnson.



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Progress Report

October 2017 - March 2019

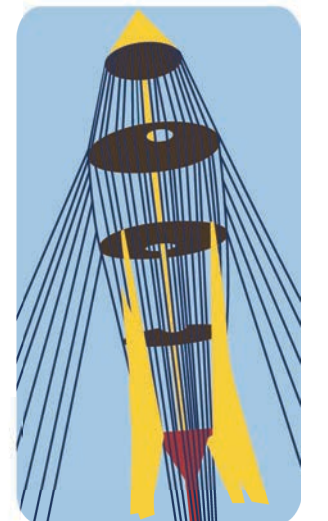
Over the past 18 months the Longfellow Community Council (LCC), along with countless volunteers and partner organizations, have worked diligently to advance LCC's mission of *improving the well-being of our diverse community through engagement, involvement and empowerment*. This report highlights the accomplishments of that work.



10 Grants Awarded
Totaling **\$30,000**

51 Community Meetings Hosted or Taken Part In

10 Projects Funded
Totaling **\$47k**



10 Events Hosted or Taken part In



1250 Estimated Volunteer Hours

Projects

Each year, LCC provides funding and staff support for a large number of projects that are initiated and led by community members. These projects work to achieve the goals outlined in LCC's organizational and committee strategic plans, by engaging the community to develop, protect and enhance neighborhood assets.

Urban Paradise Project:

Provided funding to assist Urban Paradise Project in conducting a professional traffic study to be used to discuss the real impact of shutting a city block off from traffic. Urban Paradise Project is a resident-led initiative to green up a street in the Longfellow neighborhood, by replacing asphalt with a designed, shared garden space.

Partners in Engagement Event:

LCC partnered with Volunteers of America, The Family Partnership, Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice to hold an event that brought together seniors, families in distress, men of color transitioning out of corrections and youth involved in the criminal justice system. The event allowed LCC to demonstrate that working with partners to better understand the communities they serve helps to tailor events in a way that appeals to community members beyond those who typically participate in our work.

2018 Longfellow 365:

A community photography project that involved seven photographers, each assigned to a day of the week for a full year, who highlighted the unique contributions of the four neighborhoods that make up the Longfellow community. The photos were used to create a photo book and postcards.

2018 Open Streets – Lake and Minnehaha:

Based on recommendations from the Community Connections and Neighborhood Development and Transportation committees, LCC contributed \$5,000 to sponsor the Open Streets Event. LCC staff and committee members tabled at the event to connect with residents and promote the many opportunities LCC offers to become more engaged and improve the community.

2018 & 2019 Transition Longfellow - Chard Your Yard Events:

Provided funding for Chard Your Yard, which is the signature food-resilience project of Transition Longfellow. Chard Your Yard was launched in 2013 and since that time, the group has installed roughly 174 3'x 5' raised garden beds using a "garden mob" of community volunteers.

2018 & 2019 Friends of the Mississippi River – River Gorge Restoration Events:

Funded and partnered on events held by Friends of the Mississippi River. The events focused on ecological restoration planning and events-based engagement for natural areas between 34th Street and 44th Street along West River Parkway.

Neighborhood by the Falls – Longfellow History Book Reprint:

Since the original printing of Neighborhood by the Falls, many Greater Longfellow residents have inquired about obtaining a copy of their own, however the book has long been out of print and difficult to find. In 2018, the Community Connections Committee decided to address this by funding a project to reprint the book with slight updates. This was and continues to be a project to build a stronger sense of community by connecting residents and businesses with more than 150 years of Greater Longfellow history.

Senior Tea Dance

In February 2019, LCC's Community Connections Committee partnered with Tapestry Folk-dance Center, Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly to host a 55+ daytime tea dance. The first dance had more than 20 participants and the committee hopes to make this a regular event.

Programs

In 2018, LCC created two new grant programs for businesses and residential property owners within Greater Longfellow. The programs are intended to advance LCC's mission of Improving the well-being of our diverse community through engagement, involvement and empowerment.

Business Support Network Grant Program:

Business Support Network (BSN) grants are intended to help local businesses enhance their visibility through connecting with and building community. Eligible businesses within the Greater Longfellow boundaries may apply for up to \$3,000 in grant funds.

Open Citations Grant Program:

The Longfellow Community Council (LCC) Open Citations Program is designed to help residential property owners within Greater Longfellow make necessary exterior repairs and improvements listed on an open citation issued by the City of Minneapolis. Eligible property owners can apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and must have a household income within 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).

Events and Activities

- LCC General Membership Meetings (April & Oct)
- LCC Autumn Open House 2018
- LCC Annual Summer Celebration 2018
- LCC Annual Chili Cook-off 2018
- Longfellow Garage Sale
- Annual Longfellow Corn Feed
- Lake & Minnehaha Open Streets 2018
- Resident Support for National Night Out Event Set-up
- 46th Street Transportation Study Workshop
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting
- Hi-Lake Interchange Community Meetings
- Annual share the River Gorge - Ice Cream Social and River Paddle
- Annual Spring Birding Hike
- Friends of the Mississippi River - Restoration Events
- Partners in Engagement Event
- Senior Tea Dance
- Neighborhoods 2020 Community Meeting