



## July Board of Directors Meeting

July 19, 2022, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (hybrid event: in-person at LCC office and on Zoom)

**Board members in attendance:** Lisa Boyd , Mike Berger, Joel Ablers, Deb Reiersen, Patrick Santelli, Bev Conerton, Ian Young , Christine Marlo-Triemstra; Angelica Evens; Annie Wang. Ken Koense; Margaret Turvey ; Tina Hermsen ; Kath Lenk

**Guests:** Lane Christianson (City of Minneapolis), Anne Zillinger (East Lake Library); Dan Schultz (resident and ERG committee member); Katie Simon (resident)

**Welcome and introductions** were led by President, Lisa Boyd

Rachel also made these announcements:

- [Demographic survey for Board members](#) (Only 9 of the 15 have completed, please take a moment to fill it out)
- Anyone interested in working on a Land Acknowledge Statement, [sign up here!](#)

### Approve agenda

Agenda approved by consensus with one amendment to add 5 minutes for Rachel to give update on some new and important LCC activities/news

### Adopt-a-Drain program

- Lane Christianson: explained adopt-a-drain program; To sign up, go to: <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/> Enter in your address, and you will be taken to an online map where you can see which storm drains are available.
- Other options are a drain clean up program (one-time group project); can provide LCC with its own clean up materials if we can commit to two clean ups a year.
- Can also do drain stenciling:  
<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/clean-city/storm-drain-stenciling/>
- For more information on all Clean City programs::  
[lane.christianson@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:lane.christianson@minneapolismn.gov); 612-673-2522 (Office); 612-280-1956 (cell)  
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/clean-city/>

### East Lake Library presentation, by Anna Zillinger: Adult Services Librarian

She provided some information on her background/expertise and about the various programs and services at East Lake Library:

- The library is the community's "living room" where everyone is welcome; it is a common indoor place for unhoused neighbors
- Free printing (with limit) and fax services
- No late fees for borrowing
- Community meeting rooms available: max capacity of 15
- Lego activity for kids on two Wednesdays a month
- For neighbors who don't access social media, the library's community board can be very important
- New residents often stop at library so can be resource about LCC and other organizations
- For more info contact: Anna Zillinger, Adult Services Librarian, East Lake Library, [azillinger@hclib.org](mailto:azillinger@hclib.org)

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## Scope of Service training

- Lisa gave an overview of how to read and understand scopes and their process
- [LCC Funding Guidelines document](#) is also useful to reviewing scopes

## [Activated Spaces](#) Scope of Service presented by Annie (Events and Engagement Committee)

- Will like to use key places that are now vacant because of the civil uprising and use them for positive experiences
- Proposed activities would be one per season, including a voting promotion/education event in October 2022, social event in winter that encourages people to connect during dark cold winter, seedling event in Spring, and health/wellness activity in summer 2023.
- Several members expressed support but were concerned about lack of some details particularly for the last event that has a large budget
- We voted on a modified scope for first two events only with these changes:
  - Require written approval from the property owners to access their property for the activities proposed.
  - Obtain necessary permits from the City for the activities proposed
  - Change “bonfire” to “contained fires such as with use of solo stove”
  - Total funding will be \$1750 which covers costs of permit
- Scope was approved with 11 voting for and 2 voting against

## [Trees and Saplings](#) Scope of Service (Environment and River Gorge Committee, presented by Ian and Dan Schultz)

- General goal is to encourage more trees for a healthier environment; also includes community outreach and engagement
- Keystone species will be those that support the most biodiversity in our area, based on the number of butterflies/moths it can host, etc.
- One question was if this only included Longfellow residents; it will except for school students who may live outside of Longfellow
- Other questions pertained to logistics (including offering workshops in Spanish) which Dan and Ian addressed
- Approved unanimously (13-0)

## [Rental Assistance](#) Scope of Service (presented by Rachel; previously reviewed by Executive Committee). Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association already has this program for their neighborhood and they will administer the program for LCC; Will do outreach through DuNord and other channels.

Scope approved unanimously (13-0)

## **Committee Updates:** We had no meeting time for this; see summary for ERG and links below for meeting minutes

Environmental and River Gorge Committee (ERG) update: In the last ERG meeting, there was much discussion over what will be taking place in the fall. This meeting served as an opportunity to recap the progress that has been made on the Park Dedication Fees outreach survey and the River Gorge Festival. Moving toward the future, Dan’s scope of service for planting trees was approved, the tour

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date for Lock and Dam #1 was finalized, and NRP funds were discussed. The stage has been set for an eventful end of the summer and fall.

Meeting minutes:

- [Environment and River Gorge Committee](#)
- [Equitable Housing and Development Committee](#)
- [Events and Engagement Committee](#)
- [Executive Committee](#)

**Executive Director report** by Rachel Boeke; Rachel gave a few highlights:

- We received several grants including one for taking the lead on the Free the Deeds project; an MRAC grant for an Art and Music event possibly at Moon Palace
- There are two finalists for the community organizing positions
- [Executive Director July report](#)
  - [Submit volunteer hours](#)
  - Volunteer opportunities - See below!
  - [Retreat doodle poll](#) (Pick a Tuesday night)
- [Community Organizer July report](#)
- [Communications Manager July report](#)

[LCC/SNG Merger Exploration Resolution](#): Rachel gave a broad overview of the idea for staff to come up with some possible options for merging the two organizations; there were a few comments: the board members from SNG and LCC were in some initial discussions about this and perhaps they could continue with the discussions; there may be resistance given the strong identity that each organization; also a bigger organization may make it harder to connect to all the residents. This discussion will continue in upcoming meetings

**Finance Committee Update by Treasurer Mike Berger**

- [Cashflow as of 06.30.22](#)
- Mike gave an overview of the financials with a few highlights: Several expenses were actually below budget but payroll was higher for two reasons - the first being that Justin received his last paycheck with a payout of his unused PTO and the second being that the first payroll of July processed on the last day of June.
- Additional information is found in the Executive Director Report
- There were a few clarifying questions that Mike and Rachel addressed

**Announcements:**

- Joel will be hosting social event at his home next Wednesday
- DuNord Food Pantry: needs volunteers Aug. 15th to September 1:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da8a823a0f4c25-come>

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm**

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