



LCC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 6:00PM

Board members in attendance: Deb Reiersen; Christine Marlo-Triemstra; Jackie Hartwig, Lisa Boyd; Annie Wang; Kath Lenk, Bev Conerton; Kaelin Winkelman; Tobin Shelton, Selam Tilahun; Mike Berger

Guests: Anna Zillinger, East Lake Library; Jason Chavez, CM Ward 9; Chris Larson (resident) Joseph Waters

Staff: Rachel Boeke (Executive Director)

Welcome and brief icebreaker

Consent items: both approved by consensus

1. February agenda
2. [January minutes](#)

Guest Speakers

Jason Chavez, CM Ward 9. Three homeless initiatives his office is working on (1) encampment response policies (a public health approach); (2) Reporting requirements for police time/resources being used for evictions; (3) ordinance. Also working on ordinance for minimum wage and workers/riders rights for Uber/Lyft. Community engagement about 3000 Minnehaha; currently voter registration/services are planned but he has not heard that any community members want that, and early voting can be located elsewhere as it has been.

There were several questions about 3000 Minnehaha and what are next steps, and how plans for voter services have come about. Jason says he has similar questions. Another question was about how his office can work with LCC. He said he will attend board meetings and would also be interested in a second meeting with more in-depth discussions.

Action Items

[NCR Annual Report](#): A few questions about formatting and typos. Rachel explained that the template numbering was wrong so she just kept it.

Bev made a motion to approve the NCR Annual Report and Lisa seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items/Updates

1. Housekeeping:

- [Volunteer hour tracking](#): Annie reminded members to track volunteer hours
 - [Poll of who is planning to run for a Board position in April](#)
Kath, Deb, and Christine encouraged members to recruit neighbors to run for a board seat.
 - [Group Norms document](#) - will become an agenda discussion item when time allows
2. Committee updates:
- [EDC minutes](#): one question about how Seward Neighborhood Group is questioning the Seward-Longfellow border because there are conflicting maps; it may affect a few properties.
 - [ERG minutes](#)
 - [Executive Committee minutes](#)
3. **Financial Update:** Mike gave an overview. The financial committee met last week; Kristi our bookkeeper reviewed the quarterly financial reports; they also reviewed our audit report that they will bring to board next month. January financial statement: nothing unusual; Free the Deeds funds came through; money market account continues to grow.
- [FY24 Budget vs Actuals as of 01.31.24](#)
 - Fundraising Committee update: Jackie said the goal is \$2000 for a virtual silent auction Oct. 7th-20th, 2024. Jackie and Christine are working on donations. Also looking for other ideas for fundraising.

Strategic Planning: Session Two

We worked on the second priority using the following information:

1. **Priority Two:** Advocate for resident needs/Be a connection between residents and decision makers
 - [Review notes from Session One](#)
 - Continue adding to the same google doc
 - Use the [Organizational Priorities document](#) as guide. Also for reference are our [2020 Bridge Strategic Plan](#) and our [2016-2018 Strategic Plan](#)
 - Once complete, the updated Strategic Plan will be [entered into this format](#)
 - Organizational considerations include:
 - What is our capacity to do this work with current staffing and volunteers
 - What funding are we utilizing to complete the work listed
 - What total resources do we have access to to accomplish this work
 - What challenges could we encounter
 - Tactics include:
 - Events, surveys, projects, media/publicity, social media, door knocking, community mailers, etc
2. Time breakdown
 - 5 minutes: We reviewed the guidelines and process outlined above
 - 30 minutes: Small group discussions

- We [used this shared google doc](#) to track small group discussion, ideas, questions, etc
- 15 minutes: The small groups reported back to the full group. Some of the themes were: thinking of new ways to communicate with residents from the varying population groups in the neighborhood; how to get information about what the needs are of community members and how to connect them with resources, community leaders, etc.; issues of trust and language barriers and need for more partnership with other organizations, as well as using data-driven approaches; how can we engage community members to be a part of the planning process
- 5 minutes: Rachel will take this to the staff and try to consolidate; Rachel asked for feedback on the staff's summary of last week's work and got some notes. Plan is to bring the rough draft to General Membership meeting in April and get feedback.

Open Community Discussion:

Deb announced that there will be buckthorn removal events at Minnehaha Falls Park. She will send an email.

Jackie announced that "Soup for You" is moving to our neighborhood (soupforyoucafe.org); they have a lot of easy volunteer opportunities; could also be a good partnership organization.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Attached for review: **Staff Reports**

1. [Executive Director](#)
 - a. [2023 Annual Report](#)
2. [Community Organizer](#)
3. [Communications Manager](#)

SLRJ Update:

SLRJ welcomed two new board members in January. A resident of Longfellow and a resident of Seward, both of whom have been involved previously as volunteers. Referrals from the Minneapolis Police and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office are increasing. SLRJ currently has 2 youth referrals in process in addition to the facilitation of dialogue to address tension in a small leadership team.

The 2024 contract with the Hennepin County Attorney has the addition of more intensive referrals, including youth with multiple citations or with a previous unsatisfactory diversion. The reimbursement rate will be increased with the expectation that the level of services provided will also be higher. Due to advocacy by SLRJ and the other RJ programs, the contract also includes payment for providing trainings. Decisions about how to use these funds are underway.