LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!

Logan Park Neighborhood Association has $150,000+ of funding for neighborhood projects and we need your ideas! Fill out the form below with your project idea.

Forms should be emailed to loganparkna@aol.com by October 1st, 2018. Submissions will be published in our October newsletter.

The comment period will remain open through November 28th, and then discussed at our November 28th community meeting. The board will review ideas for a possible vote in January.

In December 2017, LPNA sent out a survey to all homes in the neighborhood. The survey asked people to rank their priorities. Below are the results:

Logan Park Priorities:

1. Infrastructure
2. Environment
3. Housing
4. Park Improvements
5. Arts
6. Senior Issues

If you have multiple ideas, please fill out a form for each idea.
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IDEA FORM

Please be sure to fill out all your contact information
Project Name:
Submitted by:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

( ) Check this box if you would like help with the application. Provide your phone # and best time to reach you. Contact us ASAP so we can help you by the deadline.

Project Description:

Of the six priorities listed above, which neighborhood priorities does your idea fall under? Describe how it fits into the priorities.

How will the project benefit and engage the Logan Park community?

What is the estimated budget?

Who do we need to partner with to implement the idea?

How many staff hours do you estimate are needed to implement the idea?

How many volunteer hours?

How many hours would you personally commit to implement the idea?

What is the timeline for the project?

How will we measure project success?

Email your proposal to loganparknae@ol.com or mail to
Logan Park Neighborhood Association
1330 Van Buren Street NE
Minneapolis MN, 55413
LPNA FUTURE PROJECTS

Ideas Wanted – by October 1ST!

Last year, we started the process of asking Logan Park Neighborhood residents for input on how to spend the city funds currently available to us. Our goal is to have $200,000 contracted by 2020. Contracting with the city will ensure that these funds currently allocated to our neighborhood for programs or projects will be preserved for the use we collectively determine.

Survey and July Brainstorming Session

In December, LPNA sent out a survey asking for residents’ priorities for projects. At the July LPNA meeting, we held a ‘brainstorming session’ for people to bring specific ideas. Here’s the list of the many creative ideas that came out of that meeting, listed by the priorities identified in the survey:

**#1 Infrastructure**
- Street Painting
- Under bridge Lighting
- Bridge Painting
- Crosswalks with blinky lights (13th & Monroe, 15th & Monroe)
- Speed bumps
- Support for covering graffiti
- Expand historic street lighting
- Alley beautification
- Education re trash pickup
- Alley lighting (motion detection)

**#2 Environment**
- Green roof at Elim, garden plots for community, bee hives (partner w/ Elim and MWMO)
- Grants for re-directing storm water.
- Expand rain garden program.
- Solar garden

**#3 Housing**
- Grant program for ‘curb appeal’ landscaping for residential properties
- Provide grants for safety & mobility measures (similar to Energy Audit program)

**#4 Park Related Projects**
- Work out Equipment
- Landscaping in the park
- Solar lights in the park
- Community sauna or whirlpool
- Marker showing 45th Parallel

**#5 Arts & Culture**
- Utility Box Art Wraps
- Maker’s space at Elim
- Multi-cultural music series in the park
- Expand communities representing on Broadway bridge
- Also see various street and bridge projects under Infrastructure above

**#6 SeniorIssues**
- Support for seniors (yard work, shoveling, chores)
- Classes for Aging in Place

Also see Housing above

**Other**
- NARCAN Training
- Bystander Training

Some of the ideas from the July meeting could be pursued by connecting with existing programs through the city or service-organizations. The LPNA Board and staff will endeavor to collect and provide such information. Check future newsletters and sign up for updates via email. If you are interested in helping link us to organizations and programs, please let us know.
Now Let’s Get Specific….(By October 1st! )………..

If you want to expand on any of the ideas so far OR have a new idea that fits one or more of the identified priorities, please fill out the Idea Form and submit it by October 1st. The form will also be available online. We probably can’t fund all the ideas at this point – but: We will try to partner and leverage where ever possible
More funds may become available after 2020

This is the time to work out some of the details including a potential budget. If you’d like help with filling out the Idea Form, email or call LPNA. One of the committee members will be happy to work through the form with you.

Making it Happen………..

Ideas will be published in the October newsletter. Ideas will be presented for community input at the 11/28 LPNA General Meeting. Everyone will also be able to give feedback to the LPNA email address.

At this point, the Survey Committee will review the Ideas based on community input but also feasibility and capacity. We will consult with the city on feasibility and parameters for funding projects. But an equally important consideration will be the ability of LPNA and volunteers to carry any idea forward. Please note – we are a mostly-volunteer organization. We do not have a full-time staff person. If you feel strongly about an idea, we welcome and need your time and skills to make it happen.

Ultimately, the LPNA Board will be responsible for approving how the funds will be spent. After researching and considering feedback, capacity and feasibility; the Survey Committee will present their recommendations to the LPNA board. Our goal is to do this in January.

Then Committees will form to Make Ideas into Realities! By Spring, we hope to have projects contracted and underway!

Check out our upcoming newsletters for more information on present and past projects!
PRESENT: What are doing right now?

- **Logan Park Pool Amenities** – LPNA is contributing $25,000 from our NRP funds for a water feature, extra benches and a shade structure for the new pool currently under construction. These amenities would not have been included without funds from LPNA.
- **Raingardens** – In July, LPNA held a lottery for the first round of raingardens. LPNA partnered with Metro Blooms to cover the cost of labor & materials. Residents pay a $50 consultation fee and for plants.
- **Alley Signs** – Like the new spiffy bright yellow alley signs asking us politely to Slow Down? Call or email LPNA to have one of your own. This project is an initiative by a resident who made his idea in to a reality!
- **Clean Sweep** – Clean out your garages, basement and attics by October 6th, our next Clean Sweep. There’s lunch and LPNA t-shirts for volunteers too. LPNA pays for city for this opportunity, currently happening twice a year.
- **Home Energy Squad visits** – Receive an energy analysis, LED light bulbs, weather stripping and more. LPNA pays $40, you pay $60. Available to renters and homeowners.
- **Forgivable Loan Program, Low-interest Loans and Emergency Deferred Loan Program** – are current programs that were started with funds from the original Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). These programs are managed by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE). LPNA continues to pay an administrative fee to CEE for program management.

LOOKING BACK: What did we do before?

Through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), we did a lot!

**Housing programs**: Neighborhoods were required to spend at least 50% of NRP funds on Housing. LPNA developed a variety of housing initiatives to help homeowners, renters and seniors and low-income families:

- Home Improvement Matching Grants* (aka Fix & Paint program)
- Problem Property loans & grants to improve rental properties
  Down payment grants
- Established the Revolving Loan fund*

*these programs still exist
Community Health Program: Established a Block Nurse Program for seniors and single-income families.

Logan Park (stuff for the Park): LPNA funded
- A youth outreach staff position
- Upgraded the pay for the Youth Supervisor
- Paid for various park improvements (added picnic tables, benches, fencing upgrades)
  Tree inoculation for Elm tree by the pool

Arts & Culture Programs: LPNA funded
- A variety of free arts and culture classes held at Logan Park
- Arts festivals & events in the park
- A project administrator to make it all happen.

Jackson Flats: LPNA contributed funds to the development of Jackson Flats, affordable rental housing for artists. This was a partnership with the NECDC and Artspace.

Economic Development: LPNA supported the Enterprise Facilitation Program to coach and assist entrepreneurs. LPNA also contributed funds to the Central Avenue Corridor Study.

Safety Street Lighting: LPNA paid a portion of the cost of the historical style lighting that exists on some blocks. Volunteers surveyed each block. 75% of residents was needed to approve per block.

Cops on Bikes Program: LPNA contributed to the NRP Community Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Fund for 2nd precinct cops to patrol on bikes, promote neighborhood safety and improve relations.

Broadway Bridge Signage: LPNA developed the Welcome to the Northeast Neighborhoods and the cultural markers at the Central and Broadway intersection.

UNSPENT CONTRACTED FUNDS:
LPNA has $23,000 contracted under “Streetscape Enhancements”. In 2012, this amount was allocated to go towards utility box wraps, new Arts District signage and new neighborhood street signs. We also have $3,308 remaining under “Arts Festivals”. 