**Logan Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 7, 2019**

Chair: Jeff K.

Recording Secretary: Steve L.

Timekeeper:

February Community Meeting Facilitator: Jeff Klein

Jeff Klein Called the Meeting to Order at: 7:07

***Board Members in attendance:*** Ben, Alex, Jeff K, Paula, Jeff P., Larry, Pat V, Steve

***Staff:*** Reanne

***Guest:*** Steven Gallagher

# Motion to Approve January 2019 Minutes from Paula.

# Alex seconded.

# Unanimously approved.

**Amend / Approve Agenda:**

1. **Officer Reports**

***Ideally, these reports should be submitted in writing before the meeting. Verbal reports will not be included verbatim in the notes.***

# Staff, Reanne, 2 minutes

# Open Streets: Per the City of Minneapolis' website, they have approved the Open Streets routes for 2019. NE route includes Monroe Street.

# Central Ave NE from 26th Ave NE to 18 ½ Ave NE; 22nd Ave NE from Central Ave NE to Monroe St NE; Monroe St NE from 22nd Ave E to Broadway St NE

# <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/RCA/3867>

# Lights of Logan - sent letter to Monroe St winner to collect prize at March board meeting. Jeff Kraker is trying to find a good time to meet up with Pat to collect his prize.

# Committee/Project Reports

* 1. **Street Safety Committee / Monroe Street, Reanne, 2 minutes**

We have not scheduled a follow-up Street Safety meeting to discuss the Monroe Street repave and bike lane. Shelly has plans to call Jenifer in Public Works tomorrow to discuss, as Public Works has offered a phone call. She will email updates tomorrow. She also plans to attend the March 13th meeting.

Monroe Street: In regards to the Monroe Street Resurfacing, despite the discrepancy between the two maps that the City sent out in the handout, there will not be a bike lane added as part of this project.

Continue to try to set up a meeting with street safety.

# Legacy Streets, Reanne, 2 minutes

The city feels that a meeting with stakeholders now would be premature, Public Works doesn’t anticipate beginning planning on this project until about a year from now and have their resources committed to doing the detail work on more quickly approaching projects. Kevin thinks the next most effective step would be to get clarity and consensus among the stakeholders around the key elements we seek to see implemented and forge that into one or two more fully realized concepts, in anticipation of the launch of Public Works’ planning process.

# Priorities/Ideas Committee, 2 minutes

# Small modification to plan because “sidewalk improvement” couldn’t be included in “housing” according to the city. Moved to the infrastructure category.

# Bylaws Committee, Jeff P., 2 minutes

# Larry and Jeff have volunteered to meet with Birken Law firm to review the draft.

# Old Business

1. **New Business**
   1. **Neighborhoods 2020 presentation and questions, Steve Gallagher NCR, 15 minutes**

Question from Board: This doesn’t feel like a partnership with the city.

Mr. Gallagher: Intent to be more of a partnership than feels like from the document. Elevates neighborhoods to be on even footing with departments. Funding is different. Will be about 40% cut in decrease tax structure funding.

Comment for the Board about limits to operational funds which will make it difficult to continue to support the neighborhood.

Mr. Gallagher said there may need to be more partnerships with neighborhoods to be more efficient.

Question from board: Is NCR included in 10 million City would need to increase funding 40% increase to get us back where we were used to be with budgets?

Mr. Gallagher: Yes.

Question from Board: Are you open to boards making progress to make toward to achieve goals?

Mr. Gallagher: Yes

A board member expressed concern over NRP’s capacity to effectively partner with neighborhood boards.

Mr. Gallagher said that since he has been with the department beginning in June, he has seen a lot of changes already in that time to focus working well

Question from the Board: We have a request for a donation to the Northeast Farmer’s Market tonight. How would something like this be impacted by the 2020 rule as written

Mr. Gallagher: It would need to have an outreach component to fund.

Question from the Board: Why the 50/25/25 requirements for how the neighborhood spends money. Why not 75/25?

Mr. Gallagher gave example of a neighborhood that he felt had little community engagement and met infrequently. He said higher engagement gets higher funding.

Comment from the board: Concern expressed over competing for limited funding. Counter-productive to add rules to fix problems that doesn’t exist. Would be more effective to move money around without restrictions should be more effective to meet objectives.

Question from the Board: What is the date of the final plan?

Mr Gallagher: It will go to council around April 20. Final draft will go to city council in fall.

Comment from the Board regarding concerns for greater limits on funding while increasing expectations.

Mr. Gallagher: Minneapolis exceeds what other cities are doing to support other organization.

* 1. **NE Farmer’s Market presentation and questions, 5 minutes**

Q: Can we have a sponsorship at the winter market as well as the summer?

A: Will take this to the board.

June, July, and August are the only months in which they will

**Motion:** Pat moved to fund Farmer’s Market at $1000.

**Second:** Jeff K.

Discussion: Is there a level less? Yes. $500, but not reimbursable because it won’t include outreach.

There was more volunteer interaction.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

* 1. **Policy regarding donations, 5 minutes**

This was not addressed at the meeting.

* 1. **Art District Signage, 5 minutes**

In 2012, LPNA had already included the banners in a plan modification for NRP Phase 2 funds under Streetscape Enhancements. The total allocation for that strategy was $23,000 for the following items: utility box wraps, neighborhood signs, and Arts District signage and Adopt-A-Container. We've used $2,250 of this allocation for the alley signs, leaving $20,750. This 'leftover' amount has been included in our overall total of $$ available for the 'newer' priorities. So whatever we decide to spend on the Arts District signage reduces what we can spend on other things.

Looks like the full amount for LP signs would be $14,100 though not sure if that's a fair way to determine who pays. Initially this was a multi-neighborhood effort. Not sure how the costs were spread out back at the beginning. They are also hoping for a matching grant from the Chamber.

Sheridan 4000

Bottineau 200

Logan 14,100

Other than 3423 would come out of priorities.

There was critical discussion about whether we should fund signs. There are a large number on Central Ave, it doesn’t make this an arts district Art does. Would rather fund art.

**Motion:** Fund Art District Signage at $3423 along with friendly recommendation on location of signs.

**Second:** Pat

6 in favor

2 opposed.

**Motion passed.**

* 1. **Raingardens, 5 minutes**

The Conservation Corps grant will cover 8 rain gardens, not the 12 we were planning. If we want to move forward with 12 and pay for the extra labor, our total cost will be $10,500. If we want to go with the 8 covered by the grant, our total cost is $5200.

Also, 5-6 folks that were part of the lottery last year that did not get raingardens, should they be guaranteed gardens this year or be part of the lottery?

There was a sense

Motion: Fund eight rain gardens with a new lottery. – Jeff K.

Second - Alex

6 in favor

2 opposed

* 1. **Birken engagement letter, 5 minutes**

Birken Law Firm regarding our complimentary account on their Mission Guardian system, created in partnership with the City of Minneapolis. https://missionguardian.com/

Included in our free subscription:

Two 15 minute phone call consultations every month with Jess Birken

A library of forms and policies to download

Free review of forms after we fill them out

Healthy non-profit homework exercises

Extras that we can pay for with CPP money:

Custom forms

Assistance with with bigger projects, flat fee

Our bylaw project would be considered a "bigger project" but because we are already working with them in the previous fee structure, we can move forward without any fees. (Per their website, a bylaws project is a flat fee of $750). They offer a two hour board training for $900 flat fee. Many other services are listed as well.

I've attached two Gift Acceptance Policy documents found on their website, may be helpful for us. Also attached are sample board agenda and board meeting minute documents.

Megan at Birken Law is going to follow up on my questions regarding Neighborhood Audit assistance and drafting our bylaws in regards to the new Neighborhoods 2020 plan.

They will be sending over an updated engagement letter for us to sign, will forward upon receipt.

Chairs will review letter and determine whether to sign.

* 1. **Partnering with park on Ice Cream social, 5 minutes**

First annual Ice Cream Social/Movie in the Park event on Thursday August 15th?

The ice cream social will be from 6pm-8:30pm. There will be an ice cream truck, bounce house, face painter, activity truck, and community fun! The movie will be shown at dusk when the sun goes down, around 9:15/30pm. Movie is: Captain America: The First Avenger.

Outreach to our insurance person to see what our coverage is for volunteer events?

This was not addressed at the meeting.

* 1. **Neighborhoods 2020 Discussion, LPNA Board, 15 minutes**

Do we want to issue a joint statement?

Collectively we could address the prescribed break down of funding.

Pooled services could provide valuable if we can make it work.

Would like more information about what Standish/Erickson survey would do with this information. Requested Reanne will respond to Standish/Erickson.

Document doesn’t provide expectations for cultural organizations.

**Motion:** We will send a letter requesting one bucket for funding and supporting the idea of one city wide membership meeting. -Alex

**Second:** Alex

**Passed unanimously.**

* 1. **Hennepin County Street Safety Initiative / Broadway St. Update, 5 minutes**

Jeff K suggests the board consider officially joining the Hennepin County Street Safety Initiative, and sending a representative to the upcoming meeting with Hennepin County Commissioners.

Motion: Jeff moved that Logan Park Neighborhood Association become a part of the Hennepin County St Initiative Coalition.

Second: Pat

Discussion: Should we wait until we have more information.

Who else is involved in the coalition.

Concern was expressed that there is a greater concentration of crashes and injuries of lower income. Would like more information before supporting.

Would like to be able to see materials like this letter prior to the meeting.

In favor: 4

Opposed: 3

The was one abstention.

* 1. **LPNA annual report, 5 minutes**

Due March 15.

Of the items below, the priority would be to identify a second major highlight.

LPNA annual report draft

Something to discuss at the board meeting?

#6 Door-knocking - no reports of door-knocking in 2018

#12 Other - no reports of these activities in 2018

#15 - What engagement activities are particularly successful for us?

#16 Are there any challenges we want to share?

#18 Major Highlight #2 - For major highlight #1 I used the Priority Planning process. Any ideas for another major highlight? Alley Signs? Logan Legacy? Raingardens?

**Motion to approve** – Jeff K.

**Second -** Ben.

**Approved unanimously.**

* 1. **Review March/April Community Meeting Agenda, LPNA Board, 5 minutes**

Planned agenda is Priorities neighborhood vote and Spark Y

Any suggestions for April.

Pat will run the priorities meeting.

# Good and Welfare/Announcements

Motion **Adjourn Jeff**

**Alex seconded.**

**Upcoming LPNA events:**

Monroe Street Resurface Project, Hosted by City of Minneapolis, Wed March 13th 6:30pm @ Logan Park

LPNA General Meeting, Wed March 20th, 7pm @ Logan Park, childcare available. Agenda: Guest from Spark- Y youth program, LPNA Priorities Plan Vote

Park Master Plan: Public hearing on East of the River Park Master Plan will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm @ MPRB