

Minutes of January 14, 2021
LYNAS Board Meeting on Zoom Videoconference

Board Members and Staff Present: Kevin Ehlert, Victoria Johnson, Peter Nussbaum, Mike O'Brien, Clare Padgett, Steve Prentice, Paul Ragazzino, Nancy Selz, and Ruth Olson

Guests Present: CM Linea Palmisano, Jessica Reinhardt, Logan Warren and Margo Struthers

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. There were no additions or revisions to the agenda. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 12 LYNAS meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was carried by unanimous vote.

Street Resurfacing Project: Larry Matsumoto of Minneapolis Public Works reported that there will be a street resurfacing project in southern Lynnhurst this summer. It will be a "mill and overlay" where 2 inches of asphalt is removed and another fresh 2 inches of asphalt is applied. This will add 10 years to the driving surface of the street. The last time this area had new streets was in 1975. There will be an assessment to adjacent properties and they will receive a letter inviting them to the 2/24 public hearing; the tax assessment for an average size property is \$1,100. This can be paid back over 5 years on a property owner's property tax at a 2.1% interest rate. This project completes the repaving of Lynnhurst. The city is slowly adding ADA ped ramps at intersections. There are 16K ramps in the city and these cost about \$10K each. Funding is available for only 100/year. There are 1300 alleys in the city and funding to repave only 10/year. There are some alleys in Minneapolis that have never been paved in the first place.

Ward 13 Report: Council Member Linea Palmisano (CMP) reported:

- Lake Harriet Parkway is high on the MPRB list for repaving.
- The insurrection at the US Capitol was frightening and CM Palmisano has been in lots of safety briefings. There are no known threats in Minneapolis, but there will be increased security at public buildings in the city. Residents are urged to call 911 if they see anything suspicious. The National Guard and other jurisdictions are all working together to maintain order and safety.
- 5th Precinct Inspector Amelia Huffman has been promoted to Deputy Chief. Inspt. Katie Blackwell will now lead the 5th Precinct. Ruth will ask her to attend the 2/18/21 Annual Meeting.
- As a budget adjustment to decrease funding to MPD, all 16 Crime Prevention Specialists were removed from MPD and reassigned to NCR. It is unclear how this transition will take place, if the CPSs will still have access to the crime data and if their positions will even be continued.
- Lynnhurst resident Cathy Abene is running for District 6 Park Board.

Bryant Ave Reconstruction: Ruth briefly reviewed the changes proposed along Bryant Ave in the recently released draft Design Concept for the reconstruction. A great deal of parking will be removed. LYNAS will share this information in the newsletter and has invited the design team from Public Works to the Annual Meeting. It is unknown if the proposed relocation of transit from Bryant to Lyndale will cause zoning changes for Aldrich and/or Colfax. Jessica Reinhardt of the Southwest Business Association has been speaking to residents and business owners in the area about the removal of 70% of the available parking. SWBA will put a short article in the upcoming Lynnhurst newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The final 2020 budget came in lower than expected. All 2021 funding requests have been considered and funding sources identified. Depending on

public health, the budget will more than likely change as the year progresses. A motion to approve the proposed 2021 LYNAS budget was carried by unanimous vote.

2021 Annual Meeting: The LYNAS Annual Meeting will take place on Feb. 18 on Zoom. Guests will include Public Works (Bryant Ave), CM Palmisano and we will ask Inspt. Blackwell. Mike, Paul and Victoria will all run for another term on the Board; Kevin will not run again. Peter will reach out to Carrie and Andrea to see if they are planning on running again. Logan Warren indicated his interest to run. Ruth will put together a simple questionnaire so that all candidates are answering the same questions and a Voter Guide will be produced. The Board election will take place online starting on Feb. 11; results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Peter and Ruth will work on a basic job description and will post that on our website.

Update Security Rebate Program: The LYNAS Security Rebate Program is nearly five years old and Carrie McCormick, Chair of the Crime and Safety Committee recommends updating the guidelines to allow for one rebate per address, per calendar year and to reimburse up to the first \$100 spent (no match required). It was agreed to start with a rebate pool of \$5,000 year. Rebates will be paid out until the end of the year or until the \$5,000 limit is reached, whichever comes first. A motion to approve the guidelines changes and a budget up to \$5,000 was approved on a 7-1 vote.

LYNAS Mission Statement: The Board will consider updating the mission statement. Ruth will forward examples from other neighborhoods and move this agenda item forward to March.

Additional Agenda Items:

- The training with Chiara Messia will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 and is titled “Developing Allyship as a Tool for Anti-racism: The Importance of Examining Our Privileges, Culture and Power.”
- Given the Annual Meeting is on Feb. 18, the regular LYNAS meeting on Feb. 11 will be canceled.
- Ruth’s contract was reviewed and renewed for up to 552 hours at a rate of \$47/hr.
- Clare Padgett will be the new Treasurer; she will start training with Kevin.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by LYNAS Board President: _____

Signed: _____

Andrea Vorachek, LYNAS Secretary