

Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association
Meeting notes, January 5 2017

Meeting hosted by Tom and Marit Brock, 74 Garfield Street, 7:00 PM. Chaired by Mark.

Introductions! 2017 Meeting host sign-up. Mark circulated a sign-up sheet.

Little Bohemia Trail Phase 3 planning goals: Jennifer Gelhar. We're going into the final year of the 3-year planting plan, from Burger King to St. Clair. This year we should get lights and fresh paving. Therefore the planting date might be in the fall. Jen has drafted a list of general tasks and circulated it for our consideration. Please email Jenny if you have ideas: jen@mnnature.org.

West End Neighbors' Garden Tour planning: Joe Landsberger. Unfortunately Joe was not present, so we'll talk more about this at future meetings. Following the meeting Joe followed up by saying that the to do list for the Garden Tour includes finalizing the sites with photos and descriptions and recruiting ads which he thinks will be easy with the local LB businesses plus previous regulars.

Naomi wondered if we might sponsor a plant exchange, where neighbors can bring plants they're thinning and trade with others. There was general interest in this idea, especially if we did it toward the fall. Nikki is interested in helping coordinate such an exchange.

HRA Housing update: Mark Fangmeier.

- **47 Douglas.** The city is considering demolition and has requested feedback from neighbors. A close neighbor and the Fort Road Federation both support the idea of tearing this down. Jeff Austin has mentioned to Marit that he'd like to redevelop it. Several different viewpoints were expressed, none of them passionate. We all agree, though, that the house has stood empty long enough—it's been through the HRA RFP process two or three times.
- **69 Garfield.** No updates.

Current problem properties and safety concerns. SPPD has a 'problem properties' force unit. They can work with landlords, ticket and tow cars, enforce regulations, etc. Call the non-emergency number (266-8989) and ask to leave voicemail for the problem properties force unit, or speak with the secretary. Officer Robert Lokhorst visited: he serves on this unit, and the best way to reach him is by email: robert.lokhorst@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Officer Antoine Denson also dropped in, and left his card.

- 47 Douglas: owned by the city. There have been some reports of homeless people sleeping there.
- 292 Sturgis: owned by a bank. Same problem (homeless folks living there).
- 435 Banfil: lots of random vehicles parked here, as many as 8. Some uncontrolled dogs have been running around. David Bush is the landlord: 612-720-1451.
- 276 Forbes. Same old same old: lots of shady-looking foot traffic and visiting cars.

Remember to call 266-8989, and report nuisance properties to the City!

The next LBNA business meeting will be Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM. Jenny Gelhar will host us at 295 Sturgis Street. Send agenda ideas to info@littlebohemiaspaul.org

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