

**Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting notes, June 1, 2017**

**Meeting hosted by Mike O'Hare, 358 Goodrich Avenue, 7:00 PM**

Chaired by Mark Fangmeier

**Introductions!** 2017 meeting host sign-ups.

**Hope Engine Firehouse update.** Sharon Lynch and Mark Fangmeier. All forms have been signed; the lawsuit will be dropped, and the firehouse will be protected. It's done! The Federation has agreed to support a commercial building with a liquor license, and later on there may be a request for additional parking. The hotel to be built will not have a bar or restaurant. The firehouse exterior will be brought back close to its original appearance. The firehouse will share a patio with the hotel. Kudos to the attorneys who represented our interests in preserving the firehouse, and did so *pro bono*.

**Garden tour 2017—June 10.** Final preparations. Sarah Gleason passed out the official guide booklet. On the day of the tour, Sarah will host at the bike path trailhead. Mike O'Hare will host half the day at Pleasant Place; we need someone to split this shift with Mike. Megan? Charles? (Call Mike at 612-275-8429). It would also be good if we could get someone to be available to answer questions about the hops plants. Mark and Lindsay?

We need to get Pleasant Place ready to go. From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Sunday June 4, volunteers will gather to clean up Pleasant Place. Thank you to Ericka for moving all the remaining bags of mulch to Pleasant Place where we need them. Sarah will create a PDF with the "top ten weeds" in our neighborhood, to help the black-thumbed know what to pull. Don't miss the Full Moon gardening night on Friday June 9!

We need to distribute flyers to our neighbors advertising the Garden Tour. Sarah circulated a map of the neighborhood for us to choose which areas we'll cover.

Sarah planted a seed for later: think about this. We need to come up with a long-term "adopt this space" plan for maintaining portions of the public areas, for weeding, maintenance and other cleanup.

**Additional questions for NeighborWorks' Community Impact Measurement Survey.** Mark distributed a draft of a 'Little Bohemia Community Impact' survey and asked for feedback. Are there questions we'd like to see added? Yes; perhaps some additional queries about safety, specifically illegal activity (homeless squatters, drug dealing). How about a signup for adding email addresses, so that we can more widely advertise LBNA meetings and community events? Mark is hoping this will become a fully online survey.

**Bike path official naming.** Mark. We've long since discussed and agreed to a name for this path ("Little Bohemia Trail"), and it's been published. All that remains is for us to ask Rebecca Noecker to have the City Council make it 'official.'

**Progressive neighborhood happy hour.** We threw around some ideas, and will discuss this further at the July meeting.

**General updates.**

- Pleasant Place trash duty 2017: please sign up! (<http://signup.com/go/TA2WsK>)

**Current problem properties/safety concerns.** We're seeing a lot of recreational traffic on our streets—go-karts, mopeds, ATVs, that type of vehicle. Loud. Fast. On the sidewalks and bike paths as well. Riders are of various ages. These vehicles all seem to be coming from 160 Richmond Avenue. Today Mark saw some police activity, talking to residents. If you see this activity and are concerned, please call the police non-emergency number to report it.

There has been some disagreement (again) between Tim & Sarah and the Jaworskis about the driveway blockage. It may need to go to civil court for resolution.

Many houses on Sturgis have been purchased (by landlords) and new renters are moving in. We would like to send a Little Bohemia neighborhood welcome to the tenants, so that we can bring them into our community and foster good relationships.

**Upcoming events.**

- Friday June 9, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Full Moon gardening night at Pleasant Place
- Saturday June 10, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual West End Neighbors garden tour featuring Little Bohemia (<http://www.fortroadfederation.org/west-end-garden-tour.html>)

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

The next LBNA business meeting will be Thursday, July 6 2017, hosted by Sarah Gleason at 271 Forbes Avenue. Send agenda ideas to [info@littlebohemiastpaul.org](mailto:info@littlebohemiastpaul.org)

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