

Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association
Meeting notes, June 5, 2018

Meeting hosted by Lam and Meredith, 459 Banfil Street, 7:00 PM

Chaired by Mark

Introductions!

NeighborWorks Home Partners Little Bohemia Neighborhood Survey Results. Amanda and Jason. NeighborWorks is a non-profit historically interested in the West Side/Little Bohemia area. The survey was a 2-phase 'Community Impact Measurement,' starting in 2013 and concluding in 2017. 287 households were randomly selected from 580-some households in the Little Bohemia neighborhood. 165 households responded in 2013, 196 in 2017. If you have questions or want to see aggregated data, email Amanda at awelliver@nwhomepartners.org, and Jason at jpeterson@nwhomepartners.org. You can also consult with Amanda and Jason about loans to homeowners for health- and safety-related home repairs/improvements, including lead window paint abatement. Their Website is <http://www.nwhomepartners.org>

Watering plan for Little Bohemia Trail plants. Mark. If we start with only one hydrant hookup, the need at Pleasant Place seems greatest (with fruit trees and the planters, plus the fence-side path plantings). We understand there is a one-time \$35 hookup charge, and then charges (at nonprofit rates) based on water usage. Last year, the hookup and usage charges came to about \$200 for the summer.

Ad-hoc discussion: city-mandated garbage collection. While not on our agenda, we briefly discussed our various dissatisfactions with St. Paul's announced trash collection move.

47 Douglas Street update. Mark. HRA owns this house. They have received an application to rehabilitate the house by an owner who will occupy it. There is a 45-day waiting period in which any other proposals, if received by HRA, will be evaluated along with the one now on file. A decision is pending.

412 Goodrich Street update. Sharon. The John Lewis House. Mark your calendars: there will be another fundraiser on June 21 at Bad Weather Brewing.

Summer progressive happy hour planning. Lam. This went really well twice last year, once in the summer and once at Christmas. 1 hour per household; each household provides one type of drink and one type of refreshment. Lam has the volunteers he needs. Date TBA.

New leadership for LBNA. Mark. Mark has recently joined the Fort Road Federation board and a variety of city partnerships. Lindsay is doing the same. Both have co-chaired the LBNA for the last few years. They need to step away from leading LBNA. Michael O'Hare and Lam Nguyen have graciously agreed to step up as the new co-chairs of LBNA. If you are interested in volunteering in some capacity, please contact Mark.

Current problem properties/safety concerns.

300 Sturgis has been sold, and the new owners are preparing to repair it. We should reach out to the new owners and invite them to an LBNA meeting.

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

Updates:

The Citywide Coordinated Trash Collection Program enrollment deadline was Friday June 8. Residents should have received a postcard during the week of May 14, asking them to select the size of cart and level of service they wish to receive, along with a code specific to each household. Residents had to make their selection by June 1 by one of these methods:

- Mailing back the postage-paid card
- Calling the phone number on the card
- Visiting the city's website at stpaul.gov/garbage

For those residents who did NOT make their selection by June 1, the City will make the choice for you, based on a resident's current level of service. If the household has not had trash service previously, the city will assign a medium (64-gallon) cart with weekly pickup. For updated information, visit stpaul.gov/garbage.

While we are on the topic of trash collection, it is time to get our **Pleasant Place trash rotation** going again. As a reminder, we participate in the city of Saint Paul's Adopt a Container program, which allows us to have a high quality trash can. The trade-off is that we have to empty the trash bags into our household trash cans.

We can make this pretty easy if we all volunteer for a week or two over the summer. Sign up at the website below and get more details. Even better - if you plug in your email address you will get a reminder when it is your week for trash:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2339470/false#/invitation>

The next LBNA business meeting will be Tuesday July 3, hosted by Mary at 135 Western Avenue South. If you have agenda ideas please email info@littlebohemiaspaul.org (<https://www.facebook.com/events/2090114081260112/>)

Upcoming events:

***Third Monday Monthly Community Gardening Night.** Monday, June 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Gather at Pleasant Place, corner of Harrison Avenue and Garfield Street. (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1659111857517992/>)

***Fundraiser to benefit the restoration of 412 Goodrich,** the John Lewis House. Thursday June 21st, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Bad Weather Brewing Company. (<https://www.facebook.com/events/140951273439513/>)

***Grand Oak Opry presents Chastity Brown.** Saturday June 23rd, 7:30 to 9 ☺) PM, 273
Goodhue Street.
(<https://www.facebook.com/grandoakopry/>)

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