

Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association
Meeting Notes, July 6, 2017

Meeting hosted by Sarah Gleason, 271 Forbes Avenue, 7:00 PM—Chaired by Mark Fangmeier

- Introductions!
- National Night Out Planning
 - There will be no monthly business meeting in August, instead we'll be gathering for National Night Out!
 - Tuesday, August 1st, 6:30pm at Pleasant Place (Harrison Avenue and Garfield Street)
 - Please bring a dish or dessert to share.
 - Bring your own beverage.
- Little Bohemia Neighborhood Progressive Happy Hour!
 - Friday, August 11th, 4-9 pm
 - We have four hosts (Lam, Mary, Ericka, and Jenny)
 - It will begin from 4 PM at the first location. Each subsequent host will open their house for one hour each. For example 6 - 7 PM, 7 - 8 PM, and 8 - 9 PM. For those who want to still hang out, we will proceed to Bad Weather.
 - It is a BYOB (so hitch your wagons or Radio Flyers), but each host will provide light snacks and mini-cocktails.
 - More details will be emailed out and look for a Facebook event on the LBNA Facebook page soon!
- Historic Neighborhood Tour w/ Jim Sazevich
 - If you are interested in partaking in a walking tour of the neighborhood provided by neighborhood historian, Jim Sazevich, please email Sharon at sondouglas@hotmail.com
 - There is a charge for the tour, typically \$15 a person.
 - More details coming soon.
- Adopt a Garden on Little Bohemia Trail
 - The community planting areas along Little Bohemia Trail have been segmented into plots.
 - If you are interested in adopting a plot (essentially being responsible for weeding and general upkeep) please email Jenny at jen@mnnature.org
- Housing Discussion
 - 412 Goodrich
 - This is the John Lewis house, which was built in 1856 and is the 10th oldest building in St. Paul
 - It was recently upgraded to a Category 3 Vacant Property
 - The owner of the property was told that he either needed to present a rehab plan or demolition plan.
 - A combination of neighbors, historic preservation nonprofit representatives and nonprofit housing representatives met with the owner to discuss the property on June 22nd.
 - Also on June 22nd the St. Paul Historic Preservation Commission met and represented a report on the property. In the report they suggested

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that a rehab plan be made for the property or that it be mothballed to protect the property until a plan can be made.

- On June 27th there was a legislative hearing concerning the property. At the hearing the Hearing Officer stated that she would suggest to the City Council that a 60 day delay on the demolition order be granted so long as:
 - The owner makes a \$5,000 performance deposit with the city.
 - The owner agrees to not request a permit for the property until September 12th.
 - The owner agrees to have an updated code compliance inspection performed.
 - The owner agrees to upkeep the property
- The owner of the property agreed to all of these terms and is currently working with neighborhood and nonprofit partners to formulate a rehab plan for the property.
- A vote was taken at the meeting on Thursday and every neighbor in attendance agreed that the neighborhood position should be one where all options to rehab and prevent demolition of the property are completely exhausted before demolition takes place.
- 292 Sturgis
 - This is a long vacant property that the neighborhood has been trying to find a solution to (i.e. someone to purchase and rehab the property) for a number of years.
 - Most in the neighborhood thought that the bank was dragging their feet on finalizing foreclosure and sale of the property.
 - Jenny has discovered that there may have been multiple offers made to purchase this property but they have been rejected because the Fort Road Federation has a lean on some roofing work that was done on the house.
 - Sharon will be investigating this and asking the Fort Road Federation for more information.
- 47 Douglas
 - Jerry (who lives at 41 Douglas across the alley from the property) has spoken to the city and told him that he is interested in purchasing the property if the house is demolished.
 - Everyone at the meeting agreed that the neighborhood position on demolition of the property is that all options for rehab of the property should be completely exhausted before demolition takes place.
 - Tom will continue to work with the city to pursue rehab options for the property.
 - We will come back and discuss this property again at the LBNA September monthly meeting.
- Little Bohemia Neighborhood Garage Sale?

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- Some neighbors have expressed interest in participating in another neighborhood wide garage sale this year.
- We are still looking into dates and gauging neighbor interest.
- If you would like to participate in a neighborhood garage sale this year please email info@littlebohemiastpaul.org and provide your name and address.
- Current Problem Properties / Safety Concerns
 - Homeless Encampment on Little Bohemia Trail near Duke Street
 - If you see anything please report it by using <https://en.seeclickfix.com/> or going to the City of St. Paul website at <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/city-information-complaints>

The next LBNA meeting is NATIONAL NIGHT OUT! It will be on Tuesday, August 1st, 6:30pm at Pleasant Place (Harrison Avenue and Garfield Street). Plan to bring your favorite beverage and a food dish to share.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, July 15 from 7:30 - 9 pm, Andy Cook at Grand Oak Opry (\$10 admission, all proceeds go to the artists)
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/117605765501393>
- Sunday, July 23 from 4 - 7 pm, Great Ward 2 BBQ at Parque de Castillo
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-ward-2-bbq-tickets-35501027529>
- Saturday, July 29 from 7:30 - 9 pm, The Pines at Grand Oak Opry (\$10 admission, all proceeds go to the artists)
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/291032294682052>
- Saturday, August 5 from 7:30 - 9 pm, Lady Midnight (w/ DJ Keezy) at Grand Oak Opry (\$10 admission, all proceeds go to the artists)
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1846477512270759>
- Monday, August 7, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Full Moon Garden Night at Pleasant Place
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1477495145642115>
- Friday, August 11, from 4 - 9 pm, Little Bohemia Neighborhood Progressive Happy Hour