

**Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association
Meeting notes, February 13, 2018**

**Meeting hosted by Mark and Lindsay, 455 Banfil Street, 7:00 PM
Chaired by Mark Fangmeier**

Introductions!

Little Bohemia Trail - Mark Fangmeier

- Garden adopters kick-off celebration. Friday March 2, 6:00 PM, Bad Weather. Contact Jen Gelhar for information, jengehlhar@yahoo.com,
- Monthly gardening dates. We reached a general consensus for the third Monday of each month; gather in Pleasant Place, corner of Garfield and Harrison.
- Citywide Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.
- Phase 3 (final) planting 2018, this coming fall. This will be the third and last of our three fall plantings, from Goodrich to St. Clair.

Phase 3's landscaping is being designed in a way that will help to limit overgrowth in an effort to reduce areas where encampments and trash can accumulate. For the hillsides, the plants help with erosion, and pollinator-friendly diversity, and beautification for path users. Without intentional plants, the Burdock and thistles take over. An intentional, well landscaped area has been proven to deter loitering. We have a significant and unique situation of loitering with the homeless population. We must remember that no single solution will remedy this issue in our particular area. Our design will positively help. Watch for more information on this at upcoming meetings.

- We talked a bit about pedestrian safety on West Seventh—there is none. We discussed crosswalks and why the City of St. Paul doesn't want to paint any. Nor would crosswalks be sufficient: we need a safety study, or the kinds of warning signs located near Bennett's Chop and Rail House (West Seventh and Victoria). Could we get the City to more stringently enforce current parking regulations, as they do in Irvine Park? (E.g. you can get a ticket for parking within 20 feet of an unmarked crosswalk.)

412 Goodrich Update - Mark Fangmeier

- This is the John Lewis House, built in 1856. Things are moving forward toward renovating this house. Once the City approves the plans, the owner (Historic Saint Paul) must put down a \$5,000 security bond. This starts a 180-day clock for the repairs and renovations. The final decision will be made March 21 by the full City Council. If this is approved, repairs will begin. The hope is to put the renovated house on the market in the autumn. There will be another fund-raiser before that.

Hit and Run Accident on Duke & Michigan - Mark Fangmeier

- Tom Corbett was seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver. You may know Tom from his job bagging groceries at Cooper's on West Seventh. Officer Julie Sam, STPD, is the lead investigator. If you have information about this, please call her direct (651) 266-9990 or email julie.sam@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Upcoming Meetings - Mark Fangmeier

- Sign up to host 2018 LBNA Meetings. Nikki has volunteered for April, Amber for July and Kelley for November; we have the rest of the year mapped out except for the May and December socials. (And Ericka typically hosts the May social!)

Current problem properties/safety concerns.

- We discussed illegal parking and other problems caused by events at the Excel Center. We're told that St. Paul Police will send out parking enforcement officers if they get calls. So please, call (and use the non-emergency phone number, 651-266-8989).
- There is concern about the frequency with which Shepard Road is closed for road races, bicycle races, etc. It seems way too frequent.

Remember to call 651-266-8989, and report nuisance properties to the City! You can also email Emily Northey, emily@fortroadfederation.org.

The Fort Road Federation's annual meeting will be at Summit Brewing's taproom, April 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

The Fort Road Federation will have a special informational meeting for prospective Board members on March 5, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the Federation offices. If you are at all interested in serving on the Federation's Board, please come.

If you find glaring errors in these notes, please send corrections to sisk@macalester.edu

The next LBNA business meeting will be **Tuesday, March 6th**, hosted by Michael at 358 Goodrich Avenue. Send agenda ideas to info@littlebohemiastpaul.org