

**Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting notes, Tuesday September 4, 2018**

**Meeting hosted by Laurel and Charles, 151 Goodrich Avenue, 7:00 PM**

Chaired by Lam.

**Introductions!**

**Housing updates.**   **69 Garfield:** the City has stripped the siding, and is waiting for the State officer to sign off on further work.

**412 Goodrich:** the John Lewis House. The project has been laid over for another 6 weeks. Historic St. Paul has applied for some Federal rehabilitation funds (there's a gap of about \$100K between the expected cost and the value; about \$40K has been raised to date). A new foundation is necessary; perhaps some donations in kind (e.g. work) can help close the gap. The Federal funding decision will be announced in October. The goal is owner-occupation. Further layovers in increments of 6 weeks at a time are possible.

**47 Douglas.** John Yust has found someone interested in rehabilitating this property, but it's early days yet. Watch this space.

**Home improvement funds - NeighborWorks.** (Chris, 651-348-5079 or <https://nwhomepartners.org>) NeighborWorks has some money for West 7<sup>th</sup>-area homeowners who are looking to make improvements. Requirements and stipulations are unclear: if you're considering improvements, please call Chris for more information.

**Parking survey.** St. Paul is planning to conduct a parking survey in the coming months. This will cover the RiverCentre to St. Clair. Are there spaces that could be created or 'found'? Changes to neighborhood parking rules could eventually come out of this study.

**Little Bohemia Trail Fall Planting.** Jenny Gehlher. Phase III has been approved by MNDoT from Harrison to Michigan. The City and MNDoT need a signed resolution (that is, signed by the LBNA co-chairs) to proceed. This resolution says we, the neighbors, will plant and care for the plants that MNDoT purchases. Once the resolution is signed and submitted, we can pick a date. Spring 2019 seems generally better for this next phase of planting than fall 2018.

**Current problem properties/safety concerns.** 294 Sturgis. This is a rental property. The renters aren't really a problem, other than having lots of cars in the driveway, but the absentee landlady isn't doing much maintenance. The roof is in poor shape and may be leaking. We are worried about retribution against the tenants from the landlady if we complain.

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

The next LBNA business meeting will be Tuesday October 7, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, hosted by Mark and Naomi at 90 S. Garfield Street. Send agenda ideas to [info@littlebohemiastpaul.org](mailto:info@littlebohemiastpaul.org)

**Events:**

**\*St. Paul Oktoberfest! Starts Friday, September 14 at 4:00 PM; goes through 10:00 PM Saturday, September 15.** Schmidt Artist Lofts.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/889960507869673/>

**\*Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.** On the third Monday of every month, gather at Pleasant Place. Pick weeds, pick up trash, prune, rake and plant. Bring your gardening gloves. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1778564182454852>

**\*Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 8:00 PM.** Grand Oak Opry (273 Goodhue Street) presents David Huckfelt & Erik Koshinen Band.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/499185773890348/>

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