Date: Tuesday, 1th September August 2026, 18:00-20:00

Attendees: President LSNA-Lamczyk, President-Elect (Treasurer)-Larson, Past President-Volpe, Safey Chair-Kirkpatrick, Membership Chair-Malina, Fundraising Chair-Absher, Communications Chair-Warner, Preservation Chair-Kapp, Member at Large-Fine and Member at Large-Haydon

Meeting Summary

The board meeting covered nominations for the October election and a conditional self-nomination request for future vice-president succession planning, reviews of recent events (new neighbor social) and membership outreach, detailed budget and spending discussions focused on discretionary donations to non-profits and priorities, and multiple safety initiatives including extending neighborhood patrol funding, exploring linked camera systems, and substation technology for police use. Preservation and problem properties, communications and IT role restructuring, fundraising/development alignment, tour coordination, and upcoming events (National Night Out, membership meeting) were also discussed. Several motions passed (approval of prior minutes and a $500 reimbursement for a birthday outing for Linda Weiner); the board agreed to follow up on nominations, budget clarifications, security contracting, camera vendor research, substation technology costs, membership packets for new residents, and traffic-calming studies with city collaboration.

Next Steps

- Close nominations for the October election slate by end of September; board members to self-nominate as needed. (04:18)
- President declared his nomination for the 2027 term to the VP/President-Elect position to be conditional. The condition is for a minimum of five current board members to pledge self-nomination for the 2029 vice president-elect runoff condition (as described by the president). The board acknowledge this commitment and they will self-nominate to this position approximately in the 2027 term nomination period which is the August-September 2027 timeframe (05:41)
- Send list of proposed charitable recipients and priorities for annual discretionary giving to non-profits (members to email their suggestions) for subsequent voting in November. (23:45)
- Confirm funding to extend neighborhood patrol coverage October–December at the reduced rate and provide budget numbers to treasurer for final decision. (40:06)
- Research and provide a one-page proposal on AwareNet (camera + patrol integration) including costs and operational model for board review. (46:16)

- Obtain clarification and quotes for substation police terminal hardware and service contract (one-time hardware ~$1,625 cited; confirm servicing terms). (66:04)
- Communications/IT chairs to define roles (separate communications content vs. IT responsibilities) and identify successor/backup for current communications lead. (28:30)
- Prepare a new-resident welcome packet concept (flyer and small items) and estimate budget; membership chair to report back. (76:48)
- Coordinate with city traffic/streets to reuse prior 2022 traffic calming study or secure approved vendor study and request targeted crosswalk/markings at Missouri/Park and Mississippi/Lafayette. (60:50)
- Board to collect and forward names for committee/chair nominations (chairs to confirm membership status and roles). (12:05)

Elections & Board Slate

1. Slate for October election will close at end of September; board to accept additional nominations until then. (04:18)
2. President conditioned a nomination on at least five current board members self-nominating for the VP-elect role effective for a later term (mentioned as 2029 term planning). (05:41)
3. Clarification that duplicate roles count as one vote; quorum calculations reviewed (14 individuals, 7 present made quorum). (02:21)
4. Chair and chair-elect positions and committee compositions were discussed; corrections to duplicate listings on slate noted. (09:31)
5. Board approved prior meeting minutes by motion and second; vote recorded as 'Aye'. (03:50)

Financials & Budgeting

1. Discussion about discretionary donations to other non-profits vs. mission-aligned spending; desire to prioritize neighborhood non-profits needs over funding other external non-profits. (18:36)
2. Proposal to identify top charitable recipients and create a budget policy determining if line items for donations are recurring or opportunistic. (21:34)
3. Request board members to send emails with proposed recipients and priorities for this year’s contributions. (23:45)

4. Approved a $500 reimbursement motion for a celebratory dinner for a volunteer extraordinare Linda Weiner for her Beautificcation effort (motion made and seconded; all voted 'Aye'). (16:43)
5. Discussion of budget rollovers and that unspent category funds (e.g., safety) roll into general revenue and can be reallocated in future budgets. (25:15)

Preservation

1. Preservation committee reported problem properties; demand letters sent for a Carroll Street property and ongoing work with city cultural resources for 1411 Dolman developer issues. (73:23)

Fundraising & Events

1. Fundraising restructuring discussed; plan to determine whether to rename 'fundraising' to 'development' and carve out IT responsibilities. (28:42)
2. Tour coordination needs a lead to compile home descriptions and coordinate volunteers; current committee listed six members with two additional volunteers anticipated. (38:04)
3. Discussion about the holiday tour fundraising and potential reallocations to cover planned improvements and security costs for the rest of the year. (40:39)

Membership

4. New neighbor social had good turnout, mixed age groups; idea proposed for a welcome packet to describe neighborhood meetings and responsibilities of the organization.

Communications, IT & Development,

1. Proposal to redefine fundraising as 'development' and to broaden communications responsibilities to include fundraising and membership support. (28:30)
2. Need identified for separate IT role distinct from communications (Google Workspace, MFA, phone numbers, website management); Wayne White (our neighbor and contractor) handles website hosting and Studio 2108 assists with uploads. (30:02)
3. Chair to define communications vs. IT role before next meeting and identify successor/backup for current communications lead; social media managed by @President LSNA (noted Danielle LaPrius manages social media). (29:30)
4. Directory printing and distribution noted (extra 150 copies) and a phishing incident referenced—Larson confirmed that chairs receive budget transactions reports spreadsheets. (82:00)
5. Need for multiple content creators for communications and tour materials; volunteer identified to develop content with others producing social content. (35:48)

Safety & Security

1. Proposal to extend neighborhood patrol contract at a reduced rate ($2,500/month) for remainder of year (Sept–Dec) and discussion of budget coverage. (39:29)
2. Board discussed possibility of funding six months of patrol next year if funds allow and soliciting apartment complexes/businesses to contribute to patrol costs. (71:05)
3. Discussion about privacy/controversy of cameras in public; plan to target problem areas (parking lots, alleys) and review crime history to place cameras strategically. (48:40)
4. Police substation lease discussed with request for technology (police terminal) and a memorandum of understanding; tentative one-time hardware cost ~$1,625 plus service—clarify service term and costs. (66:04)
5. Met with City's traffic/streets, with Reign and Alderwoman Antwi for the Missouri and Hickory about problematic alley/egress; short-term signage and a review for potential one-way or other traffic calming measures planned. (52:09)
6. We had an earlier 2022 traffic calming study (Board of Public Service) that may be reused; board to request the city provide scope/costs or allow reuse to avoid paying for a new study. (60:50)
7. Immediate action: city to add crosswalk markings at Missouri/Park, Park/Mississippi and Missouri/Lafayette and consider additional high-visibility markings around the square. (63:36)
8. Discussed temporary bump-outs/planters or removable lane-narrowing devices as interim traffic calming that can be removed for events like bike races. (58:30)
9. Concern raised about ongoing apartment development creating parking overflow into neighborhood; suggested evaluating an empty lot for additional parking if feasible. (54:37)