

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:34 pm on January 4, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the December 2020 meeting minutes. Evelyn Turner moved to approve the minutes, and Melinda Platt seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

- Lunches with Lisa will continue in a virtual environment starting again this month.
- 24th St. Alley paving project will begin the week of January 11.
- The city voted last month to reinstitute the minimum funding to neighborhood associations.
- After intense discussions with the Met Council regarding the next phase on SWLRT construction, which will be massively disruptive, a community-wide informational meeting has been scheduled for January 14.
 - ⇒ Can we embrace this as an opportunity for our community? (e.g. viewing platform for kids?)
- The city will notify the public regarding vaccination sites once the city receives access to vaccines.

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies ● The Met Council is hosting a community meeting on Thursday, January 14, 6-7:30pm to inform the community regarding 2021 activities and anticipated impacts from those activities. Discussion will be focused on Kenilworth activities,

but the discussion will be open to all. The Met Council will make a 40-45 minute presentation, followed by 40-45 minutes of Q&A.

- David Davies will do door knocking and flyering in advance of disruptive activities.
- The Met Council is aware of the noise associated with construction near the channel, but they are within noise restrictions, and are doing the work as efficiently as possible. That work should be completed this week, and will not resume until spring.
- Water displaced by concrete pours will not be discharged into the channel, but via environmental services lines, meaning that the construction should not impact recreational activities in the spring/summer.

KNO Board Roundtable – Personal and Shared goals for 2021

Participants shared their goals for the board's work in 2021:

- Southwest Light Rail construction neighborhood advocacy and communication ● Recruitment of new board members, possibly through specific initiatives / areas of interest
- Racial justice initiatives
- Community response to the development prompted by the SWLRT ● Increased outreach and communication to and with the entire Kenwood community, including youth engagement
- Support of local businesses
- Programing and community building at Cedar Lake Beach
- Response to increased crime in Kenwood and Uptown
- Engagement with Kenwood School and Minneapolis public schools redistricting ● Focus on three sub-committees with specific core functions:
 - o Preserving the integrity of our board – fundraising, recruitment, finding executive members
 - o Coordinating with other community organizations and efforts.
 - o Communications and outreach

Kenwood Business Initiative – Update from Matt

- Matt reached out to all of the business owners in the Kenwood business district and received feedback from three. Key take-aways:
 - o Veterinary Clinic: People may notice increased vehicles in the street due to COVID protocols
 - o The second round of PPP Funds will provide needed assistance to many businesses in the area
 - o Birchbark Books has seen an increase in online business and is looking for additional storage space for inventory.
- Common feedback was that decreased school traffic has meant an increase of cars

speeding through the intersection

⇒ Matt will research the feasibility of adding a barrier in the intersection to encourage slow passage (see example [here](#)).

Renewal of Amanda's contract

- The board reviewed the finalized contract with Amanda Vallone, which will be reviewed at least semi-annually. Amanda's role will include:
 - o Facilitation of survey
 - o Monthly email newsletters
 - o Website redesign
 - o Welcome kit design and distribution
 - o Quarterly newsletter to residents via mail
 - o East Cedar Lake Beach programming
 - o Coordination with Hill and Lake Press
- Amanda will present her 2021 comprehensive communication plan at the Board's February meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 1, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#).

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes February 1, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:31 pm on February 1, 2021, by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, and Melinda Platt.

Board Member not present: Kyle Leier

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Sue Westerman, Carissa Brown, Lori Mittag, Mary Schwanke

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the January 4, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

- Lunches with Lisa will continue virtually – next one scheduled for February 17 will feature Andrea Brennan on economic recovery plans for Lake Street.
- New Inspector Katie Blackwell from the 5th precinct would be happy to join upcoming meetings.
- The city has sent out mailings reminding residents to shovel their sidewalks. Residents who need assistance with snow piles on corners should call 311.
- Council Member Goodman did not approve of a charter amendment introduced by three of her colleagues, which would create a Department of Public Safety managed by the City Council.

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies ● The first in a series of town halls occurred in early January.

- Two important pieces of work are approaching:
 - The creation of the corridor protection barrier has always been a part of the plan and has now been formally incorporated into the project.
 - It has been determined that unstable soil near the Calhoun Isles condos (near the planned tunnel), will require additional planning. This will result in delays, and the project will not open in 2023.

Updates from MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill

- The Minneapolis parks are experiencing extraordinary usage this winter, and the MPRB continues to explore ways to make passages designated for skiing and walking clear. Feedback is welcome.
- The Cedar Isles Master Planning process continues, and the public comment period has been extended for six months. Residents are encouraged to [share their ideas and feedback](#) with the MPRB. [Online Open House Regarding Encroachments](#) is scheduled for February 16.
- The Board of Commissioners is working to address the epidemic of youth violence in our city by targeting youth programming.
- The MPRB is looking to city, county and state officials for leadership in addressing the ongoing crisis of homelessness in our communities as spring approaches.

Cedar Isles Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update from Will Stensrud ●

Residents are encouraged to participate in the [Cedar-Isles Virtual Walking Tour](#). ● The CAC continues to hold public meetings, but they have begun to transition to more formal planning and structured time for committee work.

- Water quality continues to be a focus of the CAC, and those who attend and comment at CAC meetings.
- The designers will begin creating concepts, to be reviewed first by the CAC.

Update on Know Your Neighbor safety initiative from Sue Westerman, Chair, Crime and Safety Committee of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association ●

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association has created a system aimed at increasing the speed and accuracy of crime-related information received at the neighborhood level.

- LHNA has established a list of block leaders, who will communicate with one another regarding safety incidents on their blocks:
 - Block leaders will create two-way communication with their blocks, collecting and sharing first-person factual accounts of incidents.
 - Block leaders will share information among themselves for dissemination to neighbors.
 - Intended to complement, not replace, City communications
- LHNA is interested in extending this network to Kenwood and East Isles. Those interested in leading this effort should reach out to Mark Brown, who can connect them to Sue.

2021 Events and Budget

- Will Stensrud proposed a 2021 event calendar and budget of \$9,370 for the 2021 year. This is modeled on previous years' plans, with a focus on community engagement. The budget also includes \$2,000 for additional park police patrols, if necessary.

- Will Stensrud made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Jeremy seconded, and the motion passed.

Neighbor Outreach and Communications

- The committee reviewed the contents of an online Community Survey, focused on collecting contact information for mailing lists, and identifying community priorities. Door hangers, including QR code and URL for the survey, will be delivered throughout the neighborhood this month.
- Amanda Valone will be collecting article ideas for the KNO Spring Newsletter until February 10

Schedule Meeting on KNO Structure, Governance and Funding ● Mark Brown suggested that an Executive Committee be formed to focus on KNO Structure and Governance and respond to the NCR funding guidelines. The first meeting will be scheduled in the month of February.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#).

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:32 pm on March 1, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Board Members not present: Kyle Leier, Angie Erdrich

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Larry Moran, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jody Strakosch, Klaus Kohlmayr, LaLeeta Bilbro

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the February 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Jack Levi moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

- No Lunch with Lisa in March, April event will feature representatives from [Avivo](#) on Wednesday, April 28, 12-1
- Preparations for upcoming Chauvin trial: The city held a Public Briefing on March 1: [Public Safety Plans and Preparations](#). A number of resources are available to keep community members informed:
 - Follow “City of Minneapolis” on Facebook and Twitter
 - <https://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis>
 - <https://twitter.com/CityMinneapolis>
 - Follow “Operation Safety Net” on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MNOperationSafetyNet>
 - <https://twitter.com/MinnesotaOSN>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/mnoperationsafetynet/>
 - City News Web Page: <http://news.minneapolismn.gov/>
 - Link to Minnesota Courts Page:
<https://www.mncourts.gov/media/StateofMinnesotavDerekChauvin>

- City is hosting 2 online open houses for Hennepin Ave. S. Reconstruction March 2, 4-5pm – she will send links
- The city continues to host online events regarding transforming community safety, with a focus on reforming law enforcement response and protocols

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies ● David will be delivering flyers in the neighborhood in the next week regarding the timing of concrete pours, which will result in extended days of extensive truck traffic.

- There will be limited pile driving for a few weeks in late March or early April along the channel. David will keep the community updated.

Public comments

Elizabeth Shaffer

- Friends of Thomas Lowry Park have succeeded in raising \$300K for the Seven Pools renovation project, which will start in March – thank you to the Kenwood community for contributing to this effort.
- Elizabeth is committed to continuing to build communities around city parks, and has decided to run for Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner for District 4.

Community engagement

KNO Board members and community volunteers have delivered surveys to all community members via door-hangers. 37 responses have been received thus far. ● Safety is the biggest open-ended concern expressed by those who have responded thus far.

- Final results will be discussed in future meetings.

Safety communications

- The board discussed the upcoming trial and the community's concerns regarding safety during these times. See City resources above for sources of news during this time.
- Mark updated the KNO Board regarding on-going conversations with Sue Westerman, Chair, Crime and Safety Committee of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association. A next step could be identifying those in the KNO community who are block leaders.

Updates regarding spring newsletter

Amanda reported that KNO's spring newsletter will mail on March 15. Articles to include details regarding our spring tree planting event, an update from Marc at Kenwood Rec, summer beach schedule, and interview with the new owner of The Kenwood.

Neighborhoods 2020

A sub-committee of the board has met to review this initiative and the requirements for continuing to receive available funding. More detail should be available in the coming months. Matt is working with the KNO's accountant to get better reporting in preparation for this initiative

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 5, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#) .

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board

April 5, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board was called to order at 6:32 pm on April 5, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Board Member not present: Kyle Leier

Others present: SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Larry Matsumoto, Rebecca Hughes, Courtney Kiernat, Amy Morgan, Robyn Bruggeman, Nicholas Kor, Mary Schwanke, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jack Whitehurst

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the March 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman (provided via email) • April Lunch with

Lisa will feature representatives from [Avivo](#) on Wednesday, April 28, 12-1

- Hennepin South Reconstruction Project: Draft concept designs and comment form will be available for input through April 16 at

<http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cip/futureprojects/HennepinSouth> • City Trees

Program allows Minneapolis property owners to buy a tree for \$25. Sign up available through April 16 (first come, first serve basis) at

<https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com/> .

- Creating Resilient Yards: \$15 online workshops available at www.bluethumb.org/events , or call 651-699-2426.
- Twin Cities Region Solar Co-op helps homeowners get rooftop solar. Learn more at: www.solarunitedneighbors.org/twincities .
- April 12-16 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Expect siren testing on Thursday, April 15. Sign up for wireless emergency alerts at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/> •

Chauvin Trial Updates: Sign up to receive updates here:

https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-sa_fety/ .

Business and property owners can call 612-673-2499 with questions about business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.

- COVID-19 Vaccine Connector:
<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies ●

Kenwood-specific updates:

- First concrete pour is complete and went as planned, a second pour will be scheduled in late April or early May
- 7-10 work days of pile driving on the channel will begin this month ● Impact (in time and money) of recently discovered project delays is still being assessed.

Public comments

- Jim Barnett asked about the Minneapolis Park Board's plan for potential encampments this summer, and Elizabeth Shaffer shared that she understands that the Park Police should be the first call for concerned residents related to park activities. Details regarding the Park Board's encampment policy is located at <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/encampments/>.
- Courtney Kiernat expressed a desire to think about how our neighborhood can proactively assist our unsheltered neighbors. Board member Will Stensrud encouraged Courtney to join the board and spearhead this working group.

Update regarding Franklin Ave. Resurfacing Project, Amy Morgan, Larry Matsumoto, Public Works Transportation Planning

- Resurfacing of Franklin Ave. between Penn / Oliver and Hennepin: Funding to be split between assessments and city bonds. Formal public meeting for impacted residents is scheduled for June 9.
- Safety upgrades: The goal is to improve safety and predictability for all modes of transportation while maintaining parking. The project will reduce lane width to allow for a dedicated bike lane where possible.

Update from Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) ●

Neighborhoods 2020 program roll-out will likely be delayed until January 1, 2022, and NCR will provide organizations with templates for the documents and policies required for participation in the program.

Community Engagement, Events, and Activities

- Angie and Melinda reported on their work with the Cedar Lake Park Association and Southwest High School students to schedule plantings of trees, bushes, native flowers, and ferns at East Cedar on May 12 and May 19. Angie requested that KNO support this project financially with purchase of gardening tools. The Board committed to contributing a portion of its landscaping budget to this project. ● Will reported that May 1 will be East Cedar Lake Beach clean-up day, which he will publicize soon. Additional programming will be scheduled as the board begins a permitting process.

- Matt Spies proposed moving our annual meeting to the fall to align with budgeting (and this year, would allow for in-person annual meeting). The board agreed to assemble a small group to plan the annual meeting and discuss further.
- Mark reported that the board has received only 65 responses to its community survey. Amanda will initiate further publicity.
- KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone reported the following to the board:
 - The April KNO news email will go out to residents this week.
 - The 2nd Annual Kenwood Art Rocks project (partnership with Kenwood School) is scheduled for May 22-31

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 3, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#).

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board

May 3, 2021

Opening

The Annual Meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board was called to order at 6:32 pm on May 3, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Board Member not present: Kyle Leier

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Valone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Ron Lotz, Courtney Kiernat, Klaus Kohlmayr, Colette Storme

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the April 5, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

- Wednesday, May 26, 12-1pm: Lunch (via Zoom) with Lisa will feature Mary Altman, Public Arts Administrator
- Street sweeping is happening now. Most of the side streets are completed, Kenwood Parkway, Lake of the Isles Parkway, and Franklin coming up. • All community members are invited to join the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention in a learning lab on transforming community safety at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 6. Interested community members can register [here](#). • Twenty Farmer's Markets will be opening for the 2021 season, with COVID safety measures in place. An interactive map and details regarding individual Farmer's Markets can be found [here](#).
- Minneapolis Aquatennial is back this year. Details regarding the July 21-25 are [here](#).
 - Under the city's emergency rent and utility assistance, owners and renters can apply for up to 16 months of assistance. Dial 211 for more information.

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies • This will be a quiet month in Kenwood: There is a break in concrete pours, and high vibration activity should be limited going forward. Light work will continue at 21st St.

Updates from KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Valone, • CIDNA has asked whether KNO wishes to partner on a neighborhood garage sale. Those interested in participating or leading the charge should contact Amanda. • We will do a July ad in the Hill and Lake Press advertising late summer events. • Last week, Kenwood Kids created May Day baskets for Jones-Harrison residents. • KNO will advertise in the Hill and Lake Press in

July for late summer events. The next KNO Newsletter will come out mid-June.

● May Day baskets created by Kenwood kids last week for Jones-Harrison ● The ARTrageous Youth Park Planning engagement series started last Thursday for kids age 10-17. Upcoming events start at ARTrageous Adventures:

- Thursday, May 13, 6-7:30pm: Walk to East Cedar Lake Beach, and improv workshop with Hale & Anthony from Graceful Monsters
- Saturday, May 15, 2:30-4:30pm: Burnham Woods Clean-up and Creative Writing / Painting Workshop
- Thursday, May 20, 6-7:30pm: East Cedar Lake Beach Creative Movement Workshop

East Cedar Lake Beach updates from Will Stensrud

- There was a successful beach clean-up last Saturday – thank you to the neighbors who helped out!
- Will and his team of volunteers will continue morning clean-up at the beach beginning Memorial Day weekend.
- Benches and Adirondack chairs will be returning to the beach this year, along with beach chairs for kids.
- Upcoming events
 - Art Rocks: Paint kits went out to Kenwood students last week, installation will be on display near East Cedar Lake Beach from May 22-May 31.
 - Hidden Acoustics events will begin starting in June.
 - Yoga at the Beach will be Thursdays at 7pm at East Cedar Lake Beach, with a possible expansion to Friday afternoon.
- More details to come regarding possible family events late summer. ● Angie Erdrich reminded the board of plans to partner with Cedar Lake Park Association and Southwest High School students to plan trees, bushes, native flowers, and ferns at East Cedar Lake Beach on May 12 and May 19.

Kenwood Neighborhood Survey from KNO Board Chair Mark Brown ●

[Summary Presentation to the Community](#)

- Response to date: 101 responses, 65 with comments
- Key concerns identified by the survey:
 - Crime and Safety is the top concern
 - Park Maintenance and preserving natural resources
 - Light-rail Impact
 - Desire for community togetherness and unity
- Continued work to determine priorities for the coming year

Election of 2021-2022 KNO Board Members

- The community voted to fix the number of board members to 18 (Will made the motion, Jeremy second, and the membership voted in favor. The Board will have the discretion to fill vacant positions not filled at this meeting)
- Slate for 2021-2022:
 - Mark Brown
 - Jeremy Nichols
 - Matt Spies
 - Evelyn Turner
 - Jack Levi
 - Angie Erdrich
 - Will Stensrud
 - Melinda Platt
 - Kyle Leier
 - Jim Barnett
 - Courtney Kiernat
 - Lana Baggenstos
- The Board will elect officers at next month's meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#).

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

7, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:30 pm on June 7, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Jim Barnett, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Lana Baggenstos

Board Members not present: Courtney Kiernat, Kyle Leier

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, Marc Holtey, Robin and Jack Conn, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jim DeBilzan, Jonathan Heathcote, David Schaezner, Carissa Brown

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the May 3, 2021, meeting minutes. Jim Barnett moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

- The next Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, June 30, with Senator Scott Dibble and Rep Frank Hornstein. Lisa Goodman's office is planning a Lunch with Lisa tour of the new Minneapolis Public Service Center building in July or August.
- Mask mandate has been lifted by the mayor – nearly 80% of all Minneapolis residents 15+ have been vaccinated. Vaccination clinics continue, and those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing masks.
- Under the city's emergency rent and utility assistance, owners and renters can apply for up to 16 months of assistance. Dial 211 for more information.
- Redistricting Advisory Committee – if an interest in serving apply by July 24 online at the [Charter Commission's Web site](#).

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies • 21st St.

Crossing: David is working on response to road surfacing and dust concerns – he appreciates the feedback.

- Concrete pours occurring tomorrow, and David will notify the community this evening.

- Cedar Isles Dean / Tunnel area: To keep this moving, they will begin hauling materials through Sunset Blvd off France due to space and timing constraints. This will allow the project to keep making progress on the tunnel.

Public Comments

- Park Board Updates from Elizabeth Schaffer and Will Stensrud: There are workforce shortages among mowers, lifeguards and maintenance assistance. • Will Stensrud responded to a question regarding Park Police presence at E Cedar Lake Beach. They have a daily presence schedule on the beach from late afternoon through the evening. Lieutenant Noble has assumed that KNO dollars will not be used on additional patrol presence this summer. Will plans to initiate further discussion via email.

KNO Officer Nominations and Election

The following individuals were nominated and elected to the following officer positions: •

Chair: Mark Brown

- Vice-Chair: Jim Barnett
- Treasurer: Jeremy Nichols
- Secretary: Matt Spies

Treasurer Update and Annual Report Review, Matt Spies

Annual report of Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2021

- Net Operating income for 2020: \$884, Primary source of income is grant from the city just over \$22,000)
 - There is a donate feature on our Web site that links to PayPal, and the executive team will work to make that more prominent.
 - Administrative cost is large part of the budget, which will increase based upon administrative requirements imposed by the city
- Current surplus in excess of \$37,000. In addition, there is \$35,000 from the City of Minneapolis that has not been spent. Those dollars will sunset if we do not spend them before the launch of Neighborhoods 2020. The board has previously discussed using a community grant-making program to use these funds.
- Jeremy and Matt will present a preliminary budget at next month's meeting and the board will approve the Annual Report and Budget after reviewing and discussing both together.

Activities and Engagement Updates

Coordinator updates, from Amanda Vallone

- Amanda has purchased Kenwood coffee mugs for use as thank you gifts for donations
- Please send summer newsletter content ideas to Amanda by June 11

East Cedar Lake Beach 2021 Events and Engagement, Will Stensrud •

Summer events at the Beach:

- Yoga at the Beach: Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons
 - Hidden Acoustics Series: Can be done with fewer restrictions
 - Lieutenant Noble is interested in doing a grilling event at the beach again this year. Currently looking at Saturday, July 10.
- Longer-term: Thinking about how we support sustainable growth at the beach, especially as the SWLRT opens. The board discussed establishing a separate East Cedar Lake Beach sub-committee on this topic.

Community Music Event Concept, Jim Barnett

Jim proposed an outdoor music event for Summer 2022 that brings various religious organizations from across the community to perform with a goal of community-building. Jim will pull together a committee of board members to address some initial questions and concerns, including:

- Can we use this as an opportunity to reciprocate and attend events in North Minneapolis?
- What will the full cost of this event be? And to what extent can city money be used?
 - How do we ensure that there is a diversity of groups and religions represented?

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 12, 2021, via [GoTo Meeting](#).

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

July 12, 2021 @ 6:30pm CST
Online Meeting

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jeremy (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Will Stensrud, Courtney Kiernat, Evelyn Turner, Kyle Leir, Melinda Platt

Absent: Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Lana Baggenstos

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis), David Davies (Southwest Light Rail Project Office), Marc Hotley (Minneapolis Park Board), Amanda Vallone (Artrageous)

1. Approval of June 2021 meeting minutes.

- a. All in favor.

2. Update from City Council member Lisa Goodman

- a. Lunch with Lisa
 - i. July 28 "field trip" (in person) of New Public Service Center
 - ii. Up to 50 people
- b. American Rescue Funding update/overview
 - i. Required to fund projects ready to go
 - ii. \$90mm allocated...
- c. Extended emergency regulations
 - i. Benefits small businesses given the removal of state emergencies ii. Extended through fall 2021
- d. Theft and Property Damage Reporting
 - i. Report 8am - 5:30pm to 311
 - ii. Live crime still reported to 911
- e. Crime Prevention Specialist Update
 - i. Moved from police to Neighborhood Communication Relations
 - ii. No change in Kenwood Crime Prevention Specialist

3. Southwest LRT Update from David Davies

- a. Drilling activity upcoming
- b. Tunnel excavation has been slow
- c. Bike trail north to river - dependent on Glenwood Bridge being
- d. finished

4. Kenwood Rec Center Update from Marc Holtey

- a. Rec Plus program running this summer
- b. Other various programs
- c. Rentals and park use steady
- d. Discussion of amplification of music at Hidden Beach.
 - i. It is OK within limits, must be over by 10pm
 - ii. Will is working with musicians and park board to find the right
 - iii. solution

5. Public Comment Period

- a. No public comments

6. Discussion Garbage Bags at Hidden Beach

- a. Discussion around adding trash bags or receptacles for trash
- b. Will look into a box to store supplies down by the lifeguard
- c. This will be considered as part of budget process

7. KNO Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Discussion

- a. Discussion of priorities and historical spending
- b. Reviewed 2021/2022 budget to actuals

8. Kenwood Music Event

- a. Discussion around proposed music event in Kenwood Park for some time in September
- b. Deferred action until next board meeting

9. Miscellaneous

- a. Proposal to meet in August to discuss pending business – meeting to be scheduled
- b. Proposal to review and approve next twelve month meeting dates
- c. at the next meeting - hold until next meeting

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2021

Online Meeting

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt

Absent: Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leir

Guests: Amanda Vallone (Artrageous)

- 1. Approval of July Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Mark Brown to approve July Meeting Minutes, favor by all.
- 2. Approval of Annual Management Report.** Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve the Annual Management Report, seconded by Jim Barnett, motion passed.
- 3. Annual Attorney General Report.** Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve the Annual Attorney General Report, seconded by Matt Spies, motion passed.
- 4. Social Media / Outreach Update.** 318 neighbors on email distribution list. The percentage of emails opened is around 45%. Please send Amanda ideas for articles for the fall newsletter.
- 5. Hidden Beach Update.** Discussion of additional activities at Hidden Beach. Motion made by Mark Brown to approve \$250 to be used for food and beverage at additional Hidden Beach activities summer of 2021. Funds will come from general funds. Motioned seconded by Matthew Spies. Motion passed.
- 6. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Discussion and Approval.** Motion made by Matt Spies to approve the budget attached to these minutes. Motioned seconded by Mark Brown. Motion passed.

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Budget Overview: FY2022 - FY22 P&L

June 2021 - May 2022

Unallocated Surplus

Net

APPROVED

KNO 2021-22
Budget

Income

4000 Contract & Grant Income

4010 Minneapolis NRP 8,966 4020 Minneapolis CPP 21,018 4030 Minneapolis

N2020 9,871 4050 Park Police Escrow Grant

4060 Hennepin Co. (via Metro Blooms)

4090 Other (CPP Reserve) 21,031 Total 4000 Contract & Grant Income \$ 60,885 4100

Donations

4110 Individual 1,000 4120 Corporate

Total 4100 Donations \$ 1,000 4200 Program, Project & Event Income

4210 Ice Cream Social

4220 Garage Sale

Total 4200 Program, Project & Event Income \$ - 4300 Item Sales

4350 Newsletter Income

4400 Interest & Dividends 50 4500 Fundraising Revenue

4600 In Kind Contributions

4700 Miscellaneous Income

4750 Uncategorized Income

4850 Services

Total Income \$ 61,935

Expenses

5200 Contract Staff

5210 Admin & Communications 7,500 5240 Accounting/Bookkeeping 2,500 5250

Other Contractors 1,000

Total 5200 Contract Staff \$ 11,000 5300 Professional Development

5500 Office & Operations

5510 Rents & Leases

5520 Utilities, Telecom

5530 Furniture & Fixtures

5540 Equipment 1,500 5550 Office Supplies & Materials

5590 Misc

Total 5500 Office & Operations \$ 1,500 5600 Finance & Insurance

5610 Bank & Service Fees 150 5650 PayPal Fees

5670 Insurance 1,100 Total 5600 Finance & Insurance \$ 1,250 5700 General & Admin

5710 Printing, Postage, Publishing 500 5720 Internet & Web Service Fees 200

5730 Filing Fees & Permits 100 5740 PO Box 200

Total 5700 General & Admin \$ 1,000 6000 Programs, Projects, Events

6100 Newsletters & Flyers 4,000 6200 Hill and Lake Press 2,000 6300 Hidden Beach

6310 Park Police (Priority 3) 2,500 6320 Hidden Beach General 9,000 Total 6300 Hidden Beach \$ 11,500 6410 Annual Meeting 750 6420 Rock Kenwood

6430 Thrill Kenwood 1,000

6440 Ice Skating Party 100 6450 Kenwood Community Building ~~Park Music Day~~

10,000 6600 Educational & Social Programming (Priority 4)

6610 Kenwood Community School 3,500 6620 Kenwood Rec Center 3,500 6630

Local Businesses 3,500

Total 6600 Educational & Social Programming (Priority 4) \$ 10,500 6700 SWLRT (Priority 1) 2,000

6800 Environmental ~~Landscaping & Gardens~~ (Priority 2) 10,000 6825 Safety

(Priority) 4,000 6850 Other Miscellaneous Service Cost (deleted)

6900 Other Programs, Projects, Events 285 Total 6000 Programs, Projects, Events \$ 46,135

7000 Community Investment Projects

7100 Misc Small Projects

7200 Large Projects

Total 7000 Community Investment Projects \$ - 8000 Fundraising Expenses

9000 Other Miscellaneous Expense

9800 Bad Debt & Lost Funds

9900 Uncategorized Expense

Total 9000 Other Miscellaneous Expense \$ - Uncategorized Expense

Total Expenses \$ 60,885 Net Income \$ 1,050

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

Sep 13, 2021 Online Meeting

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Jack Levi, Jack Levi

Absent: Angie Erdrich, Lana Baggentos

Guests: Amanda Vallone (Artrageous), Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis), Jono Cowgil (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board), David Davies (Southwest Light Rail Project Office)

Approval of July Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Courney Kiernat to approve August Meeting Minutes, motioned passed.

City of Minneapolis Councilmember Lisa Goodman Update: The next Lunch with Lisa on Sep 29 from 12pm to 1pm. The focus is on the charter amendment process. Minneapolis police chief will be speaking at the October Lunch with Lisa. Visit [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.visitminneapolis.org/ready) for information on planning for emergencies. Early voting starts soon. Redistricting process is underway, but will likely not have an impact to Kenwood. The city is providing free gloves and graffiti removal solutions to help clean up the city. City is surveying residents on ways to spend \$50mm of the American Rescue Plan that has not been allocated in the Mayors budget. See the City of Minneapolis website for more information. <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/budget/american-rescue-plan/>

Southwest Light Rail Update from SWLRT Project Office's David Davies. Cedar Lake Parkway closure moving to Monday, September 27, 2021. The parkway will be closed for two weeks. Landscaping plan for Kenilworth is still in the project. The plan includes landscaping all along the LRT route in Minneapolis. Marketing for the SWLRT will ramp up as we get closer to the opening.

Park and Recreation Board Update from Park Board President Jono Cowgill. Like many organizations, the Park Board is actively looking for staff of all working ages. The tennis courts at Loring Park are being resurfaced and will be open next spring. This may relieve some of the pressure on the Kenwood Courts. Youth employment program has helped remove buckthorn around Cedar Lake. The park board will be voting on the comprehensive plan...Levy request by the Park Board includes funding the gap in funding for various initiatives focused on youth.

KNO Coordinator Update from Amanda Vallone. We have 365 active subscribers to our newsletter, we are targeting 400 by year-end. Kenwood mugs purchased by neighbors have been delivered. Amanda has reached out to several neighbors who have inquired about helping KNO. The next newsletter will be sent out shortly.

Hidden Beach update from Will Stensrud. Positive season on Hidden beach. Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Master Plan Community Engagement Summary can be found via the link below. <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-08-31-Cedar-Isles-CE-Summary-Final.pdf>

Kenwood Activities Update from Jim Barnett. Preliminary planning for a community engagement event for summer of 2021.

KNO Equity Plan from Mark Brown. Mark shared an update on the development of the KNO engagement plan to ensure we stay in compliance with new requirements from the City of Minneapolis. Mark will share additional information with the board and welcome feedback.

Meeting Dates for next 12 months (Matt Spies). Board meetings for the next twelve months. A motion was made to approve the scheduled meeting dates listed below. The motion passed unanimously.

2021

Aug - No Meeting

Sept 13 (sep 6 is memorial day)

Oct 4

Nov 1

Dec 6

2022

Jan 10 (new years is observed on Jan 3)

Feb 7

Mar 7

Apr 4

May 2

Jun 6

Jul 11 (first monday is July 4)

Aug 1

Sep 12 (first monday is Labor day)

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

Online Meeting

Present: Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Angie Erdrich, Courtney Kiernat

Absent: Mark Brown (Chair), Jack Levi, Kyle Leir, Lana Baggentos

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis), David Davies (SWLRT), Jono Cowgill (Park Board), Elizabeth Shaffer,

Approval of August Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve August Meeting Minutes, motion passed.

Update from Councilmember Lisa Goodman.

- Lunch with Lisa on September 27 with Police Chief Arradondo. Please RSVP if you are interested as there will be only 100 spots. Street sweeping starts on October 19. More information can be found on the city's website.
- Midtown Greenway closed from Burnham to 5th Ave south for repaving for short period (weeks not months).
- Polling locations have changed, but 7-2 is still at the Episcopal Church. • Home energy squad visits have resumed. Sign up through Excel or CenterPoint. You can also call 651-328-6220 to set up an appointment.
- Traffic control will be adding staff on weekdays to help with urgent parking complaints.

Update on Southwest Light Rail from David Davies. Bridge and tunnel work continues.

Update from Park Board President Jono Cowgill. Parks for All comprehensive plan will be considered by the Park Board at the October meeting. The plan will guide the work of the park board for the next 15 years. Board of taxation passed a levy increase that will fund about 22 additional staff for children's programs.

Hidden Beach Committee update from Will Stensrud. People looking to help. Will Stensrud will coordinate a meeting to discuss future ways to drive engagement for volunteers.

Treasurers update from Jeremy Nichols. Expenses during the month related to end of summer hidden beach events and activities.

Miscellaneous. Courtney Kiernat notified the board that there will be an open house for PERIS HiLL affordable housing community on November 16 from 4pm to 7pm. Jim Barnett continues to explore potential partners for a community building event in 2022.

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

Online Meeting

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Courtney Kiernat, Kyle Leier, Jack Levi

Absent: Lana Baggentos

Guest Speakers: David Davies (SWLRT Office), Inspector Katie Blackwell (Minneapolis Police Department), Katie Miller (Community Navigator, Procedure Justice Unit, Minneapolis Police Department)

- 1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by James Barnett, seconded by Jeremy Nichols, to approve October meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Update on Southwest Light Rail from David Davies.** Mr. Davies noted that bridge and tunnel work continues throughout the corridor. He has no update on any increased cost or timing of tunnel and light rail at this time.
- 3. Public Safety Discussion with Inspector Katie Blackwell and Katie Miller.** Inspector Blackwell highlighted the increase in carjacking and aggravated assaults. The incidents have been sporadic around the city. Inspector Blackwell suggested using caution when picking up goods purchased via the internet. Meet in a well lit area under surveillance, such as a police building parking lot. Ms. Miller suggested being alert when walking. She noted whistles or other loud noise can help fend off an offender. You can also text message 911 if you don't want to be noticed reporting an incident. You can also register a Ring (or other surveillance) camera with the police to help identify perpetrators.
- 4. Neighborhoods 2020 Update from Mark Brown.** Mark shared some received feedback from the city on the Equitable Engagement Plan. The plan as drafted is satisfactory in the eyes of the city reviewers. KNO will need to draft and/or update various policies and procedures. A draft of updated Bylaws will be circulated to the board.

Change in Fiscal Year. Motion made by Courtney Kiernat to align fiscal years in our bylaws to align with a calendar year starting on January 1. The motion was seconded by Will Stensrud. The motion passed. A full review of the updated bylaws will be presented at the December 2021 board meeting.

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

Online Meeting

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Courtney Kiernat, Kyle Leier, Jack Levi

Absent: Matt Spies (Secretary); Lana Baggenstos

Guest Speakers: Lisa Goodman (City Council), David Davies (SWLRT Office), Amanda Valone (KNO Coordinator),

Visitors: David Schaenzer, Jody Strakosch, Dennis Fazio, Carissa Brown

1. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Courtney Kiernat, seconded by Kyle Leier, to approve November meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Update from City Council Member Lisa Goodman:** This is the last week of the current term, and the City's budget will be adopted on Wednesday; Hollidazzle is returning in person this year. There was a brief discussion regarding an increase in crime in the area.
3. **Update on Southwest Light Rail from David Davies.** Mr. Davies noted that bridge and tunnel work continues throughout the corridor, and that progress continues. Concrete truck hauling will continue, and Mr. Davies will alert the public regarding action outside of normal hours. Closing of Cedar Lake Parkway is scheduled for spring, but may occur earlier – 30-day notice will issued.
4. **KNO Coordinator Update from Amanda Valone.** The KNO Web site has had 86 new visitors in the last month, along with 14 return visitors. Local businesses are working on a Winter Solstice event for December 21, and Amanda requested a Board presence. Melinda agreed to spearhead that effort.
5. **Financial Update from Jeremy Nichols.** At last month's meeting, the board approved a change to calendar year reporting, so short-year financials will be prepared for July – December 2021. Mark confirmed that the former CPP funds will be rolled up with new NRP funds, and along with our current assets will support the 2022 budget that the board previously approved.
6. **Leaf Blower Pollution Mitigation working group proposal from Jack Levi.** Jack requested that a working group be established to research the problem and propose solutions. He will solicit participation from both board and community members.
7. **Cedar-Isles CAC Process update from Will Stensrud.** Initial draft designs should be out in the next couple of weeks, and will be shared with the board at its January meeting.
8. **Updates to KNO Bylaws.** Cortney moved to approve the amended KNO Bylaws, and Kyle Leier seconded. The motion passed with six approving, one dissenting, and one abstaining.
9. **Funding requests.**
 - Mark presented a request from Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, which has committed \$10,000 to North High's track equipment fund. Courtney Kiernat made a motion to donate \$5,000 to this effort, and Kyle Leier seconded. The board approved this request.

- East-Isles is looking to raise funds for the Loppet. They are gauging ability to contribute \$1,600 toward this effort. The board agreed that it would consider this request.

Next meeting: Monday, January 10, 6:30pm