



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. | Northeast Recreation Center
and via Zoom**

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Lower Northeast Neighborhoods Association (LNENA) is a nonprofit organization. It is recognized by the City of Minneapolis as the official neighborhood organization for the Beltrami and Northeast Park neighborhoods.

Present	Beltrami		Northeast Park
X	Adrian Groeschel	X	Laurie Anderson, Treasurer
Absent	Ellie Haylund	X	Katie Kottenbrock, Chair
X	Cameron Kurisko	X	Kate Lawson
Absent	Jennifer Moss	X	Luna McIntyre
Virtual	Sarah Carlson-Bardley	X	Cassandra Roaché
	Vacant	X	Sean French - Alternate
	Vacant	Virtual	Mandy Tempel - Alternate

Agenda

6:30 pm	Call Board Meeting to Order and Introductions
6:35 pm	Approval of the Agenda Motion _____ Luna _____ / Second _____ Cameron _____
6:40 pm	Public Comments
6:45 pm	<p>Community garden discussion with gardeners</p> <p>1213 community garden, added plots</p> <p>Jon talked about decisions that need to be made around: cleaning up plots, new hose, tools, Jon dropped off tools, cost with refund component if plot is cleaned. Our cost is lower than other neighborhoods location: 1213 Spring ST Joy mentioned that watering was easier this year, new lock/latch needed on shed (loose or rusted off), Joy's husband has been mowing the lawn around most of the garden. Talk of needing a line trimmer for areas that can't be mowed. Rainbarrels, are current ones usable? Possibly filled with weeds or in need of work.</p>

	<p>Cassandra is hoping that some of the cleaning efforts can be focused on areas where spiders and other bugs have taken over.</p> <p>Mandy brought up having Mark volunteer to help with some of the cleaning work, dropping off their line trimmer to be used in the cleanup.</p> <p>Sarah Carlson said that time could be scheduled to use her power since she lives next door to the garden.</p> <p>Ellie from the community said that getting the rain barrels into a usable state would be great, as they have been useful in previous years.</p> <p>Joy's husband brought up the challenges mowing with the construction of the fences around the plots, he encouraged gardeners to</p> <p>11/8 or 11/9 deadline for cleaning up your plots, email and work with Jon if you need a few more days with a hard cutoff of 11/15 to have all of your organic materials from your garden plot</p> <p>11/15 is a neighborhood BBQ and final garden cleanup that all the gardeners are invited too.</p> <p>Point brought up of having information of donating tools for use by gardeners</p> <p>More info to come on the 11/15 event.</p> <p>Email received about designation 1 or 2 plots as community plots with info on an email on how to get involved</p> <p>Some way for gardeners to communicate, possible discord, Cassandra taking the lead on setting this up</p> <p>Katie encouraged people to reach out with any questions or concerns.</p>
<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>Consent Agenda (This can be approved as a whole, or a board member can pull an item from the consent agenda for further discussion, review, and approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the August Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2025 Financials <p>Motion <u>Cassandra</u> / Second <u>Luna</u></p>

7:25 pm

Committee Reports

- Events Committee Update by Chair Katie Kottenbrock

Events for the remainder of the year:

Beltrami Scare, Garden Clean-up BBQ, League of Women's voters forums, Christmas Party
Currently budgeting \$200 or \$250 for the garden cleanup, bags, gloves, and food - inviting the wider community, info included in our newsletter/website.

Laurie brought up allocating more for signs and food, community garden open house, possibly needed items to keep the garden working well.

Katie brought up budgeting \$500 for the event and garden, Laurie to check if these things would be allowed.

Adrian motioned for \$500, Cassandra, and Mandy 2nd - I missed if this was moved forward for a vote or if this was tabled until the retreat.

\$500 budgeted for Beltrami Square, supplies for painting the gravestones, make-up, candy and non-food items for kids that can't eat candy .

Mandy to share with the board non-food ideas to get for kids.

Adrian and his wife Hazel previously volunteered to be the actors for the event.

About 75 people attended previous Beltrami Scare events.

Consider ways to connect this event more with day of the dead and using equitable engagement funds.

No budget expenditures currently for the holiday party, free space.

If you have ideas about the holiday party, bring them forth soon.

- Housing Committee Update by Chair Luna McIntyre

Katie on the 948 NE demolition, final discussion at the end of September to decide to remove from the public registry.

Should we choose to write a letter as a board around support or opposition of the demolition and around issues and concerns with the lead up to this happening. The house does not seem to be savable at this point.

Discussions with Elliot to ensure that if historic properties are purchased in the future that the buyer needs to be held responsible for maintaining or preserving the property after purchase.

Mandy: we can include language on preserving historic properties in the board letter, if we choose to go that way

Complaints and concerns were submitted in 311.

The board will most likely have to continue to deal with the property owner and the developer.

Cassandra: thinks that we as a board should make a statement stating our frustrations with the issues around the property.

Mandy talked about making a statement that we don't support what has happened around this property and that we do not want to see a similar situation in the future.

Laurie said that this property has had long running issues going back to previous owners and for many years.

Mandy discussed that homes on the register should have to be maintained at least in minor ways

	<p>by the owners, boarding up all windows.</p> <p>Katie discussed not being sure that spending our political capital in a letter would be the best use of our time and capital. Suggested that working through council member Payne to help ensure something like this does not happen in the future.</p> <p>Cassandra asked if not writing a letter limits our ability to oppose similar issues/problems in the future.</p> <p>Laurie asked to put forward a motion to not write a board letter on this issue.</p> <p>Katie talked about boards having limited power in opposing development projects from moving forward.</p> <p>Mandy previously submitted a motion to write a letter stating our concerns/issues, not explicitly opposing or approving. She would hate to miss stating our issues on the public record for the neighborhood</p> <p>Mandy put forward a motion to write a letter to the historic preservation commission, listing our issues and problems with how this was handled. Share this with our council members. Willing to draft this letter with Mark for board approval.</p> <p>Katie asked if this letter would include complaints/issues with the property owner, developer?</p> <p>Mandy: yes, highlighting specific issues with this owner as well, experience.</p> <p>Mandy's motion: Sarah 2nd - To write a letter to the Historic Preservation Society 938, detailing issues around managing of this property and owner to help prevent similar issues in the future. Letter would be public record</p> <p>approve 3, disapprove 2, abstain 3 - motion does not pass</p> <p>2nd motion, letter explaining the challenges and issues that we have encountered, which we would send to the preservation society, mayor, and council member - this would not be available for public record without a data request or if the letter is introduced by one of these entities.</p> <p>Jon thinks that we would want to share this with the community as a public entity.</p> <p>We could wait on what we do with this letter, if we want to share with the public.</p> <p>Laurie put forth the motion of writing a letter, 2nd Cameron</p> <p>5 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain - motion passes</p>
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<p>7:45 pm</p>	<p>New / Old / Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demo on 948 NE 18th Ave. ● Overview of the budget plan for 2025 <p>Laurie budget presentation with handouts - \$16,227.74 - unrestricted funds that don't need to be spent this year.</p> <p>\$26,171.54 - current balance with CNNF and EEF funds - \$18,018.81.</p> <p>\$4258.38 could be spent on food.</p> <p>Laurie recommends garden expenses come out of funds raised from the garden.</p> <p>We should consider thinking holistically about all the expenses around an event including mailers</p> <p>Is childcare around events an option to spend our event funds on.</p> <p>Laurie checked with Christie to confirm that food can be spent for food from our equitable</p>
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	<p>engagement funds. Laurie will be available at our larger upcoming expenses meeting, not at the strategic planning meeting.</p> <p>Jon said that EEF funds can be used in part going toward Jon and Christie.</p>
	Adjourn Board Meeting

Other attendees:

Ellie
Jerry
Luca
Seth
Joy and her husband
Britney
Jon

Board has quorum without alternates