

Longfellow Community Association
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

In attendance:

Jon Hile, Jessica Blubaugh, Brett Creason, Ami Freeberg, Arthur Gough, Lisa Spaulding, Clare Shaw, Mark Green, Ben Peyton, Michael Kizzee, Share Bane, Estell Johnson, Eric Rogers, Polsinelli for High Aspirations, CJ Adams, Henry Wash, Cindy Wissinger

Community Update – Higher Aspirations

Henry Wash shared images of the plans to landscape the south side of the property with planting beds, storage for lawn equipment, walking path, open air pavilion with sliding doors (2,200 square feet), grill and firepit.

They met with the City for the pre-application meeting to review the plans. They have a few changes to make following that meeting and will continue to keep the neighborhood involved in the process. They want to help match the esthetic neighborhood. The property needs to be rezoned. It is currently zoned residential and has been allowed to be used under the existing zoning. This project is considered an expansion and must be brought into compliance with zoning to move forward. They are applying to be re-zoned to Downtown Residential One. They expect this to take 90 days with the changes to the project plans. They do not have a timeline for the construction and landscaping.

No action is needed, and we will wait for further updates.

Community Update – a representative from Thelma’s Kitchen will join our February meeting.

Minutes

No minutes were presented as no notes were taken at the December meeting in the absence of the secretary.

Treasurer’s Report

Clare Shaw presented the 2020 final budget. The farm ended the year in a deficit, but the final balance of the farm account is \$3,035.86. Two items leading to the deficit include replacement of the lawnmower when it was stolen and an excessive water bill when the spiget was left open. Ideas on helping with theft and locking the water spiget would be welcome.

The LCA began the year with a balance \$43,619 and ended with a balance of \$44,946. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Jessica, and second by CJ. Motion was approved unanimously.

Clare presented a budget for 2021 with minor changes to expenses from the 2020 budget. A question of adding to the communications line item to cover the expense of printing and

mailing. This would cost approximately \$1,200-\$1,500 per mailing. We have approximately 100 people on our email list out of 1,200 households in the neighborhood. A motion was made by Jessica, second by Ben Peyton to accept the 2021 budget with amendments for the newsletters and poop bags for the station at Longfellow Green.

Development at 31st and Cherry

Crafted a message to the developer that was shared just before Christmas, but no response yet.

Topics for upcoming work:

- Communications
- Owners not tying up dogs
- Neighborhood Rising Grant
- New CID and the impact to our neighborhood (property taxes)
- Historic buildings in the neighborhood – Brett will reach out for a guest to join us and share more information.
- Community events that are COVID safe.
- Neighborhood clean-up
- Work by Spire and how to get assistance with repairs to personal property following the work