

## **Sept. 21, 2023 ENA Board Meeting**

Call meeting to order 6:33 PM

In attendance: Merry, David, Paul, Nancy, Kerry, Lisa, Shara  
Proxies a la Merry: Lésé, Gail

### **Treasurer's Report—Paul**

Current Balance \$1,729.99 (reflects \$222.24 from the city and \$27 collected at Holbrook Park)

Holbrook Assoc. money will be donated to ENA by Kerry, \$120 (soon)

Paul says send him receipts for reimbursement for PARK expenses.

We need a budget.

We will use a revised 2022 budget for FY 2023.

Motion to approve the previous budget as a starting point and we will revise. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

Treasurer's Report has been accepted.

Need a 2<sup>nd</sup> person on the bank account. Lisa will meet Paul at U.S. Bank at 14<sup>th</sup> and Carr on Saturday.

### **Reading of Minutes—Merry**

Motion to approve minutes—Nancy

Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>

Minutes are accepted.

### **Outreach Committee**

Have a fall mtg. at the church? Open House?

Food Drive.

Action Item: Merry will post on FB about the Food Drive.

Paul would like to attend planning meeting for Open House.

### **Planning Committee**

7 neighborhoods met to put together the Joint Statement to the city council.

—we take exception to being excluded from the initial version of the Comprehensive Plan

—we expect more from the city

As of this past week, there are questions about the next Housing Policy Commission mtg. (no date set), but it's our opportunity to chime in, so we need to attend.

Emergency Sheltering Ordinance (tentative)

Parking Study Presentation

10/16 Study Session! "City Council will discuss an updated draft of the Strategic Housing Plan during an Oct. 16 Study Session. Staff is currently working on the draft plan to provide an updated version to City Council for that meeting." See: <https://www.lakewoodtogether.org/housingstrategy> (see screenshot at end of these minutes) The updated plan will be posted on LakewoodSpeaks.org.

11/13 Council Regular Meeting: resolution: Strategic Housing Plan (tentative)

We want to present OUR document to City Council at the Study Session and at the regular mtg.

The City Manager's office sets the agenda. To get something on the agenda we need a councilor to ask for it to be added to the agenda, preferably from our Ward.

At regular meetings you get to speak for 3 minutes.

Every other week are Study Sessions, but they have an agenda you must stick to.

The City developed the new SHP and expected to approve it in July. But people had objections, so they revised the plan in July and a new version was released.

The City missed the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Payment for the Plan is now coming out of the General Fund. (have not verified this)

We could add verbiage that we represent the interests of our neighbors.

We haven't seen the latest revision, so we need to wait before we send our letter.

David suggests we send our letter at 5 p.m. on the Friday before the Council Meeting. Councilors MUST read it but doesn't give Staff time to do "bad things."

We want the City to know this is NOT how you do outreach.

We (the neighborhood associations) want to be recognized as a stakeholder so we can give input this time!! Paul and others requested this at the last city meeting.

Strategy #1: 1 person reads our Joint Statement at the final meeting.

Other groups have different issues; parking; density—the 2015 comprehensive plan has been working well and its goals have not been completed, so why are they back at the trough?

Do we support our Joint Statement?

David moves that we approve the Joint Statement.

Lisa 2nds.

Motion passed.

"Neighborhood Character"—the city now sees NC as an "obstacle."

At every upcoming meeting: We need to come up with our own neighborhood needs.

Kathy from Two Creeks says Charlie Able is in the hospital. (?)

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Shara—9/20/2023 3:30 pm; fire behind her house. She and the fire chief saw no obvious point of origin, but it's narrow and full of dried grass. RTD and Lakewood need to deal with it.

The bike trail is overgrown with weeds.

David reported 85 pieces of graffiti.

Drug Market at Wads and Zephyr/Allison

Go to council meeting recordings online.

Chief of Police says he is aware of drugs/crime in our area and they're "working on Colfax" and trying to create a presence or the "perception of a presence."

Lisa: acknowledge folks who volunteered for Neighborhood Watch and ENA.

We need to get together in the next few weeks prior to the next City meeting.

**FYI:** Lakewood United Methodist, 1390 Brentwood St.  
Denver American Indian Festival, Fri, Sat. and Sunday, Sept. 22–24, 9am–5pm.

7:53 pm Meeting adjourned

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## Strategic Housing Plan



### September Update:

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### Project Background

Housing affordability has become a major challenge across the nation. Historically, Lakewood has been a relatively affordable housing market, but now residents are facing rising housing costs that have only been exacerbated by a tight Colorado housing market, COVID-19 pandemic, and inflation. As of 2022, the average sale price for a home in Lakewood was approximately \$733,000 and the 2022 average rental price is rising to \$1,891. Approximately 60 percent of all Lakewood renters and 20 percent of all Lakewood homeowners are paying more than 30% of their annual income on housing costs, which is considered unaffordable by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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