

**Eiber Neighborhood Association (ENA)  
Monthly Board Meeting at St. Paul's  
June 22, 2023**

**President—Merry Hansen  
Vice-President—Lese Sanchez  
Secretary—Lisa Rukstales  
Treasurer—Paul Ditson**

**In attendance:** Nancy Smith, Merry Hansen, Lisa Rukstales; Paul Ditson, David Rothenburger, Gail Werren, Susan Ramsey, Shara Finch, and Charley Able

Quorum achieved.

6:34 p.m. Call meeting to order.

Welcome Charlie Able! Ward 1 Councilman

Welcome Susan Ramsey, lives on Holland—has been following process of Strategic Housing Plan roll-out. Concerned with affordable housing. When she read the plan... only 300 units in next 5 years. Seems inadequate.

**Accept minutes from last month's meeting:**

Motion to approve minutes, Paul

2<sup>nd</sup>, Nancy

***Minutes are accepted.***

**Treasurer's report from Paul:**

**Current balance: \$1480.75 general fund total**

(\$172.23 deposits were from annual meeting donations and contributions "sitting around.")

David moved to accept treasurer's report.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Nancy.

Verbal vote.

***Treasurer's report accepted.***

**Planning Committee report—Paul Ditson**

He has spoken with people and leaders in various organizations to put forth our concerns to the City about the Lakewood Strategic Housing Plan (LSHP).

Paul has ideas.

There are items in the housing plan that are a cause of concern. Some items are *missing*.

Once approved at the City level, it will be used by the City as guidance, so we need to get important items inserted.

We can voice our concerns as individuals and as a group.

*Draft LSHP online comments window extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

It's a "Commission" not a committee.

6 members in the committee including the mayor.

If it passes out of committee, it will require 4 more votes on council.

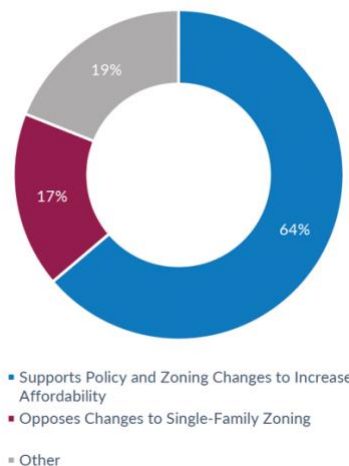
It can still be revised. Once at Council, amendments can be proposed.

No public comment allowed at meetings. Comments taken through Lakewood Speaks and email, etc.

Does not currently discuss specific "changes" to Zoning, but it is mentioned. For example, Page 9 of the LSHP reports that at the Community Open House, "Residents shared ideas with staff. Staff

summarized 58 total comments received from the community into three overlapping themes (shown in Figure 1). Of the 58 comments received, most comments (37) expressed support for or offered an idea to make housing more affordable in Lakewood. Ten residents opposed making changes to policy and zoning that could change single-family residential only neighborhoods." (Lisa says, "...the Lakewood planning department is great at making up numbers! They need to be reminded that the lack of a comment and (or) the offer of an idea does not automatically become an "expression of support".)

FIGURE 1: HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS



The Plan did note that one of the "most liked" housing strategy ideas was "Continue allowing peaceful single-family zoning so people aren't packed in like rats. Many of us have spent our lives working for our homes."

**We need to comment on the plan! You can review and comment on the Draft Plan here:**

<https://www.lakewoodtogether.org/housingstrategy>

Be specific.

Charley notes that councilman can click a button that says they have read documents and if they haven't, they will get a reminder.

Our current plan is "working."

HB23-1255 only applies to growth cap that affects affordable housing:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb23-1255>

Is our planning committee meeting this summer??

#### **Outreach/Communications Committee—Shara**

Website lessons coming from Mary Ann. (Weebly)

Ideas for updating the website are welcome.

Virtual meetings. Zoom? Or email. Google Meet needs a host.

Microsoft Teams, later chats can spin off.

Can have breakout rooms.

Zoom has better video quality.

No events yet this year, although they probably would have been rained out!

Jeplin—community development block grant (CDBG); city rep for our events: Trevor.

Partner with Sustainable Eiber.

Holbrook Park (no shelter) would be a good start. Or Sunset Park.

Lisa, Merry, Keegan are the Outreach Committee

Ideas? Ice Cream social, beverages. Easel with sticky notes for concerns. Musicians. Contact her (the late Robin Braun's) music company on Simms (Noteworthy).

ENA Signup sheets are at every event. (Modify to fit SurveyMonkey or vice versa. We need to capture all the data in our database.)

## **New business—**

**Eiber Sustainable Garden Tour—**Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

<https://www.sustainableeiber.org/events/6th-annual-sustainable-garden-tour/>

**2023 Budget—**Paul, presented rough draft.

Add Zoom meeting cost.

What kind of fundraising has been done in the past? Garage sale in church parking lot.

(paid for 50% of the speed sign)

**Budget meeting—Thurs. June 29, Lakewood Grill**

## **Newsletter advert sales?**

In bylaws, supposed to publish a newsletter 4 times per year. Printing used to be done by the city.

Expensive to mail. The world has gone digital!

Resources for content have fallen off.

Adverts?

## **Neighborhood Watch—**Merry looked into it.

Is there any interest in NW? Yes! And a good way to get neighbors involved with ENA.

Let people know that "It will be "block scale." "Meet your neighbors."

We (ENA) don't want to take it on, but we can educate ourselves about it, so we can coordinate getting blocks organized. Let's break the neighborhood up into sections and find a Captain for each group.

We don't want to "be in charge" or manage it, but we can collate the information gathered by the block captains into one large database and produce maps from a GIS.

See Neighborhood Watch PDF on the Lakewood City website:

<https://www.lakewood.org/files/assets/public/police/pdfs/lakewood-pd-neighborhood-watch-packet-2022.pdf>

***Everyone take a look at the pdf and see what you think.***

## **Become a 503(c)?? What does it entail? Is it worth it? Does it cost?**

### **Merry attended the Ward 1 meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Creighton wants to do fundraising for a tennis court and other sports equipment.

Gigi's Playhouse—Down's Syndrome life lessons, can tour their facilities.

Two Creeks meeting, Paul attended: Police have had success dealing with drug use and vagrancy at Wadsworth Stn. (But it's being moved to the west; our stations!)

Piece of land being "given" to Greg Stevenson, 6<sup>th</sup> service road from Eldridge to where 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. makes 90° bend.

Westland: Sears building will come down and apartments will go up. Lowe's has a long-term lease.

Artesia owns Applebee's and Kozoku.

**Next meeting:**

July 20<sup>th</sup> ENA meeting will include the budget on the agenda.

Should we host a candidate forum before the next City election?

Have a neighborhood meeting at a park and have a theme like Neighborhood Watch?

A good contact... for advertising? Jim Smith with Golden Real Estate, has a column in the Lakewood newspaper. Also writes articles for the Hub in the Denver Post. Goldenestate.com

Trish Kelly—real estate.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

***Lisa Rukstales, Secretary***