# **6/19 Livability Committee Meeting** Meg Forney & Michael Schroeder (MPRB), Lee, Adam, Bobbie, Dane (EBMSNA), Dave McIntosh, David Ratner, Charlie Jacoby, et al. (13 total attendees)

- 1a. Safety Subcommittee 1: Safety Walks (David Ratner)
  - Will determine for first Walk soon (DoodlePoll)
  - Budget for safety whistles, ideally distributed to every neighborhood resident
    - David will put together estimates for different models (loud vs. bulk costs)
    - Adam: We'll be putting money toward 'Block Clubs' to cover this, please do forward estimated budget
- 1b. Safety Subcommittee 2: Communications (Charlie Jacoby)
  - Charlie, Judy, Satchko met post-Lunds at Dunn Bros. to talk proposal to outline reporting issues and ways to report those
    - Drafted Word Doc "Public Safety Protocol" (where is this?)
  - Charlie, Judy, Thang met secondly, Thang suggested other apps (not WhatsApp (\$))
    - Bloc Leader discussion about possible partnerships to cover EBMS map
      - Would send out for review, then request folks step up (Safety Team, Livability, et al. could serve as leaders on the bloc)

### 1c. Buy Back Program Update

- Thang met with Lowry Hill, unsure the outcomes
- Dave McIntosh: Most shifts in Lowry Hill's buyback program aren't covered. My contact reached out to security companies instead. (\$60–65K, monthly)
  - Lee: Please submit this research to Thang's existing research (info@)

#### 2. Recent house fire on the 3500 block of Holmes Ave S

- Rumor mill
- Cuyler: At last week's Board meeting, MPD rep said there was a possible correlation between Feb. housefire in EBMS and a fire in East Isles - but recent Holmes Ave fire is not categorized as a crime. Insp. Blackwell has also said highly unlikely it's related to Feb. fire
- Lee: I do think we need more information from Fire Investigator or MPD, going forward

## • 3. Progress on the new park at W 34th St, and ways we might get involved when the time comes Michael Schroder (MPRB):

- M: Approval has gone through! Bringing this into Mpls Chain of Lakes Regional Park (then eligible for funding from Metro Council / will fund ¾ of asking price)
  - \$312,000 remaining will be needed through various funders
- M: Work since house came down has been done through property owner
- M: South Cedar Beach found investors once we started promoting... philanthropists are here, we need to reach them
  - Consultant has put together soft images of park possibilities, so if
  - Charlie: Has thought been put toward a simpler green space, Oak Savannah single trail?
    - M:That's part of why we put this together. These drawings are meant to draw out the good/bad and determine the directions we take
- Closing sometime August/early Sept., then Planning Division will work with EBMSNA to create an Engagement Plan to work with you (likely the Livability Committee)

- Dave McIntish: We see a lot of activity along the Loon Lake Path, we're REALLY hoping for more lighting sooner than later
  - M: That's a fair point. Lighting is a key factor here. In some problem
    parks, we can require cobrahead lights that we mount to telephone poles
    just to bring light (not the prettiest option)
- Adam: Have a load of questions to email you. But a big question that came up: This is happening regardless of EBMSNA funding. Can you say how things will be better if EBMSNA can contribute?
  - M: It's our obligation to find a way to fund this. But the \$312,000 just gets us the property in hand. We'll need more funds to make initial improvements and long-range improvements.
    - Lee: Sounds like you're looking for more of a sponsorship relationship, given Cedar Beach anecdote. Am I reading that right?
    - M: I wish those people would step forward more often. That contribution made the project possible. We know those people are willing to step forward, I just need to connect with them. It's going to happen, this is really just a way to make it happen faster.

#### • 3. Uptown Theater had their 1st event this past weekend

- Lee: I noticed a few new pub-bars along Lagoon already... anybody had any scuttlebutt on the evening? Security?
  - Charlie: I was there opening night (not soft openings). They have an MPD car out front, as well as tremendous concert security. Beautiful place, well staffed!
- Lee: Trying to track this kind of info to form good relationships with Uptown Theater and the four corner neighborhoods that meet there, and any new eateries that open up in the near future