

Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

November 13, 2025



- **Introductions:** Emelia Terry, Amanda Ruch, Marlena Okechukwu, Michael Terry, Angie Spencer, Natasha Wilson, Sophia Deady, Melva Jenkins, Hector Ruiz, Friz (?) Batlaque, CeCe Ntanga, Lisa Bryant, Marla Klein
- **Approve [October Minutes](#)** - Emelia makes a motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor.
- **Neighborhood Food Drive** - Angie gave update on plans for 11/21 (food drop-off/donations) and 11/22 (food pickup/distribution). Emelia asked about status of volunteers; Angie confirmed one volunteer, Sophia can volunteer after 7pm to help organize/bag food. Emelia plans to stop by but cannot confirm, Melva may stop by as well. Courtney from Creekview Recreation Center confirmed that she will have staff on site and they will be able to support/volunteer as well. Marlena will support.
- **Holiday on 44th Update** - Friday, Dec 5, 2025 6pm-9pm
 - LBNA participation/sponsorship - Marlena gave update on HO44 planners response to LBNA offer to sponsor/pay for a food truck; HO44 planners want to use a voucher system where people can get food from any vendor and LBNA reimburses at the end of the night. Emelia put forth a motion to plan to use the city food dollars on a specific LBNA event rather than HO44 because of the restrictions being placed on the way LBNA can support. Angie and Sophia seconded - all approve. Marlena will plan to table at HO44 and report back to planners that we will decline to sponsor via the food truck.
- **December Board Meeting Update**
 - Move forward with planning a community meal for the December meeting at the Camden Social - approved by board.. Marlena will ask for support by advertising the event and covering partial costs of food from Senator Bobby Joe Champion's office.
 - Guest speakers:
 - Senator Bobby Joe Champion
 - Ross Jonak - City of Minneapolis?
 - Additional agenda ideas?
- **Give to the Max Day - 11/20**

- Should LBNA sign up/post links for donation? Board would like to participate in Give to the Max day. Marlena will create a flyer/QR code and send out in weekly email/post on the website.
- **Outreach Updates**
 - Marlena waiting on additional supplies to start Teen passive programming at Creekview. No other updates.
- **Other updates**
 - Grant writer - Anura declined offer to provide grant-writing services for LBNA but may be able to refer someone. Will continue to be on the lookout for a grant write.
 - Archiving LBNA - Marlena shared information from “Archiving Basics for Community Groups” about working with Hennepin County Special Collections to archive LBNA/Lind-Bohanon records, information, documents, etc. Proposal to begin archiving LBNA data, physical materials etc.

Guests

- African American Child Wellness (opening new clinic 1501 Xerxes) , Lisa Bryant
 - Lisa shared information about the work and programs of the African American Child Wellness Institute:
 - Background information and clients served
 - Why culturally specific services and therapy is important
 - Key programs and benefits of mental health first aid
 - Contact information/locations and ongoing community engagement (training) available
 - Emelia would like to stay in touch and look for time/availability for AACWI to train board members on early mental health crisis intervention.
- ~~NeighborWorks, Emergency Home Loan Program, Erin Moran~~
- Mobile Medical Unit, Stephanie Graves - No show

Upcoming Events:

- Holiday on 44th
 - December 5, 2025 6pm-9pm LBNA to table at the event.
- December Board Meeting - Camden Social
 - Special Guest - Senator Bobby Joe Champion