

LONGFELLOW RISING

Longfellow Rising Mission Statement

Longfellow Rising works collaboratively to envision and redevelop the private and public spaces at Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue affected by civil unrest.

Shared Values

Honoring the uprising that followed the police killing of George Floyd, Longfellow Rising is committed to racial equity, creation care, affordable housing, worker justice, cultural vitality, economic prosperity, and belonging.

Description of Project

Facilitating a group of business owners, land owners, nonprofit leaders, and community stakeholders in a development and re-building process of the neighborhood immediately surrounding the site of the former Third Precinct Headquarters on Lake Street and Minnehaha.

Who We Are

We are a diverse group of business owners, property owners, nonprofit leaders, economic developers, and community partners who have either lost buildings and businesses due to fire and civil unrest, or whose businesses have been closed or impacted by fire and civil unrest, and/or who are deeply involved with supporting and providing relief for the residents and business and property owners in the neighborhood.

At the time of RFP publication, the group includes Ingrid Rasmussen (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church), Ruhel Islam (Gandhi Mahal), Louis Alemayehu (Gandhi Mahal), Kelly Drummer (MIGIZI), David Wilson (Wilson Law Group), Zoi Sandy (Glass Endeavors), John Sandy (Glass Endeavors), Steve Krause (Minnehaha Lake Wine and Spirits), Jason Krause (Minnehaha Lake Wine and Spirits), Ade Alabi (Odd Fellows Building), Shoa Motamedi (Midori's/LV Building), Dan Kennedy (Kennedy & Cain), Michael Cain (Kennedy & Cain), Dipankar Mukherjee (Pangea World Theater), Meena Natarajan (Pangea World Theater), Josh Bergeron (Tikun Collective), Renee Spillum (Seward Redesign), Chris Maida (Community Housing Development Corporation), Jamie Schwesnedl (Moon Palace Books), Lisa Olson (The Hub Bike Co-op), Henry Slocum (The Hub Bike Co-op), Doug Mork (Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council), and Amber Schmidt (The Hub Bike Co-op). We fully expect the group to grow over the coming months.

Three of the parties—Ade Alabi (Odd Fellows Building), Ruhel Islam (Gandhi Mahal), and Kelly Drummer (Migizi), as well as some of their partners—are looking into a completely new (possibly connected or cooperatively owned) development on the site of four destroyed buildings they previously owned. Other parties are re-building on individual lots. Yet others have minimally damaged buildings and wish to support the process and be a part of the vision for moving forward.

The Work

We seek hire an individual/team to:

1. Facilitate communication and group decision-making, including but not limited to meeting preparation, email record keeping, and email communication management.
2. Engage all parties listed above, as well as other stake holders (e.g., city leaders, residential neighbors, and partner organizations), in articulating a shared vision for the 27th Ave / Minnehaha / Lake Street triangle and the open spaces that surround it (e.g., parking lots).
3. Identify professionals who can answer questions and help create the necessary documentation to fundraise for and begin to work toward implementing our vision for the neighborhood redevelopment, including but not limited to architects, urban planners, grant-writers, and public relations professionals.
4. Participate in the city-wide conversation regarding the site of the former Third Precinct.

Proposal Requirements

Please submit a 3-4 page proposal of how you would approach this work that includes the following:

1. Your connection to Minneapolis and particularly to the area affected by the civil unrest.
2. Your relevant experience working with similar projects or groups.
3. What partners you would work with for areas that are outside of your expertise.
4. Ideas and questions you have about bringing doing this work in an anti-racist way that builds power and voice for people of color.
5. Your proposed budget for completing the work. Budgets of up to \$100,000 will be considered.
6. Your proposed timeline for the initial contract. (Contracts may be renewed, as funding allows.)

Submission

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Ingrid Rasmussen (longfellowrising@gmail.com). Longfellow Rising actively seeks a diverse pool of candidates. BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people are encouraged to apply. Review of applications begins on September 30, 2020. Open until filled.