

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting, August 8, 2006**

**Present:** Doug Kenison, Kathy Urberg, Debbie Evans, Laurie Foster, Ben Kolkman, Felicity Britton, Tim O'Brien, Deb Pierce, Larry LaVercombe

**Absent:** Bill Idzorek, Liz Loney, John Reinan, Jennifer Yates Borger, Gabe Graber-Mitchell, Jack Jaglo

**Also attending:** Rae Ann Vandeputte, Betsy Hodges, Tom Bicanich, JoEllen Haugo

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*Meeting called to order by co-chair Foster.*

**Approval of agenda and July minutes.** Approved unanimously.

**City Council report.**

1. **Infill housing meeting.** A meeting occurred in July to discuss the issue of infill housing in Southwest Minneapolis, sponsored by Hodges. There are minutes for the meeting which Hodges will share. They collected 4 or 5 key issues that she will work on with the Planning Committee. Hodges recommended LHiNC create Neighborhood Development Guidelines which can be shared with residents; they wouldn't be mandatory but most residents would most likely try and work with them.
2. **Wireless Network.** There will be a public hearing in the fall. There is a report online discussing the study of the task force.
3. **Time Warner Lawsuit.** The city has finally settled with Time Warner.

**Park director's report.** In Holtey's absence Foster mentioned all is well and fall registration is active.

**Morningside Business Association (MBA).** Bicanich from the MBA mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation event on September 18 from 4:00-9:00pm. There will be a planning session on August 30, 4:00pm at Café Bicko. The 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> streets between France and Ewing will be closed during the street event. He encouraged the board to contact him regarding raising funds for the organization.

**History Study Group.** Haugo presented a Scope of Service to the board for \$2,740 for use of Phase I funds (see attached). A motion was made by Britton, seconded by O'Brien "*Move to approve the History Study Groups Scope of Service as written*". The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The July receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Kenison stated the NRP Phase II Youth Grant selection process was going well. The Finance Committee will present a proposed approval list to the board in September.

**Coordinator's report.** Reviewed (see attached).

**Environment and Education Committee Update. Urberg presented.**

1. Elm Tree Treatment. The committee is trying to encourage residents to treat elm trees in the neighborhood. Their primary goal is to save trees in high public areas. A motion was made by Urberg, seconded by O'Brien, *"I move that the board authorize the Education and Environment Committee to spend \$8,000 from the unbudgeted balance of Phase I, Strategy 21, on treating public elms in Linden Hills."* The motion passed unanimously.
2. Scope of Service. Urberg presented a Scope of Service (attached) to spend the remaining funds of Phase I Strategy 33 to install a raised bed in front of the park. A motion was made by Urberg, seconded by LaVercombe, *"Move this Scope of Service be accepted."* The motion passed unanimously.
3. Fundraising. Urberg informed the board the Hendry Foundation will only donate funds to the organization this year on a matching basis. Therefore the committee is planning to host a fundraising campaign of \$12,000 (maximum match from Hendry). The group discussed ideas and gave suggestions to the group. A motion was made by Evans, seconded by Britton, *"We support E&E's fundraising campaign to raise \$12,000 for the Hendry Foundation match."* The motion passed unanimously.

**Elections and Committees.** Foster mentioned there would be at least six (6) board positions open in October (Foster, Jaglo, O'Brien, Graber-Mitchell, Kenison, Britton and O'Brien). She recommended everyone talk with neighbors and encourage them to run. Foster also suggested the new board consider realigning the committee structure to include safety issues and improve the focus of the CB/CP committee.

**Home Tour Update.** Kolkman mentioned the First Annual Home Remodeling Tour is going well. They have sold over 200 tickets. It will be this Sunday (August 13) from 12:00-4:00pm.

**New business.** Britton informed the group the adult poetry book that was published earlier in the year has been very successful and would recommend publishing a version for youth. The LHiNC Poetry Committee has applied for a NRP Phase II Youth Grant, but would also like to apply for a grant through Starbucks. Britton made a *motion*, seconded by Evans, *"The Poetry Committee requests support from the board to proceed with applying for a \$8,000 grant from the Starbucks Foundation to fund a Youth poetry book, the production of which will be managed by the poetry committee and overseen by the Outreach Committee."* The motion passed unanimously.

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, August 10, 2006.

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Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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