

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting, February 7, 2006**

**Present:** Doug Kenison, Bill Idzorek, Liz Loney, Debbie Evans, Laurie Foster, Jennifer Yates Borger, Greta Trygstad, Gabe Graber-Mitchell, Felicity Britton, Tim O'Brien, Deb Pierce, Larry LaVercombe

**Absent:** Jack Jaglo, Kathy Urberg, John Reinan

**Also attending:** Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Jeanne Massey, Mike Hohmann, Betsy Hodges

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

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

**Park director's report.** Registration continues for Winter.

**City Council report.** Hodges states she supports the Better Ballot Campaign group and the use of Instant Runoff Voting. Graber-Mitchell asked about her stand on apartment conversions; she stated the city has no stand at this point but she does have concerns regarding the truth & housing/affordability issues.

**Better Ballot Campaign.** Massey submitted handouts regarding the Better Ballot Campaign and a change towards Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). The board agreed to consider a resolution to endorse the campaign at the March Board meeting after reviewing the materials in detail.

**Coordinator's report.** Reviewed (see attached). Graber-Mitchell asked about LHiNC's process for getting something listed on the website as a 'Current Issue'; the board agreed that if a LHiNC committee and/or board had discussed an issue it would be OK to post as a current issue.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The January receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Kenison presented a NRP Plan Modification regarding Phase I strategies 32, 9, 8, 20 and 19 (see attached); this will be considered the board's 30 day notice for the vote that will occur during the March board meeting. Kenison also noted that a NRP Scope of Service for Phase II strategies B1, B3 and B6 will be voted on at the March board meeting after further discussion with Stacy Sorenson.

**NRP Phase II Strategy Priorities.** The following committees gave their priorities for Phase II strategies: *CB/CP*, #1-Teen Library Connection, \$4,500 (E2), #2-Pool Umbrellas, \$2,400 (C6), #3-Chess & Checker Boards, \$4,500 (C5) and #4-Bike Racks, \$1,400 (A1). *Outreach*, #1-Showcasing Community Artists, \$900 (E3), #2-Welcoming Neighbors, \$5,000 (B6) and #3-Block Leader, \$1,900 (B2). *Housing*, #1-Partnering Seniors, \$2,500 (D4), #2-Senior Development, \$15,000 (D3), #3-Affordable Housing Trust Fund, \$75,000 (D2) and #4-Home Improvement Loans, \$75,000 (E1). The board discussed the need to have a plan for implementing Phase II Strategies based on NRP's

rule that we can only spend 70% of our plan within the first 3 years. Much discussion occurred but the group agreed further discussion with NRP specialists was needed to evaluate options and strategies of implementation.

**Festival.** Yates Borger gave an update on the silent auction status; forms with solicitation ideas are needed from Reinan, Trygstad and Jaglo. Graber-Mitchell will work with Pierce in formulating a ‘Sale Sheet’ to solicit donations from businesses.

**Lake Calhoun Update.** Foster stated the Community Meeting on January 26 was very successful and thanked Britton for compiling the minutes.

**Minneapolis Lakes Coalition.** Foster informed the group that neighborhoods are forming a new coalition for Park Board issues. The group will establish a process for staying informed, guiding participation, and working with groups that propose changes to the lakes. Yates Borger volunteered to serve as LHiNC’s representative on that coalition.

**Board Opening.** Foster informed the group that Trygstad will be leaving the board due to her movement out of the neighborhood. We will appoint a new board member at the March Board meeting.

**New business.** Hodges stated the city was looking for successful blocks for the Block Club Award program and outstanding youth for service awards – contact her with names. Kenison asked if anyone had purchased the \$50 gift certificates for Lang & Fine that were approved at our December board meeting; Britton volunteered to purchase.

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, February 9, 2006.

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Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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