

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, January 10, 2006

Present: Doug Kenison, Bill Idzorek, Kathy Urberg, Liz Loney, Debbie Evans, Laurie Foster, John Reinan, Jennifer Yates Borger, Greta Trygstad, Gabe Graber-Mitchell, Tim O'Brien, Jack Jaglo, Deb Pierce,

Absent: Larry LaVercombe, Felicity Britton

Also attending: Betsy Hodges, Ben Hecker, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Judy Schlaefter and Laurie Linnes-Bagley (SW Music Boosters), Becca Vargo-Daggett

Meeting called to order by co-chair Foster.

Approval of agenda and December minutes. Added Boosters to agenda. Approved unanimously.

SW Music Boosters. Linnes-Bagley read a letter on behalf of the SWHS Music Boosters (attached). Reinan, Yates-Borger and Graber-Mitchell voiced concerns regarding the letter and inadequacy of the facts. Foster stated the board will be sending the Boosters a follow up letter in response and noted they are more than welcome to contact her to discuss the matter further.

Park director's report. Foster read a report on behalf of Marc Holtey. Winter program registration now open. Ice rink is closed due to warm weather; contact the Park Ice Hotline to get updates– 313-7708. Kite Festival was moved to January 21.

City Council report. Hodges introduced Ben Hecker, Aide to Council Member Hodges. She informed the board she will be on the following committees: a) Transportation and Public Works, b) Ways & Means/Budget and c) Chair of the Inter-Governmental Committee. Ward Breakfasts will continue; January 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Pearson Restaurant. She encouraged everyone to use the new phone number, 311, for all city-related issues. She has been working with the Park Board on improving the lighting around Lake Harriet; the South part now has lights and additional safety concerns are being addressed. She has not seen plans from the Calhoun Sailing School regarding development on Lake Calhoun, but will work with our board to ensure we have the resources we need to understand the issue fully. She talked in depth regarding the City WiFi Network concerns; she stated the city is moving forward with listening to public concerns regarding the matter and will be organizing Town Hall meetings.

WiFi Update. Vargo-Daggett mentioned a community meeting will be held on January 18, 5:00 p.m. at Arcadia Café' at Nicollet & Franklin to discuss the matter.

Coordinator's report. Reviewed (see attached). Vandeputte presented a summary of NRP Phase I Youth Grant award recipients. She read a letter from NRP regarding a new amendment that was being proposed to the city ordinance regarding Program Income resulting from NRP activities. Yates-Borger made a motion, "The Linden Hills

Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) supports the city amendment that would commit program income resulting from NRP funded activities to NRP eligible uses in the neighborhood that provided the original funding.” Graber-Mitchell seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Budget & Finance Committee. The December receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. The audit is going well. Kenison presented a document that outlines the Finance Committee’s plans to present a NRP plan modification to the board in February for approval in March (attached).

Fall 2006 Event and Festival. Yates-Borger handed out updated Festival Manuals. The Fall 2006 event planning has been postponed until a later date due to Festival issues. There will be a meeting on January 31, 7:00 p.m. at Jaglo’s home to discuss the Silent Auction. She will write a letter of response to the Boosters and send it to the board for approval.

Lake Calhoun Update. Foster has set up a meeting with the Calhoun Sailing Club to hear their proposal about development on the South Shore of Lake Calhoun; that meeting will be January 26, 7:00 p.m. There was discussion about holding a large community meeting with all neighborhoods versus Linden Hills only. The board agreed to host a smaller meeting at the Linden Hills Park. Foster will work with Hodges to get a representative from City Zoning/Planning and the Park Board Planning Staff. Yates-Borger made a motion, “LHiNC can spend up to \$150 on a community meeting to discuss the potential development on Lake Calhoun”. Graber-Mitchell seconded and it was approved unanimously.

New business. Foster mentioned the March Board Meeting (March 7) will be a Community Potluck. She mentioned the Outreach Committee will be hiring a magician for the children and Kenison confirmed it was in the budget for \$150.

Adjournment.

Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, January 14, 2006.

Board secretary

Date

Board co-chair

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