

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

**Present:** Doug Kenison, Bill Idzorek, Liz Loney, Debbie Evans, John Reinan, Jennifer Yates Borger, Ben Kolkman, Felicity Britton, Tim O'Brien, Deb Pierce, Larry LaVercombe

**Absent:** Kathy Urberg, Laurie Foster, Jack Jaglo, Gabe Graber-Mitchell

**Also attending:** Rae Ann Vandeputte, J. Drake Hamilton, Doug Pierce, Kevin Kirsch

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*Meeting called to order by O'Brien.*

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

**Global Warming Presentation.** J. Drake Hamilton from FreshEnergy ([www.fresh-energy.org](http://www.fresh-energy.org)) discussed what is global warming and what we can do. Doug Pierce discussed how buildings/architects affect global warming. There was a large turnout from the community – nearly 80 residents.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The June receipts journal was submitted to the secretary.

- Kenison distributed the LHiNC Board Budget for 2007. The current balance is \$33,550. *Motion* by Yates Borger, second by Reinan, "I move that LHiNC budget \$1,850 in fiscal year 2007 for Linden Hills Park activities." Approved unanimously. *Motion* by Yates Borger second by Idzorek, "I move that LHiNC budget \$1,500 for two Southwest High School scholarships at \$750 each for spring of 2007." Approved unanimously. *Motion* by Yates Borger, second by Idzorek, "I move that LHiNC budget \$1,950 in fiscal year 2007 for the following items, fall potluck, spring potluck, York Avenue Art fair, Poet Laureate honorarium, Joyce Food shelf, LHiNC Board retreat and miscellaneous expenses." Approved unanimously.
- O'Brien proposed a method for determining how to distribute silent auction proceeds. He suggested that each Committee Chair work through their committee to come up with two ideas on how to spend the festival proceeds. Rae Ann will send the form to each committee chair to use for documenting these discussions. *Motion* by Evans, second by Reinan, "I move that LHiNC set aside 80% of net proceeds from the 2006 Silent Auction to support future organizational expenses and 20% be put into LHiNC's general fund to be used at their discretion or for grants." Approved with a 7 to 4 vote (Idzorek, Kenison, Pierce and Loney against). Kenison raised concern that the board takes time in making this decision while allowing committees themselves to give feedback. *Motion* by Kenison, second by Idzorek, "I move that we seriously consider the 80% motion that Debbie just made as we enter subcommittee meetings and not commit ourselves to that but wait until the September board meeting to make a final vote." Approved with a 7 to 4 vote (Reinan, Kolkman, Evans and O'Brien against).
- Kenison mentioned a meeting will be held on August 24, 6:30pm, at the Linden Hills Park to discuss how to spend silent auction proceeds.

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

**Zoning Committee.** *Motion* made by LaVercombe, second by Britton, "The Linden Hills Neighborhood Association requests that the city of Minneapolis adopt specific Zoning codes to require newly constructed homes and remodeled homes to more closely match the neighborhood properties in terms of height limits and in the ratio of home-size to lot-size." LaVercombe gave history on the topic that residents are concerned with the recent flood of in-fill housing and would like to see some limits put on the building. A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted by LaVercombe to change the word match to reflect. Approved 11-0-1 (Reinan abstaining).

**New business.**

- Evans mentioned there was a public hearing that occurred by the city that the board was not notified of and she recommended that any public hearing notifications that came to the council via the coordinator should be forwarded to all board members in the future.
- Kevin Kirsch, member of the Environment Committee, on behalf of Kathy Urberg who was absent asked if the board would like the committee to do anything with the global warming presentation this evening. The board was supportive of this and suggested Deb Pierce work with the committee on discussing LHiNC's role with this issue.

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, July 18, 2006.

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Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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