

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, June 6, 2006

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

Absent: Jennifer Yates Borger, Felicity Britton, Larry LaVercombe, Ben Kolkman

Also attending: Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Betsy Hodges, Robin Panzer, Jack Newton, Tom Bikanich, Phil & Michelle Kelaart, Mary Merrill, Lucy Voltz, Don Schultz, Bonnie Milbur

Meeting called to order by co-chair Foster.

Approval of agenda and May minutes. Minutes approved unanimously. Agenda altered by adding Jack Newton and combining Hodges items.

44th France Town homes. Jack Newton updated the group on the affordable town homes being built. Move in date is approximately July 1. He needs more furniture and volunteers to help move donated items. Rae Ann will ask Felicity to put in e-newsletter.

Park director's report. Summer park hours are in affect (close at 9:00pm). The pool will open June 9. Beginning this fall school hours will include a close time at 9:00pm (previously 9:30pm). Need boy's tennis coach.

City Council report. Hodges updated on several projects:

- *Attempted abduction.* There was an attempted abduction at 43xx Abbott. The police aren't giving out much information, however more patrols have been added to the neighborhood. There will be a Community SAFE meeting on Monday, June 12, 7:00pm at the Linden Hills Park.
- *Congregational Coalition.* Congregations throughout Minneapolis are joining forces to discuss the challenges on the north side. There will be a community meeting on June 20, 7:00pm at Lake Harriet Methodist Church.
- *Neighborhood Zoning Issues.* Hodges will host a community meeting to discuss community zoning issues (e.g., infill housing, new builds, variance requests). July 20, 7:00pm most likely at Lynnhurst but will update in July. Discussed LHiNC's concerns with the city removing the mandatory step of requiring residents seeking variances to notify our organization; Hodges is addressing that and will discuss at July 20 meeting.
- *Ward Breakfast.* June 21, 8:00am at Pearson's Restaurant.

Ward 13 Summit Meeting. Hodges has organized a group, called Ward 13 Summit, which includes representatives from all neighborhood organizations in Ward 13. The first meeting was very successful and will most likely continue quarterly. Jaglo represents LHiNC on the committee.

Café Bicko. Bikanich stated he had intentions to apply for an upgrade to his restaurant, Café Bicko. The upgrade would include a full liquor license and live music with no dancing. He explained the history of his restaurant, history of no police activity and

intent to improve the facility. Hodges informed the group the city will hold a public meeting once Bikanich applies for the license upgrade, which residents will be able to attend. Bikanich showed a petition which he states includes 900 signatures to the following, "I do not oppose Café Bicko becoming a full service restaurant (full liquor and limited entertainment license)." Motion by Evans, second by Loney, "LHiNC send Tom a letter thanking him for coming to the board and notifying us of his intent to apply for an upgrade to his restaurant." Motion approved unanimously. Rae Ann will send.

Zoning –Variance Request. Kelaart’s presented information regarding their variance request at 4638 West Lake Harriet Parkway. There were two variances; a front setback and rear setback. There was much discussion regarding the issue and plans were shown. Since there was at least one opposition from a resident, the full board was required to vote on the issue. Motion by Reinan, second by Idzorek, "LHiNC vote not to oppose the two variances being requested at 4638 West Lake Harriet Parkway." Graber-Mitchell proposed a friendly amendment to add, "... in light of the information we have we cannot vote at this time." Reinan withdrew his motion. Motion by Jaglo, second by Evans, "The LHiNC Zoning Committee write a letter stating the builder and owner came with good intent to inform of us of their variance requests but we were unable to make judgment on them because all neighbors weren’t present and the timeline was too short." Motion approved unanimously. Rae Ann will write letter to Kelaarts.

Twin Cities Marathon. Panzer discussed the history of the run and her intent was to inform LHiNC of who they were and what they do. She will send LHiNC a letter outlining ways the neighborhood can get more involved in the activities.

Coordinator’s report. Did not review, but handed out (see attached).

Budget & Finance Committee. The May receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Kenison distributed a Festival Income Statement (attached); estimated \$10,200+ income from the festival, which does not include Silent Auction income which could exceed \$15,000.

Festival. There will be a ‘Wrap Up’ meeting on June 14, 7:00pm at Evans home.

New business.

- The Morningside Business Association will have a fall event on Saturday, September 18, 2006.
- Foster will be out of town from July 5-29, 2006.

Adjournment.

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

Board secretary

Date

Board co-chair

Date