

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the regular meeting, September 5, 2006

Present: Doug Kenison, Bill Idzorek, Kathy Urberg, Liz Loney, Debbie Evans, Laurie Foster, John Reinan, Jennifer Yates Borger, Ben Kolkman, Gabe Graber-Mitchell, Felicity Britton, Jack Jaglo, Deb Pierce, Larry LaVercombe

Absent: Tim O'Brien

Also attending: Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Betsy Hodges

Meeting called to order by co-chair Foster.

Approval of agenda, August and Special Silent Auction meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

Park director's report. Pool is closing. Fall programs open for registration.

City Council report.

1. In-fill housing. If you want minutes from the meeting contact Betsy.
2. Wireless. A contract has been approved. They estimate an early 2007 implementation.
3. North side help. Leaders on the North side will hold meetings regarding policies to promote volunteering and social opportunities with South side leaders.
4. Graffiti. The council did not vote on this issue, because they need to look into it further.
5. Edina Traffic Study. To view an Edina traffic study at France visit <http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/PDFs/NEEdinaTrafficStudy/Final%20Report/Executive%20Summary.pdf>.
6. Stop sign at 46th & Vincent. There was a request to reverse the stop sign from northbound to southbound at 49th & Vincent. No opposition from the group.
7. North side crime concern. Reinan noted concern about crime issues on the north side. Hodges stated the mayor's proposal was to add police officers to the area.
8. Ward Breakfast. Saturday, September 20. Judy Farmer, will be attending.

Budget & Finance Committee. The August receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Kenison noted that three applications have been submitted for the LHiNC Fall Cycle:

- Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra for \$900 to reallocate their library and hire a soloist.
- People for Parks for \$1,000 for long term renovation of the bandshell.
- Solar Power Project for \$5,000.

Phase II NRP Youth Grant Recommendations. Idzorek stated 11 applications were received for grants totally over \$53,000 in requests. He reviewed the process for receiving applications, Evaluation Team members and the evaluation process. The Evaluation Team suggested the following grants be given: Academic Success and Leadership Program (ASL), \$6,000; Community Education Green Team, \$1,700 and Lake Harriet Community School Service Learning Project, \$3,800. Idzorek made a *motion*, seconded by LaVercombe, "LHiNC Board approves the three NRP Youth Grants as recommended by the Youth Grant Evaluation Team." The vote passed unanimously.

Global Warming. Pierce presented a global warming position. If passed, Pierce would recommend at a future board meeting to retire the Commercial Business/Commercial Property Committee and create a new one more focused on community issues in which this topic would

be addressed; she also stated she would volunteer to chair that committee. Pierce made a *motion*, seconded by Britton, “Adopt the LHiNC proposed Global Warming Position statement with two revisions as presented during the meeting.” There were three issues of concern raised during the discussion; a) that this would become the main focus of LHiNC and it was important to remember the scale of our organization and just how much we can help, b) the statement was too long and c) it contained subjective information. Urberg suggested LHiNC adopt the statement as is and Pierce would put together a shortened version that can be read easily and quickly by all without including subjective information. The motion was approved with 13 yeas and 1 no (Kolkman).

Coordinator’s report. Reviewed (see attached).

Environment Matching Fund. Urberg updated the group on the fundraising effort of the Environment committee to match the Hendry Foundation’s \$12,000 donation. The group will organize a phone campaign, as well as the offering to buy a bench at the LH Park in conjunction with the recent park improvement project using Phase I funds. Urberg made a *motion*, seconded by Britton, “Loan \$1,000 to the Environment Committee for costs associated with the fundraising effort with the understanding the dollars will be paid back as they are raised.” The motion passed unanimously.

Remodeled Home Tour. Kolkman updated the group on the First Annual Remodeled Home Tour. There was a great deal learned from the tour and he plans to continue next year. He stated that many residents did not know why he was doing the tour and felt LHiNC could do a better job next year at explaining what neighbor associations do and what they will do with the money. Kolkman gave a check for \$280.00 to LHiNC, as proceeds for the tour. A *motion* was made by Urberg, seconded by Evans, “Donations from the Home Remodeled Home Tour be donated to the Hendry Foundation match program.” The motion was approved with 13 yeas and 1 abstention (Kolkman).

New business.

- E-newsletter. Britton asked for e-newsletter ideas.
- 5K race. Britton needs volunteers for Bandshell race September 10 from 9:30-11:30am.
- Feasibility Study. Britton presented Feasibility Study for Linden Hills Self Sufficiency project. The board agreed to wait to discuss the issue further until a new committee is formed to deal with these community –related issues.

Adjournment.

Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, September 22, 2006.

Board secretary

Date

Board co-chair

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