

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting, December 5, 2006**

**Present:** Bill Idzorek, Deb Pierce, Debbie Evans, Jennifer Yates Borger, John Reinan, Jon Skibbe, Kathy Urberg, Larry LaVercombe, Linea Palmisano, Nancy Nelson, Randy Smith, Spencer Deinard, Tom Bicanich (appointed that evening)

**Absent:** Ben Kolkman, Mike Lucas

**Also attending:** Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Betsy Hodges, Eric Gustafson, Tom Bicanich, Felicity Britton, Tom Braun, John Madole and Andrea Nelson.

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

**Approval of agenda and November minutes.** Evans suggested one change, which Vandeputte will make. Approved, with change, unanimously.

**Committee Assignments and Liaisons.** Yates Borger stated the new board member appointed that evening would most likely be on the Communications and Outreach committees and to keep that in mind while voting. She also noted that any resident can be on a committee.

**Vote on New Board Member.** Current board members completed paper ballots after each candidate gave a 1 minute overview. Tom Bicanich was appointed and began his term that evening.

**Park director's report.** Holtey gave an overview of current events. He asked if he could use the \$400 LHiNC gave to the park for the WinterFest, for the Kite Fest instead. It is a much larger venue and would allow the park to collect half of the donations. A *motion* was made by LaVercombe, seconded by Nelson, "Reallocate \$400 of LHiNC funds, slated for the WinterFest, to the Kite Fest instead." The motion was approved unanimously.

**City Council report.** Hodges discussed the library closings more.

**Board Practices and Respect Discussion.** Palmisano and Yates Borger reviewed the 'Roadmap for LHiNC Board Activities' (attached). They stated that new ideas should come through committees first to flush out the details, while the board will vote on any changes after receiving appropriate documentation. They also encouraged all board members to fully read their materials before board meeting to keep the meetings moving and to trust the work of committees when ideas are brought forth. They also encouraged all committee chairs to create agendas and write minutes for their meetings, which can be posted on the website for all residents to view.

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

**Energy Challenge.** Gustafson gave an overview of the project which is intended to empower Minnesotans to take simple steps in reducing their energy use and Minnesota's CO2 emissions. LHiNC agreed to promote in the e-newsletter, website and newsletter.

**LH Power and Light.** Britton gave an overview of the *Linden Hills Power and Light* group. They are concerned citizens involved in global warming and are looking at several ideas, one being anaerobic digestion. They asked LHiNC to be a part of it, as supporters right now.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The November receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Idzorek stated the Hendry Match program was at \$10,805. Welcome Packet contributions totaled \$445. He reminded the group that all reimbursements must be submitted on a Request for Proposal (RFP) form which can be found on the web and in your board manual. He reminded the group LHiNC is a 501(c)(3) which excludes them from sales tax and it will be not reimbursed.

**Review and Vote on Committee Name.** A *motion* was made by Pierce, seconded by Yates Borger, "Adopt the new committee name for the Commercial Business and Commercial Property to Creating Sustainable Community which would have an objective to strengthen community by connecting individuals, organizations, institutions, and businesses, forging new partnerships and alliances that develop and increase sustainability." The motion passed with 13 approvals and 3 abstentions (Deinard, Skibbe and Bicanich).

**New business.** Yates Borger made a *motion*, seconded by Evans, "Formally change the committee name of Festival to Fundraising." The motion passed unanimously. Evans also notified the group of a Community Engagement Report that the city dispersed the previous week and implications on our neighborhood. She suggested that Bob Miller, and potentially Stacy Sorenson, attend our January board meeting to give us a broader overview of the report and how it could affect LHiNC, in terms of NRP funding. Vandeputte will investigate.

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, December 11, 2006.

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Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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