

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting, December 4, 2007**

**Present:** Ben Kolkman, Casey Collins, Debbie Evans, Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, Sam Will and Tom Bicanich

**Absent:** David Jones, Nancy Faralisz, Jim Fisher

**Also attending:** Rae Ann Vandeputte, Mary O'Regan, Betsy Hodges, Nelson Evenrud

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*Meeting called to order by Chair Palmisano.*

**Approval of agenda and November 2007 minutes.** Approved unanimously.

**Park director's report.** New Rec+ Program Coordinator, Lema Schultz. Planning for WinterFest and the Kite Festival is well underway. Palmisano notified the group that LHiNC budgeted \$150 for the KiteFest and \$400 for WinterFest. They need a head-wrestling coach.

**Coordinator's report.** No report this month. Updated bookkeeping procedures were handed out.

**City Council report.** Hodges is on a NRP workgroup (to look at NRP after 2009); the group will have a recommendation for the Council on December 20. The council will hear a proposal on Friday (December 7) to approve neighborhoods receive 70% of their NRP Phase II plans.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The November receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Urberg notified the group regarding the Hendry Match Campaign; Urberg approached the two business associations and they both offered to do some donation solicitation. She also stated that the donation solicitation is behind and donation envelopes were distributed.

**Coordinator Update.** Lydell updated the group regarding the process for hiring a new Coordinator to replace Vandeputte. Interviews occurred December 1 for five (5) candidates. Scott Engel has been chosen as the final candidate. A motion was made by Lydell, seconded by Will, "I move to extend an offer to Scott Engel and continue the funding stream of our current coordinator." The motion was approved unanimously.

**Lakes District Coalition Update.** Urberg updated the group regarding the Lakes District Coalition. The Park Board has been involved in the meetings. The Park Districts ordinance regarding the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) was discussed, in an attempt to increase citizen participation. Next meeting is in March, 2008.

**Home Tour Wrap-Up.** Kolkman updated the group regarding the 2007 Home Remodeled Home Tour. This year the tour net \$440.00; with \$110.00 for LHiNC. LHiNC had previously approved the proceeds go directly to the Linden Hills library.

**Community Engagement and NRP Update.** Palmisano stated not much new with Community Engagement.

**Prioritized 2008 Goals and Committee Structure/Next Steps.** Palmisano updated the group regarding prioritize that were set at the final goal setting meeting. The following committees will get priorities in 2008: a) Finance and Budgeting (FAB), b) Fostering Urban Networks (FUN), c) Communications, d) Housing, e) Zoning and f) Environment.

**New business.** None

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, December 4, 2007.

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