

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, February 6, 2007

Present: Ben Kolkman, Bill Idzorek, Debbie Evans, Jennifer Yates Borger, John Reinan, Jon Skibbe, Kathy Urberg, Larry LaVercombe, Linea Palmisano, Mike Lucas, Nancy Nelson, Randy Smith, Tom Bicanich

Absent: Deb Pierce

Also attending: Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Dan Haugen

Meeting called to order by co-chair Palmisano.

Approval of agenda and January 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Park director's report. Skating rink is good, scheduled to close February 19. Good turnout for Winter Fest. Hosted first Linden Hills Folk Jam with 15 attendees.

Coordinator's report. Reviewed (see attached).

City Council report. Hodges was not present.

Budget & Finance Committee. The January receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Deadline for the Spring Grant cycle is February 15; no applications have been received yet. Next Finance Committee meeting is March 8 to review grant requests.

Committee Updates.

- **Housing.** Nelson stated the committee is determining what work the history of work and projects. They are reviewing the NRP Phase I and II revolving loan programs to encourage use of Phase I and begin implementing Phase II. They also need to better understand the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and needs of seniors in our community. Nancy will resign from the board as of February 28, since she is moving out of the neighborhood.
- **Outreach Committee.** Palmisano and Bicanich stated the group was working on a Mission Statement for the council. The proposed statement is, "The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is committed to neighborhood improvement. It has a vested interest in keeping Linden Hills vital, safe and beautiful while forging new relationships through community building and outreach." The mission will be presented at a future board meeting for final approval. Other goals of the committee this year are: a) developing other events to provide revenue for the organization, b) partnering with business associations to co-host activities and c) reaching out and rediscovering assets within the organization.

March Potluck. Palmisano reminded the group the next board meeting was a community potluck. The primary goals are engaging the community in meetings, gathering the community as a whole and recruiting festival volunteers.

Festival Update.

- Yates-Borger stated the Festival Committee will need a new Art Fair chair, due to Nancy's departure.

- A ‘helper’ is needed for the Finance Committee, three weeks prior to the festival.
- There was concern by Evans, Silent Auction Committee Chair, regarding the number of board members assigned to the Silent Auction committee. Evans felt six members would not be enough and the work would be too much for her. Yates-Borger stated she assigned only six board members since others were busy with other committee chair positions. After much discussion Evans stated she would no longer chair the Festival Silent Auction committee. Yates-Borger stated new assignments would be announced at the next Festival Committee meeting.
- Yates-Borger made a *motion*, seconded by Reinan, to accept the language printed in the February 2007 Coordinator’s report,
 - “**Whereas**, it is important for future board members to know that at this time, without NRP funding for administrative needs in future years, we anticipate that future boards will have a drastic shortfall in administrative funding; **Whereas**, it has been important to both the current LHiNC Board and past LHiNC Boards to fund both administrative costs and community projects, programs, grants and donations from revenues that we have received; **Be it Resolved** that all funds raised by LHiNC shall be allocated as follows: 65% to LHiNC's future funding needs; and 35% to current funding needs. It is important to note that these funds are not in any way intended to take the place of aggressive fundraising efforts by future boards.”
 - After discussion Evans presented an amendment to the motion, seconded by Kolkman, “**Whereas**, it is important for future board members to know that without NRP funding for administrative needs in future years, we anticipate that future LHiNC boards will have a drastic shortfall in administrative funding; **Whereas**, we anticipate that future boards will have to place a priority on funding the operational and organizational expenses of LHiNC; **Whereas**, it has been important to both the current LHiNC Board and past LHiNC Boards to fund both administrative costs and community projects, programs, grants and donations from revenues that we have received; **Whereas**, disseminating information to the neighborhood through the newsletter website, etc.; and administering the NRP strategies, communicating with Linden Hills residents and businesses and maximizing volunteer opportunities via the LHiNC coordinator have been integral parts of LHiNC’s responsibility; **Whereas** these funds are not in any way intended to take the place of aggressive fundraising efforts by future board, **Whereas**, funds raised for matching grants to LHiNC are exempt from the following; **Be it Resolved** that all funds raised by LHiNC in 2007 shall be allocated as follows: 65% to an administrative reserve for future LHiNC expenses and 35% to current funding.”
 - After discussion the amendment passed with ten yeas and three nays (Yates-Borger, Lucas, Smith). The original motion was not voted upon.

Board Departure. Palmisano mentioned there are two board openings that will be appointed during the March board meeting. Currently there are two applicants.

New business. None

Adjournment.

Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, February 13, 2007.

Board secretary

Date

Board co-chair

Date