

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the regular meeting, January 9, 2006**

**Present:** Ben Kolkman, Bill Idzorek, Debbie Evans, Jennifer Yates Borger, John Reinan, Jon Skibbe, Kathy Urberg, Linea Palmisano, Mike Lucas, Nancy Nelson, Spencer Deinard

**Absent:** Larry LaVercombe, Deb Pierce, Randy Smith,

**Also attending:** Rae Ann Vandeputte, Marc Holtey, Ben Hecker on behalf of Betsy Hodges, Bob Miller, Stacy Sorenson

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

**Approval of agenda and December 2006 minutes.** Approved unanimously.

**Park director's report.** Kite Festival is cancelled due to the mild weather therefore Holtey would like to reallocate the funds back to the Winterfest. **Motion** by Idzorek, second by Evans, "Reallocate Kite Festival funds of \$400 back to the Winterfest." Motion approved unanimously.

**City Council report.** Hecker on behalf of Hodges gave updates: 1) Ward breakfast 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month. 2) Hodges will present a zoning code amendment to the City Council on January 12; if approved that will allocate staff resources to research the issue further. The staff will evaluate introducing a floor-area-ratio allowance based on size of lot and redefining the 'natural grade' of a property (before backhoes are used) to reduce the build up of grade. Once staff evaluates the proposed suggestions public meetings will be held to allow for resident feedback. 3) The pond hockey event that occurred on Lake Calhoun last year had problems with parking – Hodges was looking into those issues, but the event has been cancelled this year due to the weather. 4) The legislation is in session, several key issues are property tax relief, public safety and transit.

**NRP Update Summary.** Miller gave an overview regarding the history of NRP. He noted funding for NRP will cease at the end of 2009. He discussed the recently released Community Engagement Report and discussed the significance it has in keeping residents involved in city decisions, as NRP has done in the past. He encouraged LHiNC to review how the report defines engagement and suggests that instead of just engaging citizens the city chose to empower them which would allow neighborhoods to continue having a say in city processes. He strongly suggests that LHiNC give feedback to the City Council regarding their opinions as well.

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

**Budget & Finance Committee.** The December receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Kathy Urberg's Environment Committee raised approximately \$14,500 for the Hendry Foundation Match campaign.

**Festival Material Distributing.** Yates-Borger distributed Festival Manuals to all board members.

**Silent Auction Discussion.** Yates-Borger mentioned the Fundraising Committee will be discussing at their next meeting a percentage to allocate for future fundraising earnings. Yates-Borger made a motion, seconded by Nelson, “All funds raised by the Remodeled Home Tour in 2007 be given to the Linden Hills Library”. Motion approved with one abstinence by Kolkman.

**New business.** Yates-Borger and Palmisano stressed the importance of attendance by all board members. They pointed out that three absences will force a reinstatement by the board. They also stressed that email communication must be kept private and to respect those that receive the messages as well.

*Adjournment.*

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Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, February 1, 2007.

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Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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