

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, June 5, 2007

Present: Ben Kolkman, David Jones, Deb Pierce, Debbie Evans, Janeen Rosas, Jennifer Yates Borger, John Reinan, Jon Skibbe, Kathy Urberg, Larry LaVercombe, Linea Palmisano, Tom Bicanich

Absent: Randy Smith

Also attending: Marc Holtey, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Mary O'Regan (SW Journal), Jack Jaglo, Luanne Nyberg

Meeting called to order by co-chair Palmisano.

Approval of agenda and May 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Park director's report. The pool will open Saturday, June 9. The rec+ summer program is planning a global good campaign this summer; they will host lemonade stands, clean-up liter, and raise funds for Heifer International.

Coordinator's report. Reviewed (see attached). Bicanich made a *motion*, seconded by LaVercombe, "Allow Rae Ann to look into spending up to \$20/month to automate our bookkeeping procedures while maintaining auditing parameters." Approved unanimously.

OverExposure. Jaglo gave an overview of the *OverExposure* project which uses photography to educate, enlighten and engage the community on pressing social issues. If LHiNC wanted to be involved they would need to sign a contract and appropriate at least \$200 towards the project. Kolkman made a *motion*, seconded by Bicanich, "Do not appropriate \$200 towards the *OverExposure* project." After much discussion, the motion did not pass with a 3-7-1 vote; LaVercombe, Skibbe, Urberg, Jones, Reinan, Pierce, Yates-Borger voted against, Evans abstained. Reinan made a motion, seconded by Jones, "I move that LHiNC sign-up for the *OverExposure* project and approve \$200 towards the project." During discussion Jones, Palmisano and Reinan offered to work with Jack Jaglo on the project. The motion was approved with a 8-2-1 vote; Bicanich and Rosas voted against and Kolkman abstained. Evans made a motion, seconded by Yates-Borger, "Appoint Jack Jaglo to lead the *OverExposure* project on LHiNC's behalf." The motion was approved unanimously.

Festival Recap. Yates-Borger presented a preliminary budget for the festival. The earnings to date are approximately \$14,000 despite the rain. Reviewed the budget and thanked volunteers.

City Council report. Hodges said the Zoning Codes changes will be presented at the Planning Committee of the City Council on June 21. The 35W/62 project is underway; hotline number is 1-866-743-6590. The library consolidation bill passed. The Governor vetoed the tax bill which would have included money for the LGA (Local Government Aid); at this point it is unclear whether or not there will be a special session. The City Council has put together a three point plan to approach the Community Engagement

report; 1) staff to begin implementing consensus recommendations, 2) define roles and funding of neighborhood, community and cultural organizations and 3) determine the funding, focus and governance of the NRP program.

Environment Committee Name Change. Urberg made a *motion*, seconded by Pierce, “I move that the Education & Environment Committee name change to Environment Committee since the focus of the volunteers is not the public or private school system as was the intent of the committee years ago.” The motion was approved with a 9-2-0 vote; Yates-Borger and Pierce voting against.

Treasurer Discussion. Yates-Borger and Palmisano informed the group Bill Idzorek had resigned as Treasurer as of today. The position was posted in the May 4 Linden Hills Line and Lesley Lydell expressed interest in the role. All board members were invited to a meeting with Lydell which had occurred prior to the meeting. LaVercombe made a *motion*, seconded by Bicanich, “I move that we approve Lesley Lydell onto the LHiNC board.” The motion was approved unanimously. LaVercombe made a *motion*, seconded by Skibbe, “I move that we elect Lesley Lydell as LHiNC’s Treasurer.” The motion was approved unanimously.

Housing Project. Nyberg personally invited all board members to a community meeting she is hosting on June 12 to discuss a building project on her lot at 4050 Washburn.

Resignations and Board Format. Yates-Borger and Palmisano reminded the group about recent board resignations. They both suggested changes to the board are necessary in order to retain current volunteers and implement issues within the organization more efficiently and effectively. They both suggested that the current structure and bi-laws be reviewed to determine if changes could occur to keep the grassroots culture, better align with residents and retain volunteers. Both will begin talking with current board members to analyze the issues and put together a plan.

NRP Discussion. Palmisano reminded the group about the recent discussions about NRP and LHiNC’s priorities for Phase II. She suggested the board meet one hour prior to the next board meeting to discuss. It was agreed to do so.

Housing Statement. Kolkman wanted to make sure the board read the statement in the Coordinator’s Report regarding the recent vote at the Housing Committee Meeting to put the Affordable Housing Trust Fund strategy on hold.

Adjournment.

Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, June 9, 2007.

Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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