

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, October 2, 2007

Present: Ben Kolkman, David Jones, Debbie Evans, Jennifer Yates Borger, Kathy Urberg, Larry LaVercombe, Linea Palmisano, Tom Bicanich, Lesley Lydell

Absent: Deb Pierce, Janeen Rosas, John Reinan, Jon Skibbe

Also attending: Nelson Evenrud, Rae Ann Vandeputte, Mary O'Regan (SW Journal), Matt Perry (Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee)

Meeting called to order by co-chair Palmisano.

Approval of agenda and September 2007 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Park director's report. Nelson Evenrud is the new Director of the park

City Council report. Ward breakfast October 17 this month. Friday the City Council will vote on municipal consent of the 35W bridge; making sure that the public input is included. Community Engagement taskforce has completed their recommendations; there will be several public meetings to discuss - closest is October 18 at MLK Park from 5:30-7:30pm. There is a possibility of putting a fee on property owners to fund a streetlighting project in the city – will be deliberated in the future. There are city shortfalls for future NRP funding, which will get taken up in the 2008 budget.

Coordinator's report. Reviewed (see attached). Palmisano discussed the Board Retreat that will be held on November 3; she encouraged all to participate fully and is looking for feedback into planning the event. There will be a planning session at 6:30pm on October 4 to discuss.

Budget & Finance Committee. The September receipts journal was submitted to the secretary. Lydell presented the 2008 LHiNC Budget (attached). Motion made by Lydell, seconded by LaVercombe, "LHiNC approve the proposed 2008 LHiNC Budget". Motion approved unanimously.

Housing Committee discussion. Kolkman gave an overview of an affordable housing project, called Creekside Commons, that is being proposed for in the Tangletown neighborhood. The Housing Committee has written a letter to support that affordable housing project, which is in alignment with LHiNC's Affordable Housing Policy. Motion made by Kolkman, seconded by LaVercombe, "Allow the LHiNC Housing Committee, on behalf of LHiNC, to send the proposed letter to the Tangletown Neighborhood Association supporting the Tangletown Creekside Commons project." Hodges suggested to copy Councilmembers Hodges and Benson on the letter as well and Kolkman amended his motion to include such an inclusion. Motion passed with a 5-3-0 (Evans, Yates-Borger and Bicanich abstainin g).

Almsted's Update. Yates-Borger updated the group regarding hiring of Almsted's employees by Lunds. Twenty-seven of the 35 Almsted's employees were hired by Lunds.

Go Local Campaign update. Palmisano updated the group regarding the Go Local campaign that came together quickly during the last board meeting in response to the Almsted's closing. On September 15, at two local events, over 350 "Local" stickers and 100 fabric shopping bags were handed out. The message was mostly one of 'identity' of supporting local things- businesses, parks and library.

Community Engagement Update. Perry informed the group that the Community Engagement (CE) committee was put together on request of the City Council. The goal was to determine how to improve community engagement with community organizations. A report was put together by the group and now community meetings will occur to get public feedback. After community input, the task force will synthesize the input, add to the report and bring to the Committee of the Whole on November 15.

NRP Update. Vandeputte updated the group on a letter sent by Bob Miller. That letter outlined a plan by NRP to reduce LHiNC's Phase II allocation from \$530,161 to \$288,312 with a 30% holdback – giving LHiNC \$201,818 to spend on Phase II projects. Vandeputte suggested LHiNC hold tight for a couple months until the new board is in place before continuing discussions regarding the reduced allocation and get involved with the "Save NRP" grassroots group working to secure funding for NRP.

Outgoing board member discussion. Board members whose last meeting was tonight, and were present, were thanked for all their hard work and dedication to the organization; Larry LaVercombe and Jennifer Yates-Borger.

New business. Urberg updated the group that the Hendry Family Foundation has once again offered to match up to \$14,000 of dollars that we raise for trees. New this year, the Foundation has offered to give LHiNC additional money to fundraise for that campaign. A motion was made by Urberg, seconded by Evans that "LHiNC approve up to \$1,000 of 2006 Hendry Funds be spent on fundraising this year." The motion was approved unanimously. Urberg also informed the group that the Environment Committee will be using \$6,000 of \$12,000 for planting of the PATH project from Phase I, Strategy #21 funds.

Adjournment.

Submitted by LHiNC Coordinator Rae Ann Vandeputte, October 2, 2007.

Board secretary

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Board co-chair

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