

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, February 12, 2008

Present: Tom Bicanich, Casey Collins, Debbie Evans, Jim Fisher, Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, and Samuel Will

Absent: Ben Kolkman, David Jones

Also attending: Scott Engel, Laurie Foster, Matt Perry, Tom Braun

Meeting called to order by Chair Palmisano. She noted that Nancy Faraliss moved out of the neighborhood and so had to resign from the LHINC Board. There was general agreement that attempts would not be made to fill this Board position so far into the year.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes. Motion, seconded- to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved. The January 15 minutes were not available and will be presented for approval at the March 4 meeting.

Park Report/ Kite Fest Update. Nelson Evenrud, park director, was unable to attend the meeting so Chair Palmisano presented the park report. The Jan 12 Kite Fest was a big success with a large attendance and much positive feedback. The event has the potential to build the identity of the LHINC organization. The Jan 22 Linden Hills Park Winter Fest was also a fun, community-building event. The Winter Fest's medallion hunt has inspired interest in such an activity for the Festival, and Tom Bicanich is interested in leading this up.

Compost Pilot Update: Tom Braun from Linden Hills Power and Light presented a summary of the Linden Hills Compost Program to dispose of organic materials instead of having it go into the normal garbage.

- It is a one-year, pilot project for only the Linden Hills neighborhood.
- Single-family and duplex residents are eligible to opt into the program.
- Residents are encouraged to become compost block leaders to monitor and promote the program.
- The program is expected to begin in April 2008.

No Waste Festival. Keiko Veasey presented the concept of making the LH Festival a 'no-waste festival'. This would require the use of recyclable materials, additional volunteers and funds, and other changes to how the event is implemented and promoted. Motion, Seconded- to organize the Linden Hills Festival with the goal of creating no waste. Approved.

Festival. The Board discussed organizing the 2008 Festival with the following key components:

- Food: Jen Yates
- Art/Marketplace: Jim (w/ Jack Jaglo)
- Finance: Lesley (with Doug Kennison?)
- Entertainment: David
- Volunteers: Carlos, Tom B, Laurie Foster and Felicity Britton
- Book Fair: Joe Wolf
- Garage Sale: Keiko and Kathy (Patty S.)
- Publicity: Kelly & Carlos
- Silent Auction: All, with Debbie

Based on a number of factors and past Silent Auction experiences, it is important to have a highly organized and well-constructed Silent Auction event. Board member assistance will be about

bringing in donations and administrative assistance was needed. Motion, Seconded- to dedicate up to \$2,000 from 2008 silent auction proceeds for paid administrative assistance for coordination of the event. This dollar amount is based on past silent auctions (200 items) and the follow-up needed, and might be affected if we have significantly more or less items to auction. Approved 7 (Yes), 3 (No), 1 (Abstention)

Coordinator's Report. Scott Engel reported that he has office hours on Wednesdays from 9am-1pm and Fridays 9am-5pm. He can be reached at the LHINC phone or scott@lindenhills.org.

The Zoning Committee did not meet in January, but will meet Monday, February 18, 7pm @ Linden Hills Park.

Budget & Finance Committee. Lesley Lydell reported that a fuller finance discussion will occur at the March 4 LHINC meeting facilitating the 5-year budget discussion. The LHINC spring grant deadline was extended to March 15.

March 4 Town Hall & Potluck: The Housing Committee will present a town hall meeting about the foreclosure issue and how it affects real estate. The annual potluck will take place at the same time.

Framework for the Future. The City Council would like feedback regarding the "Framework" document by March 17 for their April 3 discussion. Chair Palmisano presented the idea of working with other 13th Ward neighborhood organizations to gather resident input about what neighborhood programs and activities are valued. The input will help to inform a Linden Hills response about the Framework document back to the City. March 10, 7pm at Lynnhurst Park is set for a community meeting on this topic.

Environment Committee. Kathy Urberg presented the concept of utilizing a summer intern to work on environmental projects for LHINC. She has been discussing ideas with CURA and would craft a proposal to that organization. Motion, Seconded- to approve \$500 from non-Hendry sourced funds to obtain an intern for summer 2008. Approved.

Block Clubs. Casey Collins noted that he is continuing to work to develop a block club network. He has been partnering with the Compost Pilot Project folks to identify potential leaders.

New business. Committee Chairs were directed to get updated text about their group to Sam so it can be included in the new website.

Adjournment. The next meeting is March 4, 2008.

Submitted by LHINC Coordinator Scott Engel, February 13, 2008.

Board secretary

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