

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Preliminary Minutes of the regular meeting, November 11, 2008**

**Present:** Casey Collins, Tom Bicanich , Juan Carlos Ruisnor, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Linea Palmisano, Patrick Sarver, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Adam Wiatrowski, Sam Will

**Absent:** Jon Hoffert, Amy Kane, and Lesley Lydell

*Chair Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.*

**Approval of Agenda.** Motion. Seconded. To approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

**Traffic Issues on Upton Ave.** Council Member Hodges

- CM Hodges said that Steve Mosing and Til (last name not known) from Minneapolis Public Works were in attendance to hear feedback regarding traffic on Upton- especially between 44<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets. They will take the input back to influence how to study the problem and what issues to address. They must also consider how addressing issues on Upton may affect surrounding streets like Vincent or Xerxes.
- Many neighbors from the Upton Avenue area were in attendance to discuss their observations and concerns about this area. Many of these concerns were detailed in a 3-page document provided by some of the concerned neighbors. These concerns included: high traffic speeds, many children in the area, large numbers of pedestrians and bicyclists going to the lake, lack of stop signs or stop lights, many driveways, a substantial hill, parking, summer activity, and were submitted to Public Works staff and CM Hodges.
- Public Works has tools to address traffic issues. However, there are some limits to what can be done to the street as it is a "MN State Aid" route.
- Public Works will begin a study within two weeks which will include observing traffic and related issues. They will then use this info to develop a plan to address the issues.
- CM Hodges plans to report on the findings back to residents with a target timeline of January 2009.

**Approval of Minutes.** Motion. Seconded: to approve the minutes of the October 2 meeting. Approved unanimously.

**Officer Elections.** The group discussed officer positions, and Palmisano was nominated as Chair, Veasey as Vice-Chair, and Lydell as Treasurer. Wiatrowski will work with the Finance Committee to get up to speed to potentially take on the Treasurer role later in the year. No one was nominated as Secretary after discussion and description of the role.

Motion, seconded to elect Palmisano as Chair, Veasey as Vice-Chair and Lydell as Treasurer. Approved unanimously.

Motion, seconded to approve the officers as signatories on LHiNC accounts at US Bank. Approved unanimously.

**Communications Report.** Keegan provided an update about committee activities:

- Newsletter Policies: Keegan presented revised newsletter policies for the LH Line and E-news. Of note, the new policy requires the Board to approve the editors of the LH Line and E-news once per year. Motion, seconded to approve the policies as proposed. Approved unanimously.

**New Business.**

- After some discussion the Board decided not to select an “elector” for the NRP Policy Board Election scheduled for November 20.
- Palmisano passed out a draft 2009 administrative calendar detailing meeting and event dates for the year. This will be discussed at the next LHiNC meeting on December 2.

*Adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next session is December 2, 2008.*

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Submitted by Scott Engel, October 2008.

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