

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the regular meeting July 1, 2008

Present: Tom Bicanich, Casey Collins, Debbie Evans, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Sam Will

Absent: Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Kelly Keegan

Motion to Approve Agenda, June's Meeting Minutes and Removal of Ben Kolkman from Signatory List:

"Remove Ben Kolkman from all signature authority as an Office of Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC), effective immediately."

Lesley Lydell moved, Keiko Veasey seconded. Unanimously approved.

Code of Conduct By-Law Addendum: There was discussion around the wording desired for the By-Laws Code of Conduct addition. A vote was made to table the discussion and Kathy Urberg took the task of consensus-building for final wording in preparation for the August Meeting. Tom and Casey opposed the tabling vote.

Block Leader Update: Casey Collins briefed the board on the status of the 2008 block leader project. With National Night Out (NNO) coming up on August 5th, it is timely (and a prioritized board goal of 2008) to reach out to blocks without block leaders and verify existing block leaders that will be organizing their block event. Casey provided a handout to provide to block leaders in regards to NNO and is organizing the project with help from all board members.

Community POWER Grant: Keiko Veasey made the Motion, *"The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) Board of Directors approves the Community POWER program agreement for the 2007-08 grant cycle, and authorizes Board Officers to execute this agreement between Hennepin County and LHiNC."* Debbie Evans seconded. Unanimous Vote.

The Community POWER Grant was awarded to LHiNC from Hennepin County under the understanding that LHiNC's Environment Committee is developing an Eco-Parent Program. The Program is educational and will be focused on the local environmental impacts around issues such as:

- Waste & Toxicity Reduction
- Compost
- Recycling
- Insecticides

Keiko will lead the program and Amy Parish will assist. An estimated 2 hrs/month of coordinator time will need to be allocated related to updates to the grant organization of the county.

Watershed District Motion:

Grace Vermeer and Kathy Urberg discussed the potential to apply for a Minnehaha Watershed District grant opportunity that would bring an environmental watershed project to Linden Hills and likely be promoted through the existing educational efforts of the Environment Committee. The motion:

"The LHiNC Board supports the Environment Committee grant applications to the Minnehaha Watershed District and agrees to serve as fiscal agent for the grants if they are received."

Approved unanimously.

Finance Update: Festival wrap up continued.

- \$16,627.35 – Total Deposit for "day of" (note: does not account for any costs or other income from sponsorships and marketplace, garage sale etc)
- \$100 – Counterfeit Loss
- \$20 – Loss to last year's old ticket buybacks

- \$7260 – Food Gross
- \$338 – Bingo
- \$387 – Dessert
- \$1100 – Pony Rides
- \$350 – Menu ?
- \$2400 – Games
- \$57 – Face Painting

Festival Recap:

The Board continued the discussion around outcome of the festival.

- Silent Auction
 - There were concerns over the value in arranging the “Buy-It-Now” option.
 - PayPal was difficult to Use unless they had a personal account.
 - Mostly personal checks were used to pay for items.
- Zero Waste
 - Zero Waste was a success
 - Food Area was the best contributing performer
 - Games Area was the most concerning performer
 - Interest in new guidelines to set zero waste compliance for next year
 - Start early in zero waste component with partners for next year
- Other
 - Improved power sources desired for next year to minimize chance of blown fuses.

Adjournment @ 9pm. Next Meeting is August 12, 2008.

Submitted by LHiNC Board Member Samuel Will, July 20, 2008.

Board Officer

Date

Board Chair

Date