

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, March 4, 2008

Present: Tom Bicanich, Debbie Evans, Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, David Jones, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano and Sam Will

Absent: Jim Fisher, Casey Collins, Kelly Keegan

Potluck & town hall Meeting: At 6pm the Housing Committee presented a town hall forum regarding the foreclosure issue, as residents enjoyed food from the potluck.

Meeting called to order by Chair Palmisano at 7pm. She thanked the Housing Committee for their presentation.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes. Motion, seconded- to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved. The January 15 and February 12 minutes were not available in printed format (website only) and thus will be presented for approval at the April 1 meeting.

Festival- Silent Auction. Rae Ann Vandeputte, who has contracted with LHINC to coordinate the Silent Auction, presented the auction strategy. She passed out individualized packets for each board member to have as their responsibility for follow-up. The group was encouraged to be creative with their donations. Please drop off auction donation forms and auction items to Rae Ann's breezeway. The deadline to solicit donations is May 3. Debbie volunteered to create attractive signs used on the tables to describe auction items.

Park Report Update. Nelson Evenrud, park director, noted that spring registration ends March 10. Summer registration begins April 19.

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

Scott reminded the group that the Linden Hills Line article submission deadline is Tuesday, February 19, and would be contacting folks who are in charge of Festival components to ensure information is included in the newsletter.

The Zoning Committee met February 18 and voted unanimously not to oppose the variance request for 4249 Linden Hills Boulevard. The committee will meet on Monday, March 17 to discuss at least two issues.

Framework for the Future. Chair Palmisano noted that Ward 13 leaders have scheduled a joint forum for March 10 @ Lynhurst Park to hold an interests-based discussion about the Framework proposal. The Community Engagement Coordinator would like feedback specifically regarding the Framework document by March 17 for the April 3 City Council discussion. There was discussion about timing and whether LHINC would develop its own position about the Framework. Chair Palmisano encouraged the group to attend the March 10 forum and send her feedback via email.

Development Task Force. Chair Palmisano proposed creating a temporary committee (aka "task force") made up of key community stakeholders (residents, business and land owners and city personnel) to develop more specific design guidelines. The task force would gather feedback through a series of community meetings and propose their recommendations by June. Motion,

Seconded to establish a Development Design Guidelines Task Force. Approved unanimously. Debbie Evans referenced a commercial design framework document that was done a number of years ago that would apply to both commercial districts.

Chair Palmisano also noted that a development firm representing CVS Pharmacy has contacted her today around their intent to propose a store at 3815 Sunnyside Avenue (the former Almsted's) and the adjacent gas station. She shared photos showing examples of CVS locations in the City with significant differences in design. She is in the process of scheduling a first meeting with the development firm to get information and begin the dialogue of the neighborhood feedback process.

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
- Publicity: Kelly & Carlos
- Silent Auction: All, with Rae Ann

Tom Bicanich noted he is still working to establish a Festival medallion hunt.

Budget & Finance Committee. Lesley Lydell reported that LHINC Spring Grants are due March 15. She has reserved a park room at 6pm on April 4 (prior to the LHINC Board Meeting) to review applications.

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

Adjournment. The next meeting is April 1, 2008).

Submitted by LHINC Coordinator Scott Engel, March 5, 2008.

Board Secretary

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Board Chair

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