

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the regular meeting, May 6, 2008

Board Members Present: Tom Bicanich, Casey Collins, Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Debbie Evans, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Lesley Lydell, Kelly Keegan, Linea Palmisano, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, and Sam Will (**Board Member Absent:** Ben Kolkman)

Guests: Joe Wolf, Kathy-jo Peterson, Greg Frazee, Laurie Foster, Jack Jaglo, Nelson Evenrud, Jen Yates-Borger

Meeting called to order by Chair Palmisano at 7:00pm.

Approval of Agenda. Motion, Seconded- to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Budget & Finance Committee. Treasurer Lydell reported that the Finance Committee met and recommends allocating LHINC Spring Grant amounts. Motion, Seconded: to allocate LHINC Spring Grants according to the Finance Committee’s reviewal:

- Total spring cycle grants and amounts recommended and approved: \$2,160.
- Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra: \$410.
- Linden Hills Power and Light: \$300.
- Kellix: \$200.
- Linden Hills Park: \$1,250.

Approved unanimously.

The Linden Hills History Study Group requested LHINC funds for two history related items:

1. \$100 National History Day Prize- Goes to a SWHS student for writing an essay about the history of Minneapolis
2. \$500 Minneapolis Sesquicentennial Celebration: Goes to support Central Library’s history events

Motion, Seconded to approve \$100 for National History Day and \$500 for the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial celebration utilizing LHINC NRP history documentation funds. Approved unanimously.

Keegan reported that 500 LHINC t-shirts were ordered for the Festival in a variety of sizes and colors. Two designs resulted from a recent contest- one for adults and one for kids. The shirts will be sold at the Festival on May 18, but can be sold later because they are not Festival specific. Motion, Seconded to approve up to \$4,000 to purchase t-shirts. Approved unanimously.

Urberg and Veasey presented a proposal to use LHINC funds for a variety Environment Committee projects as follows:

Description	Amount	Source
1. Elm Treatment	\$1,351	Elm treatment (NRP)
The elms in the park were treated three years ago and need re-treatment	\$3,419	Blvd landscaping (NRP)
2. PATH	\$4,555	Blvd landscaping (NRP)
Payment to Edelweiss Design for further planting and maintenance of the PATH and area on 44 th St across from Turtle Bread Co.		
3. ReLeaf Maps	\$200	ReLeaf Grant
Already geocoded, and we want a couple of maps printed out		

Description	Amount	Source
1. Incentives for elm treatment & Buckthorn removal		
EC offers incentives to residents to treat high-	\$5,000	Neighborhood Environment Contributions

value elm trees and/or remove buckthorn from their property. We propose spending up to \$1500 on buckthorn incentives, with a total of no more than \$5000 for both buckthorn incentives and elm treatment.		
2. Summer Internship CURA grant not funded, so \$500 originally approved by board for this program is null. We wish to fund an internship out of our own funds. Internship will further work on grant opportunities and assist in bringing community together around elms and buckthorn removal, along with other EC-specific priorities.	\$3,000	Neighborhood Environment Contributions
3. Community POWER EcoParents Grant Grant application to Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) requires 100% match. Total grant request is approx \$5,000.	\$2,000	Hendry 'unused' fundraising money
	\$500 (up to)	Neighborhood Environment Contributions
4. Festival EC contribution to support zero waste initiative (\$200), plus purchasing reusable bags to sell as fundraising item (\$300)	\$500	Neighborhood Environment Contributions (#5)
TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$9,000	

1. *Motion, Seconded: that the board authorize the Environment Committee to spend \$3,419 from the unbudgeted balance of Phase I, Strategy 21, to treat public elms in Linden Hills. Approved unanimously.*
2. *Motion, Seconded: that the board authorize the Environment Committee to spend up to \$9,000 of Neighborhood Environment Contributions that includes approximately \$3,000 on a summer internship, \$5,000 on incentives for elm treatment and buckthorn removal, \$500 towards the Community POWER/EcoParent grant, and \$500 toward Linden Hills Festival-related activities. Approved unanimously.*

Festival. The Board discussed organizing the following Festival components: Food, Art/Marketplace, Finance, Entertainment, Volunteers, Book Fair, Garage Sale, Publicity, Silent Auction, Treasure Hunt: Board members were reminded to use LHINC's sale tax exempt # when making purchases because LHINC will not reimburse for sales tax.

Approval of Minutes. Motion, Seconded to approve the minutes from the April 1 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment. The next meeting is June 3, 2008).

Submitted by LHINC Coordinator Scott Engel, May 8, 2008.

Board Secretary

Date

Board Chair

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