

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Approved Minutes of the regular meeting, October 6, 2009

Present: Casey Collins, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, Juan Carlos Ruisonor, Patrick Sarver, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Adam Wiatrowski

Absent: Tom Bicanich

Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes. Motion. Seconded. To approve:

- The proposed agenda and minutes from the September 1 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting,

- The group discussed options for the annual meeting structure including a formal meeting or a less programmed “fair” concept. It was agreed to implement the fair with info tables about various LHINC activities and programs.
- Attendees will be encouraged to sign up to help with NRP activities.
- Palmisano will welcome folks and CM Hodges will give a short City update. Hodges and the other Ward 13 City Council Candidate may have a table with info about their campaigns.
- Candidates for other offices may have a table.
- Gail Dorfman & Kathie Doty will provide info about the SW LRT line for a table.
- The instant runoff voting (IRV) folks will also have a table with sample ballots.
- The musician Scrapegoat will play and a Girl Scout troupe will provide craft projects for kids.
- Ruisonor will sell t-shirts.

Collins, Ruisonor and Urberg will not be running for another term. Collins and Urberg have been working to recruit candidates.

SW LRT, Gail Dorfman & Kathie Doty

Dorfman & Doty were in attendance to discuss the process for determining the route for the SW LRT line. An unsigned flyer was recently distributed to part of LH providing inaccurate info about the process.

- Hennepin County has been working for 10 years to identify the LRT route. Currently, there are two options under consideration- the Kenniworth route and a route through Uptown.
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has a formula to determine the cost effectiveness for routes based on rider-ship, trip time and overall cost. The Kenniworth comes out as the only route to meet these standards, and has been recommended by the project advisory committee.
- The final decision has not been made on a route, however, as the Hennepin County Board and the Met Council need to make a decision. HC is sponsoring a public hearing on the matter on October 20.
- Hennepin County will begin “station area planning.” in the next few months and LH neighbors are encouraged to participate.
- LHINC will promote the process through the e-news and LH Line.
- Doty will provide info about the project for the LHINC annual meeting.

Finance Committee Update. Lesley Lydell

Lydell reported that the Finance committee met to review 2 fall grants. The Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra is seeking funds to commission music for their 30th anniversary. Cloudman Village is seeking funds to get their group started. Motion, seconded to provide \$1,000 to LHCO and \$500 to Cloudman. Approved unanimously.

Lydell passed out a summary of NRP projects and asked for feedback about what projects to promote at the Annual Meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to group NRP projects under larger headings like housing, youth, environment, etc. There will also be more info regarding specific projects under those headings with sign up sheets.

Retreat Structure: Keiko Veasey

The Board retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 7. There was again discussion about splitting it into 2 sessions- one for introducing LHINC and another for strategic planning. It was agreed to schedule the retreat for only one day (November 7) from 9am-1pm. The board officers will work to organize the retreat. Bicanich has tentatively reserved Trygg’s restaurant party room at no charge.

The Board will select officers after the retreat at the November 10 Board meeting.

Adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next session is November 10, 2009.

Submitted by Scott Engel

Board Officer

Date

Board Chair

Date