

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Preliminary Minutes of the regular meeting, January 6, 2009

Present: Tom Bicanich , Juan Carlos Ruisnor, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, Patrick Sarver, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Adam Wiatrowski

Absent: Casey Collins, Jon Hoffert, Amy Kane, and Sam Will
Chair Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes. Motion. Seconded. To approve the agenda and minutes from the December 2 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Council Member Hodges Report

CM Hodges provided an update about issues being dealt with at the City:

- Minneapolis is dealing with significant budget issues- especially due to cuts in MN State Aid. These cuts will not include cuts to public safety, however.
- Her office is coordinating a joint Fulton and Linden Hills Safety Open House in response to crime concerns. The meeting, which is tentatively set for Jan 28, will feature representatives from the Minneapolis and Park police departments.

Traffic Issues on Upton Ave. Council Member Hodges

- CM Hodges said that Steve Mosing and Teal from Minneapolis Public Works were in attendance to present a preliminary report to deal with traffic issues on Upton, in follow-up to the November board session and resident concern- especially between 44th and 48th Streets. The 7-page report noted that data collection occurred in mid-October and it included a measure of speed, crash rates, and traffic behavior.
- The report recommends no additional stop signs because the traffic behavior doesn't warrant it. It does recommend: 1.) adding a 30mph sign at southbound 46th St 2.) replacing existing speed limit signs with oversized signs 3.) double yellow median between 44th & 49th 4.) 30' No Parking zone at SW and SE corners of 48th & Upton 5.) increased enforcement 6.) speed wagon 7.) placing temporary signage on private property asking motorists to slow down. Removing parking on one side of the road is also an option to improve visibility. The City is limited in their options because the street is a MN State Aid route and a collector street.
- Several residents from the Upton Ave area expressed concerns about the study including: 1.) the data was collected in October missing peak summer congestion 2.) traffic behavior between 46th & 47th Streets was not measured. Some residents also expressed disappointment that additional stop signs or speed bumps were not recommended.
- CM Hodges said Public Works would use the additional feedback and collect additional data in the spring. This will be used to create a final report that may be implemented in the spring or early summer.
- Ruisenor noted that he had done some research about purchasing 'slow down, we live here' yard signs for the neighborhood. The LHiNC Board will consider coordinating such signs and having them ready by May for rollout at the May festival. Residents present voiced interest and approval.

Kite Festival. Palmisano noted that the event is January 10 and co-sponsored by several organizations including LHiNC, East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association and Lyndale Farmstead Park. Volunteers are needed to serve hot chocolate and other tasks.

Linden Hills Festival Planning. Palmisano noted that some Festival organizers and participants felt all activities should ideally take place on the same day instead of the Saturday and Sunday. This means Linden Hills park activities, the garage sale and 43rd & Upton festivities would occur on the same date. Motion, seconded to select Saturday, May 16, 2009 as the date for the Linden Hills Festival. Approved.

Approval of Response to Greivance. Veasey passed out a copy of the letter and reported that it was submitted to the grievant Debbie Evans. Palmisano noted that revising the Bylaws is one of the tasks for the Board this year. Motion, Seconded to approve the response to the grievance. Approved 10-1 (Urberg).

New Business.

- The owner of Turtle Bread, Harvey McLain, has opened a new restaurant adjacent to Turtle Bread called Tosca. He will be requesting a beer & wine license sometime soon. The Board discussed inviting McLain to a LHiNC meeting to provide input because liquor licenses have been controversial in the past. Veasey will follow up to determine a timeline.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next session is February 3, 2009.

Submitted by Scott Engel

Board Officer

Date

Board Chair

Date