

**LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Proposed Minutes of the regular meeting, September 1, 2009**

**Present:** Tom Bicanich, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Patrick Sarver, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Adam Wiatrowski

**Absent:** Casey Collins, Linea Palmisano, Juan Carlos Ruisenor

*Veasey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.*

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

- The proposed agenda. And minutes from the August 11 meeting. Approved unanimously.

**43<sup>rd</sup> & Upton Development**, Mark Dwyer

Dwyer noted that the development is still in the preliminary planning stages.

- Financing the project remains challenging in the current economic environment, but Dwyer remains committed to making it happen.
- Attempts to purchase parking lot property behind and adjacent (north) to the existing Edward Jones building have not been successful to date. The additional land would allow for more public space near the intersection.
- Soil tests have been completed on the site.

Dwyer noted that Woolstock is coming on September 19. David Jones volunteered to sell LH t-shirts during part of the event. LHiNC will get home loan flyers to Dwyer for the event.

**Linden Hills Park Update**, Nelson Evenrud

Evenrud distributed a report about recent and upcoming park activities.

- Committee chairs were reminded to complete park 'room request' forms ensuring a room at the park for meetings. Please call the park if a meeting is cancelled so someone else can use the room.
- LH Park can offer support for the LH Annual Meeting & Fall Fest, but cannot co-sponsor it this year. Rather, it will be a LHiNC event and the Park can spend energy on organizing the Halloween Party.
- Volunteers are needed for the Park Halloween Party on October 31.

**Lake Calhoun Letter of Connection**, Bruce Manning

Manning, LH resident and rep on the Lake Harriet Community Advisory Committee, reported that the "letter of connection" is being drafted around LHiNC's interest in Lake Calhoun Master Plan. So far, the document's theme is that the requested 1-page letter cannot summarize Linden Hills' connection to the lake. It will encourage strong engagement with LH residents and LHiNC through the Lake Calhoun master planning process.

**Lake Harriet Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**, Bruce Manning

Manning has been participating as LH's rep on the CAC for several months. The CAC attempted to obtain broad community input and will make recommendations to the Minneapolis Park Board about the concession area. This includes whether a new building should be constructed to house expanded food service, and if so where.

- The CAC will meet again soon attempting to come up with a consensus.
- The question of whether beer and wine will be available through the concessions will not be addressed by the CAC. Rather park officials want to use the City's licensing process for that discussion.
- Minneapolis parks would receive a portion of the profits from an expanded concession area, and these funds would be used for park activities.
- Due to the longer than expected CAC process, no new structures can be built prior to the spring opening of the band shell. So, Minneapolis parks would wait until 2011 to construct a new building if that is decided.

**Zoning Committee Procedures**, David Jones

The ZC would like to revise their procedures posted on the LHiNC website to require applicants to provide more info prior to the meeting. Motion, seconded

"I move that the Board of Directors of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council adopt a provision to the procedures for presentations to the Zoning Committee. Applicants shall submit a narrative describing their variance request and all supporting drawings and documentation not later than five (5) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting time. Documents may be provided in a .pdf format and submitted via email to the Zoning Committee Chairperson."

Approved unanimously.

**Finance Committee Update.**

Lydell passed out a summary of 09 Festival financial activity.

Revenue was generally down in comparison to previous years, in particular for the silent auction. There were significantly fewer bidders at the auction. Lydell referenced a handout- please use that as an addendum to these meeting minutes.

Wiatrowski described the new LHiNC chart of accounts. The system will allow the organization to better track funds and report back to the Board. The new chart of account structure will include 6 “classes” which are: 1) General Operations 2) Hendry Funds 3) Festival 4) CPED 5) Environmental Committee 6) EcoParents. Wiatrowski made a motion to approve and implement the new chart of accounts and the board voted to pass the motion unanimously. Wiatrowski and Engel will work together to implement the new system.

Lydell restated the goal of contracting NRP Phase II funds by the end of the year. This will require LHiNC Board and volunteers to identify and take on projects. LHiNC will use the annual meeting as a venue to recruit additional volunteers.

**Festival 2010, Veasey**

- The Board set the Festival date for Sunday, May 16. The garage sales will be held on Saturday, May 15. The group decided not to sponsor LH Treasures this year.

**By-laws Revision, Jim Fisher**

Fisher reported that the Executive Committee met again to review updates to the By-laws. Their proposed changes were distributed and presented to the Board. There was some discussion about whether only changes affecting the elections should be made at this point. Additional bylaw updates will be addressed later in the year.

Motion, seconded to approve the proposed bylaw changes as printed with 2 modifications:

1. Section 4: "... that the list of candidates appearing on the ballot for the Board election at the Annual Meeting be posted in the same manner no less than five (5) days prior to the election
2. Section 2 Terms "The candidates for the Board of Directors receiving the most votes shall be elected, in accordance with the number of vacancies."

Approved unanimously.

**Retreat Structure: Keiko Veasey**

- The Board retreat is tentatively schedule for Saturday, November 7. There was discussion about splitting it into 2 sessions- one for introducing LHiNC and another for strategic planning.

*Adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next session is October 6, 2009.*

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Submitted by Scott Engel

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