

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved Minutes of the regular meeting, August 11, 2009

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

Absent: Casey Collins, Kelly Keegan

Chair Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone introduced themselves and gave a recap of National Night Out activities. Linden Hills had the most block events in the City (50+).

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Consent Items. Motion. Seconded. To approve:

- The proposed agenda.
- Minutes from the July 1 meeting
- Consent Item (MN Attorney General Charities Registration)

"Be it resolved that: We, the board of directors of Linden Hills Neighborhood Council, approve the contents of the "State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Initial Registration and Annual Report Form;" assume responsibility

Approved unanimously.

Zoning Committee Updates & Planning, David Jones/ Patrick Sarver:

- Jones and Sarver updated the group about recent activity at the ZC. Jones noted that he was pleased with the support and advice the ZC is able to provide attendees of the meetings. Sarver noted that the last meeting demonstrated the improved quality of presentations and projects when design professionals were involved in the project.
- The committee recommended a change to the procedures for applicants presenting at ZC meetings that are posted on the LHiNC website. This change would require applicants to submit drawings of their project to LHiNC earlier in the process. This revision will be presented at the September LHiNC Board meeting for approval.

Lake Calhoun Plans & Stakeholders Discussion, Kathy Urberg

Urberg noted that Park Board Commissioners Fine & Nordstrom have asked area neighborhood organizations around Lake Calhoun, including LHiNC, to submit a "letter of connection". The 1-page letter is due October 1 and would detail Linden Hills' background and concerns/hopes for the lake. The letter will be used as the park system begins updating the master plan for the lake.

- John Powell and David Jones volunteered to draft the letter for discussion at the September LHiNC meeting. Bruce Manning, the LHiNC rep on the Lake Harriet CAC, will also be asked to participate.

Finance Committee Update.

- Lydell noted the LHiNC bank account balances: LHiNC \$81,209.74, NRP \$20,874.
- Lydell introduced the LHiNC NRP program and distributed a LHiNC NRP summary and the list of "2008 Consensus Goals" for NRP projects.
- Wiatrowski presented an overview document of LHiNC NRP Phase I and Phase II projects and spending. Most of the Phase I funds have been contracted and spent, while very little of the Phase II funds have been contracted or spent. The Finance committee will present these projects over the next few months identifying priorities and individuals/committees to take on implementation of the projects. LHiNC will use the annual meeting as a way to recruit volunteers for these projects.

Chess Tables, David Jones

- Jones noted that People for Parks would like to partner with LHiNC to install chess tables in LH Park. PFP has funding to match LHiNC NRP funds that are available for the project.

- Motion, seconded to approve up to \$3,600 for the purchase and installation of chess tables at LH Park. Approved unanimously.
- Engel and Wiatrowski will work with Jones to develop an NRP contract for the funds.

By-laws Update, Jim Fisher

Fisher noted that the Executive Committee met to review updates to the By-laws. Discussion revolved around election procedures including candidate application deadlines, the ballot, election process, etc. The group used by-laws from area neighborhood organizations to guide the discussion. They will meet again soon and present proposed changes at the next LHiNC Board meeting.

The Board discussed applicant deadlines and making sure procedures are in place in case a full candidate slate has not been achieved by the application deadline.

Annual Meeting /Retreat Structure: Linea Palmisano

- The Board scheduled the annual meeting for Thursday, October 22.
- The Board retreat is tentatively schedule for Saturday, November 7.

New Business

- John Powell, a LH resident and a realtor at Coldwell Banker, was in attendance with Brent Stickels who designed the new LHiNC logo. Powell would like to work with LHiNC and Stickels to utilize the LHiNC logo design for CB realtors who do a lot of business in LH. He proposed paying LHiNC for the use of the logo and would pay Stickels to incorporate it for CB use. The group decided that more discussion of the issue was needed before a decision could be made and the issue was directed to the Communications Committee.

Coordinator Role, Lesley Lydell

- This section of the meeting was closed to the public, due to discussion of staffing issues. The board continued discussion from the previous monthly meeting regarding the coordinator role and the current & future needs of the organization regarding staffing.

Adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next session is September 1, 2009.

Submitted by Scott Engel

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