

## LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Approved Minutes of the regular meeting, May 5, 2009

**Present:** Tom Bicanich, Casey Collins, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Linea Palmisano, Juan Carlos Ruisenor, Patrick Sarver, Kathy Urberg, Keiko Veasey, Adam Wiatrowski

**Absent:** Jim Fisher, Jon Hoffert, Amy Kane, and Sam Will

*Chair Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She announced that Board Members Hoffert, Kane and Will have resigned for different reasons. Since, the Board is now mid-way through the year, the group will not pursue filling these Board positions until the Board elections.*

**Approval of Agenda.** Motion. Seconded. To approve the proposed agenda. Approved unanimously.

**Potential Development @ 43<sup>rd</sup> & Upton.** Mark Dwyer, Linden Hills resident and current president of the Linden Hills Business Association, was in attendance. He is proposing to redevelop the NW corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> and Upton- the existing Famous Dave's and Edward Jones structures would be replaced by a multi-story, mixed-use building. It would likely include underground parking, retail/restaurants on the ground level and residential or office uses on upper floors. The project is preliminary and would likely not break ground for at least 1½ years. Dwyer took the two resident inquiries and questions and provided contact information.

**Council Member Betsy Hodges Update.** Hodges presented an update:

- The City is facing major financial issues with 3 closed pension funds. Hodges is promoting the idea of the State taking over the pension funds.
- Hodges has spent much of her time recently dealing with the MN State Legislature. Further local government aid (LGA) cuts by the state would further exacerbate the City's financial challenges.
- Traffic testing will resume near 46<sup>th</sup> & Upton to gauge traffic speed and volume during the summer peak season.

**Finance Committee Update.** Lydell noted that the LHiNC bank account balances remain healthy. She urged the Board to be frugal with Festival expenses, as Festival income may decrease due to lower silent auction donations.

**Consent Agenda Items.** Motion, Seconded to approve 3 consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the April 7 meeting.
- Palmisano and Sarver will send draft letter (available for review) regarding feedback on NCEC process to David Rubedor as requested by the City.
- LHiNC will post 3 months worth of Board minutes on the park bulletin board.

Approved unanimously.

### **Festival Planning:**

**Art Fair & Marketplace:** Fisher was not in attendance, but has reported things are going well.

**Volunteers:** Laurie Foster reported that volunteers are still needed.

**Food:** Jennifer Borger reported that food vendors are lined up for the event.

**Silent Auction:** Lydell noted that so far Silent Auction donations are down from last year. However, donations will be accepted until the Festival. Collins found a method of processing credit cards and that method will be implemented as an experiment.

**Entertainment:** Ruisenor reported that the entertainment is set for the park stage with two new dance groups. Sponsors have been found for the pony rides and Larry LaVercombe is sponsoring the moonwalk.

**Book Fair:** Joe Wolfe reported he is set for book donations and needs some help during the event organizing books.

**Promotions:** Keegan reported that communications have gone well with direct coordination with LHBA. The Festival brochure/map is being printed, the LH Line newsletter comes out on the 8th and the E-newsletter will come out on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Keegan will get the sandwich boards out, too. Keegan will staff the LHiNC table at the Festival selling t-shirts and seeking votes for a new logo.

**Garage Sale:** Urberg reported that 80+ sales have been registered. Maps/sale descriptions and yard signs will be available for each sale. There will be info about donating unsold items to ARC. Sarver will post a sale listing on Craigslist.

**Treasure Hunt:** Bicanich reported that the Treasure Hunt details are being worked out and he will be in charge of them.

*Adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next session is June 2, 2009.*

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Submitted by Scott Engel

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Board Officer

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Board Chair

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