

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the regular meeting, January 5, 2010

Present: Tom Bicanich, Christina Cassano, Marilyn Doyle, Jim Fisher, David Jones, Kelly Keegan, Lesley Lydell, Bruce Manning, Linea Palmisano, Rod Qualle, Patrick Sarver, Keiko Veasey, Patsy Vekich, Adam Wiatrowski

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

Approval of Agenda & Minutes. Motion, Seconded: to approve:

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

Linden Hills Park, Nelson Evenrud, Director

Evenrud discussed activities at the park:

- Kite Fest: LH Park will be involved again this year providing staff and logistical support. LH Park will provide the fire pit for the event.
- The wading pool is scheduled to be completely replaced in the spring. Evenrud will keep the Board updated if anything changes as several Board members made it clear that this is a high priority for the neighborhood.
- WinterFest is scheduled for Friday, January 29 from 6:30-8:30pm. Evenrud would like to have horse drawn carriage rides, and asked LHiNC to sponsor the activity. The Board discussed whether to reallocate some funds from the Festival proceeds to do this. Motion, seconded to sponsor the WinterFest carriage rides in the amount of \$450. Approved unanimously. The Finance committee will figure out how to fund this expense.

City Council Update, Betsy Hodges, Council Member

CM Hodges updated the group about recent City Council actions:

- She was selected Chair of the Ways & Means committee and will continue to focus on budget issues. The City made progress on pension issues, but still needs to do more.
- Public Works will provide an update on the Upton Avenue traffic study at the February LHiNC meeting.

KiteFest, Patsy Vekich

KiteFest is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, Noon-4pm at Lake Harriet Band Shell. Vekich noted that planning for the event was going well:

- Some LHiNC Board Members have already volunteered to staff the hot chocolate and bonfire. However, more volunteers are needed.
- Fox 9 will promote KiteFest on their Saturday morning show.
- Engel will send out an e-newsletter blast seeking more volunteers and reminding neighbors about the event.

February LHiNC Meeting, Bruce Manning

Manning noted that the next LHiNC meeting is February 2, the same date as Precinct Caucuses. The Board discussed whether to shift the LHiNC meeting one week later to accommodate caucus participation.

- Motion, seconded, to reschedule the LHiNC Board meeting for February 9. Approved unanimously.

Linden Hills Co-op Update, Lesley Lydell

Lydell gave an update on the Co-op's fund raising efforts to date and building designs for the proposed move to the Sunnyside space.

- On December 12, the Co-op held a design forum with about 30 people in attendance, including the architects and interior designer. The Co-op will incorporate feedback for "green" and neighborhood-friendly design features both immediately and as time and budget allow.
- As of December 29, loans and projected loans totaled \$900,000 from 123 member-owners, meeting the first contingency on the lease.
- The average loan to date is \$7,300; the minimum loan amount is \$2,000.

Finance Committee Report, Adam Wiatrowski

Wiatrowski distributed a treasurer's report.

- The Committee will meet jointly with the Housing Committee in the next few weeks to discuss the home loan program guidelines and long-range vision for the home loan funds, as well as the Fy10 budget.
- The Environment Committee made their goal of raising over \$10,000 receiving a \$10,000 match from the Hendry Parish Foundation.

Festival, Lesley Lydell/Bruce Manning

Manning and Lydell reported that Festival planning has begun.

- Lydell will be Festival Chair this year.
- LHBA will scale back their participation in the event to a sidewalk sale.
- There has been some discussion with professional event organizers Krista Thorburn and Lauren Crandall regarding staffing portions of the 2010 Festival. This could boost Festival revenue and reduce volunteer workload. The silent auction is the most likely activity to be contracted out due to its complexity and time commitment.

Board Committees, Issue Groups & Goal Setting: Bruce Manning/Lesley Lydell

- Lydell distributed an updated matrix detailing Board Committees/Issue Groups and which Board Member is interested in working on it.
- For the large Outreach Committee, it was agreed that individuals can take on projects of interest and draw on other committee members as needed.

New Business:

- Jones reported that People for Parks is moving forward on purchasing chess tables in Minneapolis parks. However, they are unlikely to contribute funding to the table at LH Park since they have decided to put resources into parks outside southwest Minneapolis. Two table models are in place in Loring and Farmstead Parks, and Jones and others will review those examples and associated costs.

Closed Board Session

- Discussion of current staffing needs and contracts.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next session is February 9, 2010.

Submitted by Scott Engel

Board Officer

Date

Board Co-Chair

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