

**Action Summary Minutes
East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Board Members in attendance:

Staven Bruce – EHFNA Board Member
Dean Carlson - EHFNA Board Member
Roger Worm - EHFNA Board Member
Matt Perry - EHFNA Board Member
Patty Selly - EHFNA Board Member
Michael Dietrich - EHFNA Board Member
Pam Meier – EHFNA Board Member
Andrea Breen – EHFNA Board Member
Bruce Wadman– EHFNA Board Member
Howard Dallin – EHFNA Board Member

Others in attendance:

Ann Lynch – Farmstead Park
Sid Monroe – Resident
Susan Gray – Resident
Meg Tuthill – City Council Candidate
Emily Winter - EHFNA Coordinator
Jake Weyer - Southwest Journal

1. **Announcements** - No new business. Board Member, Bruce Wadman, requests, going forward, that in all meeting minutes when a motion is made that the actual motion be included in the minutes. Motion was subsequently made to approve the minutes for January, February and March.

APPROVED January, February and March Minutes - On motion by Board Member Howard Dallin. Motion carried. Board Member Andrea Breen abstained from the approval of the March minutes as she was absent.

2. **NCEC Representative Election** – This subject was discussed and voted on through e-mail prior to the meeting.

The following motion was made by Chair Perry through e-mail to the EHFNA board - Motion: Move to approve the Option #1 election model as attached for the selection of neighborhood organization representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission.

This motion received sufficient votes of EHFNA board members to move forward and send a response to Mr. Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations, City of Minneapolis.

3. **EHNFA Response to MPS Proposed Changes** - This subject was discussed and voted

on through e-mail prior to the meeting. Following are the associated motions:

Request for Board Action On April 21st, the PES Committee (Chair P. Selly, S. Bruce, B. Wadman present; A. Breen absent) voted unanimously to approve the following motion:

Motion: The PES Committee recommends to the EHFNA Board to approve submitting to the Board of Education two documents adopted by the PES Committee one of which outlines EHFNA's requests concerning school choice change options and the other, Guiding Principles for Strong School-Neighborhood Synergy, after making editorial and grammatical changes discussed at the April 21st PES Committee meeting.

Attached are the two documents adopted by the PES Committee after having been modified with editorial and grammatical changes discussed at its April 21st meeting.

Briefly, the letter makes two requests: 1) honor the boundaries of the East Harriet Farmstead neighborhood and 2) a request to partner with MPS staff in reaching out to the community in identifying programs and facilities that might be part of the community school for our neighborhood. Importantly, it does not ask for specific implementation changes such as a split campus community school. It also remains silent on the future of the Barton Open School.

The second document, Principles for Strong School-Neighborhood Synergy, was submitted by a resident with the request it be considered for adoption by EHFNA.

1) Motion: The EHFNA Board approves sending a letter as amended to the Board of Education requesting any new community school attendance area honor the neighborhood boundaries and to partner with the school district in reaching out to the community in identifying programs and facilities that might be part of the community school for our neighborhood.

This motion was approved by the EHFNA board through an e-mail vote.

2) Motion: The EHFNA Board adopts the Principles for Strong School-Neighborhood Synergy as amended.

This motion was approved by the EHFNA board through an e-mail vote.

3) Motion: The EHFNA Board approves sending the Principles for Strong School-Neighborhood Synergy to the Board of Education together with the letter containing the two requests of the school district.

This motion was approved by the EHFNA board through an e-mail vote.

4. Item not on Agenda – Board Member Dean Carlson has been a participant in four Public Hearings to change city charter. Dean was quoted in the SW Journal and discussed the proposed changes.

5. Phase II Business Façade Improvement Program – Roger Worm discussed the philosophy of the Housing and Zoning Committee (HZC), which is to help businesses in this economy. One way to do that was to incent business owners in the neighborhood to use the program. Response from the community was that incenting them would be the tipping block that would allow them to make some of the improvements they have wanted to do. To make this happen, the HZC committee needs funding. Bruce Wadman reviewed the need to pass a motion to add this program to Phase II. Then a motion would be needed to move the monies from other strategies to this strategy to fund it. Mr. Wadman reviewed existing Phase 1 strategies that were allocated in 1994. As a result there are several strategies that have monies that have never been used. Mr. Wadman’s opinion is that the funds in these strategies can be used. His recommendations for the moving of the strategies are detailed in the agenda. Mr. Wadman removed each strategy that was defined in Phase 1 which has been identified as having leftover monies that could be moved into the Phase II Strategy for the Business Façade Improvement Program. Mr. Wadman reviewed an accounting error that was done by NRP in 1996. And made a recommendation to zero out the accounting error and move the aforementioned moneys to the Business Façade Program

The first motion is to create a strategy that would place the Business Façade Improvement Program into Phase II. Board Member Howard Dallin asked how the current Business Façade was being funded. Mr. Worm explained that the current program is funded by a grant and this would be to expand the program in response to resident interest. The following motion was then made

Motion: Move to create the following new NRP Phase II Action Plan Business strategy: Strategy 3: Improve the facades of businesses within the neighborhood's business nodes through a matching grant business facade improvement program utilizing EHFNA's design guidelines and where possible, compliance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) practices, the City of Minneapolis Facade Design Guide or its equivalent and the City of Minneapolis' comprehensive master plan (6.1.1.3) □NRP Phase II Funding: \$20,684.52.

APPROVED –

On motion by Board Member Howard Dallin. Motion unanimously carried.

The following additional motion was subsequently made:

MOTION: Move that EHFNA transfer \$5000 from Phase I strategy 1.2.2.2, Dilapidated Housing/Crime Fund; \$2,994.17 from Phase I strategy 1.3.1-2.4, New Residential/Business Node Lighting; \$7,090.35 from Phase I strategy 7.4.4.2, Traffic Improvements; and \$9,500.00 in Program Income from Phase I strategy 2.6.2.2 Housing Revolving Loan [either Contract #4132, held with Wells Fargo Bank, formerly Marquette Bank, or Contract #19353, held with CEE] , with \$20,684.52 going into new Phase II strategy 6.1.1.3 Business Façade Improvements and \$3900 going into Phase I strategy 2.3.1.1 Rental Property Recognition.

APPROVED - On motion by

Board Member Bruce Wadman. Motion unanimously carried.

6. **RoseFest Update** – Board Member Pam Meier reported that the juggler is coming back, the Bethlehem Lutheran volunteers will be sought, the sidewalk puppeteers will be back, and that more volunteers will be sought via the board members,

7. **Park Report** – Ann Lynch reported that 250 kids had signed up for soccer. The preschool dance class will have their recital in the rose garden this Saturday and next week is the plant swap.

8. **Committee Report**

- **Business, Housing, Zoning & Variance** – Business façade improvement guidelines would adopt the Fulton guidelines. Board Member Roger Worm discussed the plan to go out into the community to promote the loan program. Mr. Worm reviewed progress on CE bid for the administrators of the loan program.
- **Community Building Committee** – Pam Meier discussed details of the Adopt a Block program.
- **Parks & Environment** – Board Member Bruce Wadman reported that the Dutch Elm Disease program had \$5500 in phase II funding. Six or Seven residents took advantage of it last year. Mr. Wadman also discussed the environmental fair at Barton School. Mr. Wadman had not heard back from the teacher regarding what has happened this year. Board Member Patty Selly remarked about the Green Initiatives for RoseFest. There are some financial details that need to be worked out between the PES Committee and the CBC committee. There was a grant made to get another film to be shown outside this year. Donavan Hart has been elected to be the EHF representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee
- **Crime Safety Transportation & Noise** – A resident that attended the meeting in April had concerns about the safety of the Colfax crossing across from the park. The neighbor has contacted the City to get some kind of safety walk put in place. Board Member Roger Worm wanted to go on record as stating we were contacted and that we had contacted Ralph Remington's office.
- **Executive Committee** – No report.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Staven Bruce
EHFNA Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Matt Perry
EHFNA Chair