

Action Summary Minutes
East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis
Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

Patty Selly , Matt Perry, Pam Meier, Andrea Breen, Dean Carlson, Bruce Wadman, James Thorson, Roger Worm, Staven Bruce

Board Members absent:

Michael Dietrich, Chris Gallaty, Howard Dallin

Others in attendance:

Michael Collins – Neighbor 4200 Block of Aldrich; Ann Lynch – Director, Lyndale/Farmstead Park; Dan Woychick - Lakes District Council; Emily Winter – EHFNA staff member

1. **Announcements** – Mr. Perry needs dates for board planning meeting in November. Emily Winter stated e-news deadline was coming up on the 8th. The unveiling of the mural project at Southwest Senior Center will be on November 15th, 10:00am, everyone is invited. South Lyndale Churches will be having an ice cream social on November 16th to celebrate the re-opening of Lyndale.

2. **Approval of September Minutes** – Two corrections noted. Mr. Perry moved to approve.

APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Dean Carlson. Motion carried. Board Members Bruce Wadman and Andrea Breen abstained from vote.

3. **Council Member Report** – No Council Members or representatives were present.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Bruce Wadman reviewed the Income/Expense Summary Report for the period 7/1/08 through 12/3/08. The report included Payroll, Office Expenses, Professional Services and Program Expenses. Some review of legal services and Rosefest services were discussed. Mr. Matt Perry requested some clarification regarding what was included in the coordinator hours. Mr. Perry then stated that he would like to work toward posting recurring costs online so neighbors can see where there money is being spent. Mr. Perry also inquired with Mr. Wadman as to the explanation of the Total Income Expenses number. Mr. Wadman explained that the number was representative of the money the neighborhood association would be reimbursed by NRP. Mr. Roger Worm suggested some modifications to the reporting to make it more intuitive or accessible. Ms. Pam Meier suggested that if this report is to be posted on the website, it should be easy to read and understand by all residents. Ms. Patty Selly asked if the neighborhood association routinely receives inquires into its expenses. Mr. Perry explained that

to date the board has received very few. Ms. Emily Winter discussed some fundraising methods used by the Kingfield neighborhood.

8. **Park Board** – Ms. Lynch discussed an upcoming painting class for kids. Ms. Lynch also explained that Lowes will be replacing all of the Kitchen cabinets in the Lyndale/Farmstead Park Building. Ms. Lynch discussed that they have started flooding the Ice Rink at Lyndale/Farmstead. She stated that lights had been installed in the trees this year however they are not yet operational. Ms. Lynch described the method used by the park to create the ice rink. Ms. Lynch stated that Kite Festival is coming up and that she has talked with Linden Hill Neighborhood Association who will be sponsoring. Ms. Lynch stated that she had been approached by Target with an offer of 150 volunteers. Once she explained that the event was outside, Target requested time to revisit with volunteers. Ms. Lynch stated that this year they will not have an ice rink, however she was looking into the possibility of having snow shoes. She also stated that there would be a warming tent with ice fishing. The date this year is January 10th with a backup date of January 17th. Ms. Meier stated that she would be sending out a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer. Ms. Lynch also requested any donation to the event that the board could provide. Discussion followed around the sign-up and co-ordination of volunteers for the event. Mr. Wadman also noted the effectiveness of last year’s Fox News report the morning of the event.

9. Committee Reports

1. **Business, Housing and Zoning Committee** – Mr. Perry relayed that Mr. Michael Dietrich who heads the committee is sick. Mr. Worm reviewed that two loans totaling \$13,000.00 had been received by Mr. King the loan administrator. Resident Michael Collins stated that he was attending the meeting because he had applied for the loan through CE and was told that they were talking to the EHFNA board but they had not received a response. Mr. Worm was unaware of these communications. He stated that he would follow up with CE tomorrow. Mr. Collins also stated that a website he had visited stated that the loans were expired. Mr. Worm stated that the loans were available and that he would be following up and speaking with Mr. Collins after the meeting. Mr. Collins made the suggestion that an item for “New Business” be added to the Board Agenda. Mr. Perry agreed that that was an excellent suggestion. Mr. Collins asked if a formal movement was needed to add the “New Business” agenda item. Mr. Perry explained that it would not be necessary.
2. **Community Building** – Ms. Meier mentioned that both Ms. Emily Winter and Mr. Perry attended the meeting. Ms. Meier discussed assembling an editorial calendar including events, board meetings, committee meetings, etc. This is a project she is working on with Ms. Winter. Mr. Worm inquired as to who had signed up for the Community

Building Committee. Mr. Perry encouraged board members to reach out to residents who might have an interest in participating in one of the EHFNA committees.

3. **Parks and Environment** – Mr. Wadman stated that the members would be Patty Selly, himself and Staven Bruce. Mr. Wadman stated that committee meetings will be at Java Jacks on the 4th Sunday of every month from 6pm – 7 pm. Mr. Perry reviewed the Bryant Beat program and its success.
4. **Lakes District Council** – Dan Woychick introduced himself and explained the initial creation of the Lakes District Council and its subsequent evolution. Mr. Woychick discussed that the creation of the group was to work collaboratively with the Park Board and to form an ongoing dialogue between the Park Commissioners and the Neighborhoods. Currently there has been much discussion around sponsorship and naming relative to fundraising and establishing a policy. Mr. Woychick encouraged any feedback around ideas having to do with this policy be forwarded to him through Mr. Wadman or Mr. Perry. Mr. Woychick also commented that he was recently recognized for his continued volunteer efforts. Mr. Wadman asked about the Lowes grants that were offered to other Parks and inquired as to their status. Mr. Woychick stated that one of the unresolved points were how Lowes was to be recognized for their efforts. Discussion continued around Public/Private partnerships in relation to the proposed sailing facility at Lake Calhoun.
5. **Crime and Safety** – Mr. Perry explained that Mr. Gallaty was sick. He continued to discuss the MPLS Block Cub and that new computer equipment had been purchased through a grant from KARE 11. Mr. Perry began reviewing the functionality of the MPLS Block Cub Website. Mr. Perry also discussed parking concerns that had been voiced in regards to East Lake Harriet Parkway. Mr. Perry explained the “Slow Down” signs put up by EHFNA during the 2008 Lyndale Avenue reconstruction seasons would be taken down. Ms. Meier discussed the last Lyndale Reconstruction meeting. Ms. Meier also discussed the finishing steps that were taken before Lyndale was re-opened. Ms. Meier commented that she thought people were continuing to speed on Lyndale, but thought that the installation of the new/replacement signal lights could potentially help slow down traffic. Discussion continued around the improvements made to Lyndale.
6. **Steering Committee** – Mr. Perry reminded everyone that the EHFNA Planning Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Southwest Senior Center. Mr. Perry also announced that going forward the Steering Committee would begin meeting regularly before the EHFNA monthly meeting. As part of this the Steering Committee would be sending out an e-mail with changes to the board to be included in the following month’s meeting on the Thursday or Friday after the Steering Committee meets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Staven Bruce
EHFNA Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Matt Perry
EHFNA Chair