

**Action Summary Minutes  
East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis  
Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members in attendance:**

Matt Perry, Patty Selly, Pam Meier, Andrea Breen, Dean Carlson, Bruce Wadman, James Thorson, Chris Gallaty, Michael Dietrich, Roger Worm, Staven Bruce, Howard Dallin

**Board Members absent:** None

**Others in attendance:**

Jenny Taplin - Neighbor; Brian Voerding- Southwest Journal; Ann Lynch - Director, Lyndale/Farmstead Park; 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.

2. **Approval of October Minutes** - No Discussion. Moved made to approve.

***APPROVED - Motion made to approve October 2008 minutes. Motion carried. Board Member Bruce Wadman abstained from vote.***

3. **Council Member Report** - Betsy Hodges reviewed her monthly breakfast and stated that this month the breakfast would be combined with her ward budget meeting with neighbors. The breakfast is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am at Pearsons. Ms. Hodges reviewed that applications were being accepted for the new Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. Ms. Hodges reviewed some of the Mayor's budget proposals for the coming year, including Target Center Debt Reduction and Neighborhood Revitalization projects. Ms. Hodges stated that while the total dollars were not known, the city council is still committed to funding NRP. Ms. Hodges reviewed the creation of the city's new Neighborhoods and Community Relations Department.

Ms. Hodges sent out a safety alert last month. A man tried to lure two little girls into his car in Lynnhurst near the 5100 block of Bryant Ave South on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Questions were posed to Ms. Hodges regarding the future of NRP as an organization and how the city is planning to deal with any funding short falls given the current economic state. Ms. Hodges was asked if she was going to run again for city council in 2009 to which she replied she would be "shocked" if she did not.

4. **Rosefest Financial Report** - Mr. Wadman reviewed the financials he presented from the 2008 Rosefest event. Mr. Wadman's financials showed that the total Rosefest expenses were \$9,491.49. Total Revenue for the event was \$13,208 for a total profit of \$3,716.51. Question was asked by Ms. Selly regarding use of the profits. Mr. Wadman explained that one idea for the profits would be to work with Lyndale Farmstead Park to identify current needs they might have and grant a portion of the RoseFest proceeds accordingly. Ann Lynch agreed that this could be discussed further.

5. **Approve Essie Kammin as rep for NRP policy board elections** - Mr. Perry explained that Ms. Kammin has been contacted but has not officially accepted. Mr. Perry also explained the role of the representative to the NRP policy board elections. Motion to elect Essie if she is willing and if not to send Bruce Wadman as alternate by Roger Worm seconded by Patty Selly.

**APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Roger Worm. Motion unanimously carried.**

6. **Minneapolis Community Engagement Update** - Mr. Perry presented information around the creation of the new Neighborhood Community Relations department and the appointment of the people to that board. Mr. Perry is trying to bring together other neighborhood association presidents to work together in organizing a city-wide meeting of all neighborhood organization leaders for the purpose of agreeing upon a process by which the selection of neighborhood representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commissions representatives could be developed.

7. **Review of EHFNA Board Processes** - Mr. Perry reviewed the Process Flow for Requests for Actions. Any request of EHFNA for funds, volunteers or a formal position to be taken by the EHFNA board is considered an “actionable” request which must follow this process. Mr. Perry also discussed expectation that all board members participate on at least one committee. Mr. Perry also discussed the Process Flow for Development and Approval of 2006-2007 Committee Spending Guidelines.

8. **Park Board** - Ms. Lynch discussed the ice rink for the winter and that outside lights in the trees will be put out again this year. Ms. Lynch stated that the Kite Festival planning will start soon. This year there will be representatives from the MN Kite Society at the first planning meeting. Sat., Jan 10<sup>th</sup> is the event date with Jan 17<sup>th</sup> as the backup date.

## 9. Committee Reports

1. **Business, Housing and Zoning Committee** - Mr. Dietrich reviewed a variance that was requested for an eight foot fence that the Board supported.
2. **Community Building** - Ms. Meier met with a service that does mailing for non-profits to have a proposal created to evaluate the creation of a welcome kit for people moving into the neighborhood. Planning will commence on Kite Fest soon. Ms. Meier is working toward putting together a Rosefest debrief. Ms. Meier discussed some ideas for ensuring that the board is reaching out to all of the neighbors in the neighborhood and stated that she would be working toward including everyone and creating new opportunities to work with everyone.
3. **Parks and Environment** - Mr. Wadman attended the Lakes District Council meeting which was attended by members of the Park District Board. Mr. Wadman also stated that there is an ongoing Dutch Elm Disease treatment program. He also continues to work with Ann Lynch to identify Farmstead Park needs eligible to disperse NRP Phase II Action Plan Parks designated funds. Also the committee will be working toward “greening” Rosefest.

4. **Crime and Safety** - Mr. Gallaty stated that the Walker Task Force was wrapped up last month. Mr. Gallaty also discussed the grant the Crime and Safety received toward the development of the Block Club website.
5. **Steering Committee** - No report.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**

**Minutes submitted by:**

Staven Bruce  
EHFNA Secretary

**Minutes approved by:**

Matt Perry  
EHFNA Chair