

East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 7:00pm, Walker Center

Board Members Present: Susan Gray, Donovan Hart, Chris Iverson, Mike Jensen, Zach Mullinax, Brian Nalezny, Nick Petersen

Board Member Not Present: Jeremy Fink

Non-Board Members Present: Deb Schirber, Ann Lynch, Matt Perry and Councilmember Meg Tuthill

1. Announcements

2. Approval of 12/1/2010 Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes and did not have any changes. Donovan H. moved to approve the minutes, Susan G. seconded the motion, and the Board approved the minutes 4-0, with Nick P. and Zach M. abstaining.

3. NRP Funding Informational Update - Nick P.

As part of the City's 2011 budgeting process, the city council approved the following measures regarding NRP Phase II funding:

- Directs the Finance and Neighborhood and Community Relations departments to allow neighborhoods to contract up to 50 percent of their un-contracted Phase II balance prior to December xx, 2010, but not to exceed a total of 50 percent of their NRP Phase II allocations.
- Calls for the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, working with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, to report back to the City Council by March 1, 2011 on how programs will be implemented moving forward, with an emphasis on mitigating equity issues among neighborhoods related to the suspension of new contracts.

EHFNA did not join neighborhoods that chose to lobby the state legislature directly regarding NRP funding. EHFNA chose to work directly with members of the City Council and other District 2 neighborhoods to influence NRP funding. EHFNA did not make special efforts to use its un-contracted Phase II NRP allocation as a matter of equity."

4. Informational Council Member Report by Councilmember Meg T.

Councilmember Tutill reported on past and upcoming neighborhood events. She also discussed the vote regarding the recently passed city levy.

5. Informational Kitefest Update by Zach M.

The ice is 10 inches thick. The event has \$1,600 in sponsorship including contributions from the DNR and Mpls Park Board. Weather seems to be good for the event.

6. Informational Kitefest Volunteer Update by Deb S.

We are using Volunteer Match to fill open volunteer position. The event should be fully staffed.

7. Informational Park Report by Ann L.

The skating rink at Lyndale Farmstead Park is being used more this year compared to recent prior years. There will be family skate nights in Jan and Feb. There will be skate date nights in Jan and Feb. Snowshoeing is available.

8. EHFNA Executive Committee Budget

Nick P. presented the executive committee budget for review and approval. The 2011 Executive Committee budget totals just over \$27,000.

The Board discussed the budget, then Susan G. moved to approve the budget, Mike J. seconded the motion, and the Board approved the budget 6-0, with Nick P. abstaining.

#### 9. 2010-2011 Committee Budget Review and Approval

The Board reviewed and discussed the committee budgets. The Board wanted to know if more funds could be allocated to the Park, Environment, and Schools committee budget for improvements to the facility at Lyndale Farmstead Park.

Chris I. moved to approve 1) Community Building; 2) Housing, Zoning, Business; 3) Crime, Safety, Transportation and Noise committee budgets, Donovan H. seconded the motion, and the Board approved the budgets 6-0, with Nick P. abstaining.

Susan G. moved to ask the Parks, Environment, and Schools committee to resubmit its budget in light of the conversation around funding for Lyndale Farmstead Park, Mike J. seconded the motion, the board passed the motion 6-0, with Nick P. abstaining.

#### 10. Committee Reports

- a. Community Building Committee – The committee is developing 2011 goals, begin Garden Tour Planning, discussing Community Kiosk, and Summer Walking Tour.
- b. Arts Council Committee – The Paint the Pavement initiative is still under discussion.
- c. Housing, Zoning and Business Committee – The committee delegated initiative for 2011 including the Home Improvement Loan program, CEE, B.L.E.N.D. award, Renter/LL engagement, Business Façade Improvement program, and Business Design Guidelines.
  - Pam was nominated and elected as chair for 2011.
  - Parks, Environment and Schools Committee – Robert’s Bird Sanctuary long-range management plan due date is being pushed back to fall 2011. The plan will be presented to Park Commissioners. Earth Day Cleanup at Lake Harriet scheduled for April 2011.
- d. Crime, Safety, Transportation and Noise Committee – The 2011 Policing Plan was sent to Amy L. with the MPD and she said it looks good. Budget for 2011 is \$500 for door hangers, lawn signs, and misc. items.

#### 11. Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Iverson on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Minutes Approved by the Board on March 2, 2011

Minutes Approved by:

Nick Petersen  
EHFNA Chair