

**Action Summary Minutes
East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Board Members in attendance:

Matt Perry - EHFNA Board Member
Pam Meier - EHFNA Board Member
Dean Carlson - EHFNA Board Member
Andrea Breen – EHFNA Board Member
Bruce Wadman - EHFNA Board Member
Roger Worm - EHFNA Board Member
Emily Winter - EHFNA Staff Member
Michael Dietrich – EHFNA Board Member

Others in attendance:

Ann Lynch – Lyndale/Farmstead Park
Ms. MacDonald – Resident
Jenny Taplin - Resident
John Irwin – Candidate for Park Board
Shane Stenzel – MPRB Special Services

1. **Announcements** – Emily Winter’s husband will be deployed to Baghdad Feb. 21 for one year. A new neighborhood business has opened, Holistic Needs (Bryant Avenue) – Massage, acupuncture and other needs.

2. **Lake Harriet Concessions Contract** – Shane Stenzel presented information pertaining to the proposed Lake Harriet Concessions project. Mr. Stenzel stated Feb 18 he and staff would be going before the Park Board to create a CAC. In August an RFP was sent out as the existing Lake Harriet Concessions Contract was expiring at the end of the year. A five member panel was formed to review proposals coming in. Five proposals were received, the existing operator declined to supply a proposal. Four of the five proposals were sea food and the forth was a chef who had worked at other restaurants and wanted to create more of a restaurant environment. What was missing was the Popcorn and ice cream that residents are use to. A term sheet was sent out in November. The board is not looking to create an entire restaurant. There is not going to be a build out of the existing space, however the creation of another “kiosk” building has been proposed. No bike rentals are included in the proposal. Much discussion followed with questions around the project which is Shane was willing to leave phone number and e-mail address. He stated that the e-mail address was the best way to contact him

3. **Park Report: Ann Lynch** – Ann stated that the comprehensive park plan was moving forward and that the surveys were being distributed. Ms Lynch stated that the skating has been going really well this year and that there will be a valentine party at the park. The new kitchen cabinets in the park building were donated and installed by Lowes.

4. **EHFNA Committee CBC Committee 2008-2009 Spending Guidelines** – Board Member Pam Meier reviewed changes to the CBC committee budget for the year. Board Member Bruce Wadman also reviewed changes to the CBC budget and reviewed the approach that the CBC took in revising its budget. Board member Dean Carlson expressed his relief that the Budget was revised.

A motion was made by Bruce Wadman to approve the CBC Budget.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Bruce Wadman.

5. **Executive Committee/Steering Committee Proposal** – Board Chair Matt Perry explained that the idea here was to develop cross committee efforts by renaming the current Steering Committee to the Executive Committee and create a Steering Committee that would meet quarterly and consist of all the Board Committee Chairs as well as the Board Chair.

Motion was made by Roger Worm to adopt the motion as presented in the Agenda(copied below):

Motion:

- 1) *Rename the Steering Committee to the Executive Committee with responsibilities for all items not applicable to any of the other standing committees as well as responsibilities associated with a finance committee. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly with a membership identical to the current Steering Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and At-Large Board member selected by the Chair.*
- 2) *Create a committee responsible for long term organizational planning with the exception of long term financial planning. The committee will be named the Steering Committee. It shall meet quarterly. The Steering Committee membership shall be composed of the Chair of EFHNA and all standing committee chairs (ex. PES, HZB, CBC, CSTN).*
- 3) *Sunset the new administrative committee structure and return the current structure after one year unless otherwise approved by the EHFNA Board. The year beginning February 2009 through February 2010.*

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Roger Worm.

6. Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission – Mr. Perry reviewed the recommendation of the Executive committee to send the Chair and the Vice Chair to this meeting according to the motion made below.

Motion was made by Roger Worm to adopt the motion as presented in the Agenda(copied below):

Motion:

Move to send the vice-chair as the voting representative with the chair as his second to the February 21st meeting of the neighborhood organizations hosted by the NRP.

Move to instruct the EHFNA representatives to the February 21st neighborhood organizations hosted by the MRP to abide by the guideline #1 and to use guidelines #3-#4.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Roger Worm.

7. Council Member Report – Written. No written reports submitted. Discussions ensued around possible Council Member candidates running for Ward 10.

9. Committee Reports –

- **Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee** – No variances in January, candidates were narrowed to two candidates for Renters survey. The RFP for Phase II moneys was submitted in January.
- **Community Building Committee** – Kite Festival went well, the cider was a hit, great photos from event were received and the horses were a hit. Next year we will shoot for an earlier setup time, 10:00am and seek to get encourage more media coverage. This year's event was covered on two separate stations. Ms. Meier asked that any event changes should be sent to both her and Emily Winter. Matt Perry has some leads for the garden tour
- **Parks & Environment** – Patti Selly is now the chair of the PES committee. The committee will be participating in earth day clean up again this year. Ms. Selly will be participating in the mini grant program to reach out to residents to solicit their desires for the local parks. Our grant money will be going to expand somewhat the movie program for this summer. At Barton School there will be a teacher teaching energy conservation.
- **Crime & Safety, Transportation and Noise Committee** – Coding is continuing on the minneapolisblockclub.org site. Chris is actively looking to engage another coder. The CSTN committee will be coming up with some metrics and a plan specific to crime in the neighborhood. Our two metrics are to reduce our burglaries to 40 from 53. The second metric was a five percent reduction in theft.
- **Executive Committee – No Report**

10. New Business – John Irwin would like to get some feedback from the board on initiatives he will be campaigning on for MSPRB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Staven Bruce
EHFNA Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Matt Perry
EHFNA Chair