



East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011

Board Members present: Nick Petersen, Donovan Hart, Mike Jensen, Zack Mullinax, Susan Gray, Brian Nalezny

Board Member not present: Jeremy Fink

Community Members present: Deb Schirber, Linda Bormann, Matt Perry, Ann Lynch, Kevin Larson, Betsy Hodges, Bruce Wadman, Dean Carlson

1) Announcements

2) The April Minutes were not changed. Nalezny moved, Gray seconded, and Minutes were unanimously approved.

3) CM Hodges gave her report.

She said the Property Tax Relief Act had passed. The City of Minneapolis continued to work at the Legislature for further Pension Reform. She talked about the NRP, property taxes, pressure on revenues; she said the decision of how/when to release the unfrozen NRP funds is now up to the NRP.

4) Dean Carlson gave his report on the Off Leash Recreation Area CAC

He said the CAC members voted to take the two sites west of Dupont off the list of sites to be considered. The CAC wants the authority (from the Park Board) to expand the search area by moving the eastern border from 35W to Chicago Ave S, thereby including four additional neighborhoods. The CAC finished establishing criteria for evaluating sites and established a process for nominating new sites.

5)The Board approved a letter to be sent to each of the households on the 4200 block of East Harriet Blvd. The letter addressed the residents' concerns about parking, noise, safety, and permit issues with activities in the Rose Garden. (Nalezny moved, Gray seconded, approved unanimously)

6) Board unanimously approved EHFNA participating in Dodgeball Tournament. (Nalezny moved, Gray seconded)

7) Donovan Hart gave an update on the upcoming Open Streets/Cyclovia Event set for June 12. Lyndale Ave S will be blocked off from Franklin Ave to 42nd St.

8) Ann Lynch gave the Park update.

9) Committee Reports

Community Building: Donovan Hart reported the CBC is seeking Garden Tour sites and Sale-A-Rama participants. The committee continued to make progress in preparation for the Cyclovia event. The committee is working with Guse Green Grocer (46th and Bryant) on a sort of Public Bulletin Board.

Housing, Zoning, Business: Mike Jensen reported that the Home Loan Program was going to be revised. The BLEND Awards will be presented in Mid-Sept.

Crime, Safety, Transportation, Noise: Kevin Larson talked about email Action Alerts available to Minneapolis residents.

Park, Environment, Schools: Bruce Wadman talked about distributing funds to Farmstead Park in the form of several micro-grants for events, and perhaps ball park benches or some repairs inside the building. The PES committee continued to monitor the Off-Leash CAC progress.

Adjournment: Nalezny moved, Mullinax seconded, unanimously approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Nalezny

Minutes Approved by the Board on June 1, 2011

Minutes Approved by:

Nick Petersen
EHFNA Chair