



East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Virtual Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2020
10 am - Noon
via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Karen Binkowski, Brian Nalezny, Jon Martin, Bob Carney, Jr., Maria Finsness, Rick Michel, Beth Popalisky, Maggie Zawasky, Jenny Taplin

Board Members Absent: Peter Allen, Peter Ecklund

New Elected Board Members: Peter Allen, Henrietta Conrad, Kendra Lewis, Jose Martinez, Jon Martin, Brian Nalezny

Non-Board Members: Mary Jo Hackett, LaVern, Anita Demants, Jim Bottomley, Skye Smith, Maria Depresa, Megan O’Hara, RT Rybak, Gregory Hestness, Michael Meyer, Mary Steffen, Aryca Myers, Linea Palmisano, Phil Martin, Linda Lounsbury, Brianna Lane, Richard Stuerman, Alison Stuerman, Roger Worm, Anita Mololinia, Dave Griffen, Todd Bartholomay, Mark Bjork, Emily Strasser, Ellie Garran, Matt Perry, Kris Ott, Rebecca Orman, Rachel Gall, Barb Birk, Henrietta Conrad, Chandra Stone, Liz Johnson, Leslee Plummer, Kathleen Drozd, Craig Buchanan, Richelle Huff, Brad Bourne, Emily Moore, Lisa Bender, Elle P.

55 EH residents voted on 8 candidates for 6 board positions, during the 10-day election period.

New and returning elected board members: Peter Allen, Henrietta Conrad, Kendra Lewis, Jon Martin, José Martínez and Brian Nalezny.

Welcome

10:00 – 10:05

- ❖ Welcome!

Zoom Tutorial

10:05 – 10:10

- ❖ Please mute your microphone by clicking on the mic icon.
- ❖ Click on top right to put screen into Gallery View
- ❖ Click on the chat icon in the lower part of your screen and a chat box will appear. Please pose questions or comments in the chat box at any time.
- ❖ If you’d like to speak, use the raise hand option by selecting “Participants” and click the “Raise Hand” button at the bottom of the Participants box; however, we prefer that you use the chat function if possible.

Introductions

10:10 – 10:15

- ❖ Please type into chat: your name, where you live, and a question you’d like answered during today’s meeting.
- ❖ Board Member and staff introductions
- ❖ Reminder that New Board member elections are open until 11am. Vote now at eastharriet.org

EHFNA Updates

10:15 – 10:35

- ❖ The East Harriet Food Fund Drive – Donate now at support.2harvest.org/goto/eastharriet
The funds donated helped Second Harvest provide 1,725 meals (\$575.00) to our neighbors in need. Your generous donations were very much appreciated!
- ❖ Census – 15% uncounted in East Harriet. Tell your neighbors to respond at my2020census.gov/census
- ❖ November voting – Early voting has begun! All questions related to voting can be answered at vote.minneapolis.gov
- ❖ Farmstead Rec Center is ready to open for programs
- ❖ We’re always looking for Committee Members! If interested, contact info@eastharriet.org
 - Community Building, Parks and Environment (CBPE)
 - Housing, Zoning, Business and Schools (HZBS)
 - Safety, Transportation and Noise (STN)
- ❖ First East Harriet Happy Hour (CBPE)

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- ❖ Promote and support local businesses (HZBS)
 - EHFNA reimbursed businesses for boarding up costs in June
 - Provided matching Great Streets Façade Improvement Grant funds.
 - Fertile Ground Building
 - Golden Valley Products
 - Bev’s Coin Laundry
- ❖ Support area seniors (CBPE)
 - EHFNA Funds pay for Senior Exercise Classes at Farmstead.
 - EHFNA Request for art projects and letters for Walker Methodist residents
- ❖ Support area schools (HZBS)
 - Barton Open School Dance Classes
- ❖ Support affordable housing
 - Additional \$35,000 loan to Propel Nonprofits for Affordable Housing Initiatives in Minneapolis

Future of Neighborhood Funding

10:35 - 10:45

- ❖ Neighborhoods 2020: Public comments accepted at neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov until September 30th.

Updates from your representatives

10:45 - 11:00

- ❖ Parks and Rec Board 6th District Commissioner Brad Bourn
- ❖ Ward 13 City Council Member Linea Palmisano
- ❖ Ward 10 City Council President Lisa Bender

Q and A Session with your representatives

11:00 – 11:50

- ❖ Please provide questions in the chat box at any time

Board Election Results and Food Fund Results

11:50 – 12:00

- ❖ The Food Fund will remain open until September 30th. Your generous donations are very much appreciated.

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Minutes submitted by Jenny Taplin

Approved by _____

Board President
Brian Nalezny