

**Action Summary Minutes
East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis
Wednesday, March 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
Bruce Wadman - EHFNA Board Member
Emily Winter - EHFNA Staff Member
Michael Dietrich – EHFNA Board Member
Howard Dallin – EHFNA Board Member
Patty Selly – EHFNA Board Member

Others in attendance:

Ann Lynch – Lyndale/Farmstead Park
Jenny Taplin - Resident
Matt Filner – Ward 10 Candidate
Betty Hodges – Ward 13 Council Member
Ralph Remington – Ward 10 Council Member
Kim Malrick – Ralph Remington’s Aide

1. **Announcements** – Minneapolis School District will be having meetings regarding the changes in the School District.

2. **Council Member Report – Betsy Hodges** – Ms. Hodges reported that Gov. Pawlenty’s proposal would cut LGA by about 40%. Ms. Hodges noted that Gov. Pawlenty’s proposal would only reduce St. Paul LGA by about 20%. Ms. Hodges and Mr. Remington are working to review and define what the expectations of the Minnesota Miracle actually are. Ms. Hodges stated that there is no proposal in front of the council to ban “Happy Hour”. Ms. Hodges also stated that the zoning code was changes so that house size would be relative to lot size. The ward breakfast for March is cancelled as Ms. Hodges will be meeting with the Minnesota Legislative delegation in Washington seeking more money for the state and the city.

Ralph Remington – Mr. Remington stated that he attended a charter hearing to determine if there should be a hearing about the existence of and future form of the Minneapolis Park Board. The goal of the hearings is to have a ballot initiative. Mr. Remington also stated that his Ward breakfast will be cancelled this month because he will be in Washington with Ms. Hodges, meeting with the Minnesota Legislative delegation in Washington seeking more money for the state and the city.

3. **Annual EHFNA Treasurer’s Report** - Mr. Wadman reviewed the final 2008 EHFNA Income/Expense Report. Explanation was provided for the NRP reimbursements. Mr. Wadman stated that overall, the board had budgeted well last year and that the spending was in line with the budget.

4. **CSTN Reallocation of funds** – Mr. Wadman explained the desire to reallocate funds initially assigned to the CSTN. Mr. Wadman explained that the CCP Safe Strategy which includes the minneapolisblockclub.org website, was currently unfunded. Given that the CSTN has \$2000 allocated to a graffiti removal strategy and that the Business Strategy also has an allocation of \$2000 graffiti removal strategy, moving the money from CSTN would still allow funds to be available to combat graffiti in the neighborhood.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED - On motion by Board Member Bruce Wadman.

5. **Park Report** – Ms. Ann Lynch reported that there will be a meeting to discuss the Community Service Areas. Lyndale/Farmstead Park participates with Fuller Park and Martin Luther King Park. Ms. Lynch also stated that some of the Park Employees will be participating in the “Polar Plunge” which will raise money for the Special Olympics. Ms. Lynch also stated that she also attended the charter hearing regarding the future of the Park Board.

6. **EHFNA Political Policy** – Mr. Perry reviewed the Political Policy recently pass by the board.

7. **EHFNA Letter to MPRB** – Mr. Perry reviewed the letter submitted to the Park Board from EHFNA in regards to the CAC committee formed to review the Lake Harriet concession expansion.

8. Committee Reports –

- **Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee** – No variances in February. Mr. Roger Worm has been working on the RFP for the revolving loan program. Mr. Michael Dietrich discussed that work being done toward the property survey. Mr. James Thorson is working on Design Guidelines.
- **Community Building Committee** – Ms. Pam Meier reported that planning has begun. Both sides of the Lyndale/Farmstead park will be available for Rosefest this year. Ms. Meier indicated that evaluation was ongoing of activities at Rosefest in relation to the current economic environment. Ms. Meier reported that the approach to planning this year will be somewhat different.
- **Parks & Environment** – Patti Selly reported that the Barton Beat program is proceeding this year. There is some investigation ongoing into a composting program. The mini grant program will give money raised from Rosefest to Lyndale/Farmstead Park.
- **Crime & Safety, Transportation and Noise Committee** – Mr. Perry reported that they are working on a school crossing and they are working on speed issues on East lake Harried Blvd. The committee also signed a contract to get the minneapolisblockclub.org site second revision designed and are actively seeking people for a focus group to help with the redesign. Mr. Perry stated that the dates of the Lyndale meetings will kick off April 28th. Work will resume this year south of 50th and north of 38th. Mr. Perry also stated that the shoe box lights and pedestrian light will be going in Spring and the stoplights will be put in after these lights are installed, probably in early to mid-summer.
- **Executive Committee** – No report

10. New Business – Meg Tuthill attended and is running for city council member for the 10th Ward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Staven Bruce
EHFNA Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Matt Perry, EHFNA Chair