

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Walker Methodist, Minneapolis
Wednesday, March 2, 2011 - 7:00 pm

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| 1. Announcements | 7:00 - 7:05 |
| 2. January & February 2011 Mtg Minutes (N.Petersen) - Action Required | 7:05 - 7:10 |
| 3. Council Members Report (CM Hodges Ward 13 & CM Tuthill Ward 10) - Informational | 7:10 - 7:30 |
| 4. Dog Park (N. Petersen) - Action Required | 7:30 - 7:50 |
| 5. Dog Park CAC Appointees (N.Petersen) - Action Required | 7:50 - 8:00 |
| 6. CPP Application (D. Hart) - Informational | 8:00 - 8:10 |
| 7. Park Report (A.Lynch) -Informational | 8:10 - 8:25 |
| 8. Committee Reports | 8:25 - 9:05 |
| • Community Builder Committee Update (D.Hart) - Informational | 8:25 - 8:35 |
| • Housing, Zoning and Business (M.Jensen) - Informational | 8:35 - 8:45 |
| • Crime, Safety, Trans & Noise Committee (J.Fink) Informational | 8:45 - 8:55 |
| • Park, Environment & Schools (D.Schirber) - Informational | 8:55 - 9:05 |
| 9. Adjourn | 9:05 |

1. Announcements
2. January and February 2011 Meeting Minutes (N.Petersen) - Action Required

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 EHFNA Board of Directors monthly meeting minutes as amended

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 EHFNA Board of Directors monthly meeting minutes as amended

3. Council Members Report (CM Hodges Ward 13 & CM Tuthill Ward 10) - Informational
 - City Council reports from Council Member Tuthill (Ward 10) and Council Member Hodges (Ward 13)
4. Dog Park (N. Petersen) - Action Required

In February, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) voted to create a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to select a location for a dog park in the 6th Park District. The CAC was give three sites to choose from, all of which are located in the East Harriet Neighborhood. Two of three sites abut or are located in the Roberts Bird Sanctuary and the Peace Garden in the East Harriet Neighborhood. The CAC was also instructed to create its report and make recommendations to the MPRB within 45 days of first meeting.

Concern has been expressed about the process being undertaken by the MPRB regarding the lack of transparency, the choice of sites included, and the aggressive timeline. The EHFNA Park, Environment & Schools Committee, and EHFNA Executive Officers have been meeting with other community leaders to gather outside feedback on the process, including LHiNC and the Minneapolis Chapter of the Audubon Society. Similar concerns have been expressed about the process adopted by the MPRB.

In response to concerns about the process, a letter has been drafted to be issued to MPRB, surrounding neighborhoods and members of the press. This letter outlines EHFNA's concerns about the process and makes recommendations for improving the process.

Motion: Move to approve the letter to the MPRB, and to send the letter to the MPRB, surrounding neighborhoods and members of the press

5. Dog Park CAC Appointees (N.Petersen) - Action Required

Motion: Move to appoint those recommended by the CAC Appointee Selection Committee to the Dog Park CAC

6. CPP Application (D. Hart) - Informational
7. Park Report (A.Lynch) -Informational
 - Park Director Ann Lynch will update the board on Lyndale Farmstead Park happenings
8. Committee Reports
 - Community Builder Committee Update (D.Hart) - Informational

- The CBC held its monthly meeting on February 21. Colin Harris of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition was there to present updates on the June 12th Open Streets/Ciclovía event and answer any questions about the event. CBC Committee members agreed to post outreach information on EHFNA's website and Facebook page. The CBC also offered to issue a letter of support for the event.
- Housing, Zoning and Business (M.Jensen) - Informational

EHFNA/HZB Budget Update

- Discussed NRP funding, EHFNA budget challenges and freezing of funds.
- Only HZB initiatives to be funded in 2011 (until further notice) is pending Business Facade Grants.
- All other initiatives need to operate under the premise that there is no \$\$ available.
- This will challenge us to review our list of current initiatives, be creative with how we fund these initiatives (leverage community services, grants, business partnerships, etc.)
- All expenses must be approved by Pam Meier, HZB chair and Nick Peterson, EHFNA before spending \$\$ or committing EHFNA resources.
- **Meeting Follow-Up:**
 - Pam Meier to re-send list of 2011 projects for HZB committee review; watch for email.
 - Project Leads should plan on making a recommendation at next month's HZB meeting as to whether the project should stay on the 2011 list in light of budget challenges.
 - If so, what are their recommendations to make it happen?
 - Based on outcome of next month's discussion, the HZB committee will determine if we need to reallocate volunteer 'resources'.

Energy Workshop, Thursday, March 3rd, 6:30pm, Barton Commons/Gymnasium

- Jeff Hemer reviewed details of the upcoming Energy Workshop co-sponsored by EHFNA and CEE:
 - Community outreach (postcard, email blast, website, block club emails, tear-off signs, NRP newsletter.
 - HZB Committee Member support
 - 13 people have already signed up for home energy audits!
 - THANKS JEFF for all your work!
- **Meeting Followup:**
 - Suggestion was made by Matt Perry to have Deb Schirber post as event on Facebook; Jeff to follow-up.
 - Request was made for Jeff to 'hold' receipts for KiteFest signing and color copies for tear-off signs until EHFNA Board develops reimbursement guidelines/protocol.
 - Suggestion was made by Matt Perry to approach GiGis or Jack's for complimentary coffee/water.
 - Jeff to connect SW Journal reporter with CEE rep for upcoming article.
 - HZB Committee Members requested to forward invite to their neighbors and EH friends (contact Jeff Hemer if you need it resent).
 - HZB Committee Members requested to help set up/greet residents; come to Barton btwn 6/615pm -- thx!

Other

- Pam Meier gave update on Walker parking lot and 4145 Colfax administrative review for new garage. (No action required)
- Matt Perry suggested HZB consider a 100 year home tour/historical research. Matt Perry and Jeff Hemer would be interested in supporting that initiative but not leading it. If you are interested in being a Project Lead/Champion, contact Pam Meier.

NEXT HZB MEETING: Wednesday, March 30th, 7-8:30pm, Walker Place (Health Services side), 3737 Bryant, Gamble Lobby Conference Room.

- Key topics of discussion: Design Guidelines, 2011 Strategy Review.

- Crime, Safety, Trans & Noise Committee (J.Fink) Informational

1) Courtwatch: Discussion on how to get the word out better and get a better response from the community. Discussed getting the local business's involved and writing more impact statements.

2) 2011 East Harriet Policing Plan: With the freeze on community budgets, implementation of some of the 2011 policing plan will be delayed.

3) NEHBA: Reviewed meeting with NEHBA and discussed ways for the communities to support the local businesses.

4) Reviewed crime map and details. There were a total of 7 crimes in East Harriet from January 1 to February 18.

There was no new business.

- Park, Environment & Schools (D.Schirber) - Informational
Earth Day

April 16 from 9:30 - Noon

Need 2 volunteers to hand out bags, gloves and sign up (bee there at 9 am)

9. Adjourn