

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Walker Methodist, Minneapolis
Wednesday, April 6, 2011 - 7:00 pm

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| 1. Announcements | 7:00 - 7:05 |
| 2. March 2011 Meeting Minutes (N.Petersen) - Action Required | 7:05 - 7:10 |
| 3. Elect EHFNA Board Secretary (N. Peterson) - Action Required | 7:10 - 7:20 |
| 4. Council Members Report (CM Hodges Ward 13 & CM Tuthill Ward 10) - Informational | 7:20 - 7:40 |
| 5. CPP Application (N. Peterson) - Informational | 7:40 - 7:45 |
| 6. Lake Harriet Pkwy (N. Puzack) - Informational | 7:45 - 8:00 |
| 7. Dog Park (N. Petersen) - Informational | 8:00 - 8:10 |
| 8. RoseFest Budget (Z. Mullinax) - Action Required | 8:10 - 8:20 |
| 9. Earth Day () - Informational | 8:20 - 8:25 |
| 10. Park Report (A.Lynch) - Informational | 8:25 - 8:35 |
| 11. Committee Reports | 8:35 - 8:55 |
| • Community Builder Committee Update (D.Hart) - Informational | 8:30 - 8:35 |
| • Housing, Zoning and Business (M.Jensen) - Informational | 8:35 - 8:40 |
| • Crime, Safety, Trans & Noise Committee (J.Fink) Informational | 8:40 - 8:45 |
| • Park, Environment & Schools (D.Schirber) - Informational | 8:45 - 8:50 |
| 12. Adjourn | 8:50 |

1. Announcements
2. March 2011 Meeting Minutes (N.Petersen) - Action Required

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

3. Elect EHFNA Board Secretary (N. Peterson) - Action Required
 - Chris Iverson, current board member and secretary, will be moving out of the country soon. The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood would like to thank him for his volunteer time over the past year with the Housing, Zoning and Business Committee and EHFNA Board.

Motion: Move to elect an EHFNA board member to the office of secretary

4. 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)
5. CPP Application (D. Hart) - Informational
 - The NCEC approved the East Harriet Farmstead submission for Community Participation Program funding on March 22. The funding approved is \$18,746.83.
6. East Lake Harriet Pkwy Traffic Concerns (N. Puzack) - Informational
 - See hand out
7. RoseFest Budget (Z. Mullinax) - Action Required
 - Zach Mullinax, 2011 RoseFest Chair, will present the RoseFest budget for board approval.

Motion: Move to approve the budget for RoseFest 2011 as amended.

8. Off Lease Dog Park CAC Update (N. Petersen) - Informational
 - Two meetings on 3/21 and 3/28 has taken place. Invite extended to additional reps including Linden Hills, Bryant, East African, African American, and Hmong.
 - <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1266>
 - Proposed meeting dates: April 11, May 2, May 16
- Update to the MPRB Planning Committee by May 4
9. Earth Day () - Informational
 - Earth Day 2011 is set for Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 am to noon. EHFNA will be manning the registration table at Lake Harriet Bandshell parking lot. Bruce Wadman, PES chair, would like to have two volunteers assist him with registration, handing out bags and answering questions.
10. Park Report (A.Lynch) -Informational
 - Park Director Ann Lynch will update the board on Lyndale Farmstead Park happenings

Committee Reports

- Community Builder Committee Update (D.Hart) - Informational
- 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.
- Reviewed HZB list of current initiatives that were originally budgeted for funding in 2011; the following are recommendations by project:
 - **Home Improvement Loan Program (reinvention/marketing)**
 - Project Lead: Brian Nalezny
 - Recommendation: Priority project if/when funds are available as it generates income for EHFNA.
 - Next Steps: B. Nalezny to begin needs analysis/continue discussion to develop strategy recommendation.
 - **CEE Community Energy Services Program**
 - Project Lead: Jeff Hemer
 - Recommendation: Continue, n/c to EHFNA
 - Next Steps:
 - J. Hemer to work with D. Schirber on promoting city-wide workshops on website/eNews/FaceBook
 - J. Hemer to work with CEE to schedule Fall '11 EHFNA workshop (end of September)
 - J. Hemer to submit nominal print costs for posters
 - **Business Node Design Guidelines**
 - Project Lead: Pam Meier
 - Recommendations: Continue review process, short-term basic Word doc w/ photos, long-term explore pro bono graphic support; n/c to EHFNA unless business need warrants professional graphic/print support
 - Next Steps:
 - P. Meier to continue leading monthly discussions on remaining business nodes
 - **B.L.E.N.D. Award**
 - Project Lead: Mike Jensen
 - Recommendation: Continue EHFNA involvement in 2011 strategy; n/c to EHFNA as participation feeds & gifts in kind cover program costs
 - Next Steps:
 - M. Jensen to forward final program materials to HZB committee as FYI
 - M. Jensen to work with D. Schirber on promoting EHFNA program on website/eNews/FaceBook
 - **Zoning Variance Guidelines, Conditional Use Permits, Lot Splits**
 - Project Lead: Matt Perry
 - Recommendations: Project on hold while new legislation on "hardship" works its way through the MN State Legislature.
 - Next Steps:
 - M. Perry to monitor progress.
 - **Renter/Landlord Engagement**
 - Project Lead: Jeremy Fink
 - Recommendation: To date no project plan has been submitted; if pursued in 2011 n/c to EHFNA

- **40th & Lyndale Development**
 - Project Lead: Matt Perry
 - Recommendations: Project on hold until SA lot use is determined; third priority if/when funds are available depending on community engagement needs
 - Next Steps:
 - M. Perry to monitor progress
- **Business Facade Improvement Grant Program**
 - Project Lead: Roger Worm
 - Recommendations: As per previous discussion, 2010 commitments under contract will be funded; secondary priority if/when funds are available depending on business needs
 - Next Steps:
 - N. Peterson to sign/submit contract
 - R. Worm to finalize details with impacted businesses
- **Nicollet East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA)**
 - Project Leads: Matt Perry/Roger Worm
 - Recommendations: Continue support with n/c to EHFNA
 - Next Steps:
 - TBD
- All HZB committee to be creative on funding (leverage community services, grants, business partnerships, etc.)r 'resources'.

GENERAL UPDATES

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

- Jeff Hemer reviewed results of the successful Energy Workshop co-sponsored by EHFNA and CEE:
 - Approx. 45 attendees
 - ALL households signed up for home energy visits
 - Jeff will take photos/video of his home energy audit scheduled for 3/31/11
 - **THANKS JEFF for all your work! You were a GREAT representative of EHFNA!**

B.L.E.N.D. Award

- Mike Jensen gave update on committee decisions for 2011:
 - Going city-wide in 2011
 - Currently drafting application forms & assembling review board
 - Will upgrade awards ceremony to enhance prestige of event & separate it from neighborhood annual meeting
 - Group considering nonprofit status in future
 - See above for 'next steps'
 - **THANKS MIKE in advance for all your work!**

Other

- Pam Meier gave update on area businesses:
 - Jack's:
 - Great restaurant review in StarTribune last week (uptick in weekend business!)
 - Beginning to serve breakfast & weekend brunch
 - Looking forward to warm weather for sidewalk dining
 - Classical Academy of Arts
 - Space for rent; relocating business outside of EH
 - SuperAmerica
 - Discussed snow removal
 - No update on land use
- Question: Neighbor concern on house west of Calhoun Pet Supply (halted remodel, vacant building, home falling in disrepair)

- Discussed calling 311 for property violation concerns
- Nick to mention to Keven Nelson re: potential safety concern
- Comment: Paper sign taped on exterior of Calhoun Pet Supply with change in hours unsightly

NEXT HZB MEETING: Wednesday, April 25th, 7-8:30pm, Walker Place (Health Services side), 3737 Bryant, Gamble Lobby Conference Room.

- **Key topics of discussion: Design Guideline Review, General Updates, Other TBD**

- **Crime, Safety, Traffic & Noise**

Action Alerts/Block Club leaders: We had a discussion on increasing block club leader participation and thus the residents to receive the action alerts. Luther had many suggestions and examples, having been a block club leader for many years. An outline has been established for getting more block club leaders in East Harriet:

- a. Get together with Amy Lavender and call the list of existing block club leaders and verify that they are still block club leaders and want to continue to participate.
- b. Get a list of apartment owners for East Harriet, which will contain the names of owners currently on the Action Alert list. Call those not on the Action Alert email system and engage them to participate.

c. Approach the East Harriet board with the proposal to door knock the neighborhood blocks that are not verified as block club leaders and engage them to become a part of the informed community. This will be to get the residents involved with East Harriet in more than the crime and safety area.

Approaching the residents should be in a positive manner, by asking them for 2 hours a month to get involved. This could be in any of the committees set up by East Harriet. Luther pointed out that most residents have one single area they are concerned/interested in. We need to get the board and committee members to approach the residents with this in mind.

d. Approach the residents with a pre-knocking survey to find what they want from their community and local government.

e. Have the board members and committee members door knock to increase involvement with our community, both in block club leader numbers and community committee areas.

2) Crime: Amy reported there were two crimes reported in East Harriet in the last calendar month. One was a theft from car and the other theft from a garage.

3) Courtwatch: The community is asked to be aware of and looking for Hakim Abdirizak Karod. Chris Dixon is going to send a pdf on the individual. He has failed to appear for arraignment and is on trial for 3 charges. The pdf will be sent to the members of NEHBA as well as being put on the East Harriet website.

4) NEHBA: The CSTN committee will continue to engage the Nicollet East Harriet Business Association to help build a stronger community by way of:

a. Courtwatch; Having the business's become more involved by being aware of the individuals of interest, posting these individuals and writing impact statements.

b. Community involvement; having the communities support the business nodes in distributing flyers/fridge magnets with basic safety statements. We ask a lot of our local business's for fundraising. Our communities need to give some of that support back in the way of time.

- **Parks, Environment & Schools**

1. Earth Day on Saturday, April 16 from 9:30 to noon. Bruce will need two volunteers to assist with the registration table.