

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 4, 2007 - 7:00pm - 8:45 p.m.

Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis

Board members present:

Matt Perry, Dean Carlson, Chris Gallaty, Maryjo Hackett, Jane Swatosh, Bruce Thomson, Dan Woychick, Roger Worm

Board members not present:

Syd Satovich, Staven Bruce, Bruce Wadman

Others present:

Betsy Hodges (Ward 13 Council Member), Jake Weyer (Southwest Journal Writer), Ann Lynch (Lyndale Farmstead Park Director), Emily Winter (EHFNA Coordinator), Brian Forney (Transit for Livable Communities representative), and neighborhood members Mark Brandon, Phil Martin, Pam Meier.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1) Announcements

Chairman Matt Perry added presentation by Brian Forney on "Summary of Transit Funding in Senate and House Omnibus Transportation Bills" to Agenda item 5.

July Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled for June 27th due to 4th of July holiday conflict. Meeting moved forward to allow for adequate further planning of RoseFest.

A DVD titled *East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Presentation* was shown at the annual EHFNA meeting last October. A copy of the presentation with added Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association section was handed out to all present at the April meeting for their review.

A **note** to the minutes: The board would like to formally thank Emily Winter for producing a final DVD playable version. She completed a much needed task in such short order. Emily, thank you again - a job well done.

2) Consent Agenda

One item on consent agenda: Approval of minutes from March '07 meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda. Approved unanimously.

3) Approval of March Meeting Minutes (Same as above)

MOTION: Move to approve the March minutes. Approved unanimously.

4) Councilmember Report

Betsy Hodges (Council Member - Ward 13) reported the following:

- Library Board Consolidation Plan. City, County and Library Board in agreement on consolidation plan. County requested more information on funding and employee reimbursement responsibility changes.
- Teardowns and In-fill Housing -
 - Public Hearing - Infill Housing Zoning Proposal
 - Location: City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 317
 - Date/Time: 4/9/07 4:30 PM
 - Description: Public Hearing before the Planning Commission of proposed

changes to the zoning code related to the size of new single-family homes and remodels.

Zoning and Planning Committee on May 3. Tentative.

Council Vote scheduled for May 11.

Staff report for Public Hearing on April 9th will be on-line.

- Lyndale Avenue South Reconstruction. Delayed until next year. Issues regarding 50th street intersection need to be resolved.
- 35W/Crosstown 62 Redesign. Bidding Completed. Bid Accepted. Contract to be issued in June.
- Q&A.
 - Lyndale Avenue S. Reconstruction. **Comment:** Chair has asked Hennepin Council Member Gail Dorfman to present a summary and view at the EHFNA May meeting. City council members Betsy Hodges and Ralph Remington are also invited to attend.
 - Library Board. **Q** County Commission hesitation. **A** - county commission requesting more detail on employee and technology issues. County Commission in agreement on merger.
 - Internet Wireless in City. **Q** What is the Status? **A** - It is still being worked out—there is no definite start date at this time.
 - “No Turn on Red” Sign Removal. **Q.** Status. **A.** Citizens need to request sign to be removed. Procedure is to call 311. Appropriate staff reviews request and deems if appropriate within guidelines. If yes, sign is removed. help to improve.
 - NRP **Comment:** Request for neighborhood input on community engagement with sufficient time for volunteer-based neighborhood boards and residents to participate in meetings.
 - LGA Spending. **Q.** Incremental spending in State budgets. **A.** Senate bill has additional \$150MM with \$20MM designated for Minneapolis. House bill has \$60MM with \$10MM designated for Minneapolis.

5a.) Summary of Transit Funding in Senate and House Omnibus Transportation Bills.

Updated as of March 27, 2007. Brian Forney, a representative for [Transit for Liveable Communities](#), briefed the board and attendees on the above topic. A copy of the Summary is attached.

Mr. Forney asked that if anyone is in favor of the bills, they should contact the governor and ask that he not veto the legislation. A rally is to be held on April 12th at 10:00 AM at the capitol in favor of the legislation. Discussion ensued on transit definitions including street car funding. Our respective Senate and House Representatives, Scott Dibble and Frank Hornstein, support the legislation.

5b.) Park Report

Ann Lynch (Lyndale Farmstead Park Director) reported that 2007 Spring Program Registration is completed. Soccer sign-up is going well this year.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 7th at 10:00 AM at the park.

2007 Summer Program sign-up literature is available. Program registration begins April 21st at 9:00 AM on-line or at the park. Ms. Lynch made copies of both the spring and summer programs available for the meeting attendees.

6) Rosefest Planning

M. Perry reiterated to the board the “Mission, Vision and Goals” -- “Make Rosefest Happen” is number one on the list. Board members are all needed to participate and recruit volunteers.

Jane Swatosh handed out information folders to Rosefest Committee Chair Persons. Ms.

Swatosh also gave an update on Rosefest preparation.

Particulars included:

Donation of Food and Entertainment is vital for financial success.

Sponsorship and volunteer recruitment responsibility of all board members.

Suggestions on Dunk Tank “dunkees” appreciated.
Appropriate Permits have been submitted and issued.
Rain-out Procedure Manual is being developed. No alternate date.
Southwest News representative is to be sent press release.
Volunteer recruitment is scheduled at other neighborhood events.

7) Committee Reports

Business/Housing/Zoning:

Bruce Thomson reported that committee is moving forward on goals. As reported in last month’s meeting a postcard had been sent to residents regarding the revolving loan fund. No update on response yet. The committee is also working on a rental survey and has posted an internship opportunity for developing the survey at the Humphrey Institute at the UMN MSP Campus. Committee has received two responses. Posting is scheduled to close this Saturday, April 7th.

Community Building:

M. Hackett presented the white board with the EHFNA’s “Missions, Vision & Goals”. It is a changeable board and can be updated to keep us on track. EHFNA E-NEWS is doing well. 44% readership of the subscriber’s with 11% clicking on related sites. Total subscription is 215.

Parks, Environment and Schools: Dan Woychick reported for Bruce Wadman.

- 1) Bryant/BEAT’s Clean Water Fair on Sat. May 19th 9am-noon at Barton School.
Sign-up on EHFNA Web-site.
Structure is similar to last year:
9am-10:30: make-your-own rain barrel workshop.
There will be 25 FREE 55-gallon barrels for residents to complete and take home. We need more people to sign up!

10:30-12:00: 7th and 8th grade students in the Bryant/BEAT class will perform drama presentations with a “clean water” theme. Their clean-water projects will also be on display for the public to see and ask questions.
11:00-12:00: Rain garden workshop. Last year’s presenter Carolin Dittmann will present a PowerPoint program on building your own rain garden. Need more people to sign for this too.

The Clean Water Fair will be publicized in the Barton Bugle newsletter, Connects and e-news, and hopefully an article in SW Journal.

A few volunteers are needed to help on May 19th to help set up and assist residents in the construction of their rain barrels. Hours would be 8:30-11am.

The \$250 rain garden/runoff reduction grant program runs through June 30th.

- 2) Stephen Rueff is pursuing a \$2500 grant for Bryant/BEAT’s 2007-08 curriculum, which will focus on clean air. Grant would be through Captain Planet.
- 3) Chain of Lakes Coalition meeting is scheduled w/Commissioners Fine and Nordstrom on Thursday April 12th.

Crime, Safety, Transportation and Noise:

M. Perry reported on:

- 1) Meeting with Police Sector Chief. Has East Neighborhood policy objectives that her performance is measured against. Additional input will be gathered through the remainder of the month from residents.

2) Lyndale Avenue South Reconstruction. M Perry reported that Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman had announced that the Lyndale Reconstruction project was to be delayed until 2008. He asked Commissioner Dorfman to attend the Board's May meeting to discuss this.

3) Walker Task Force. Area clean-up activity scheduled for Sat., April 14th. 10-Noon.

Walker representatives and surrounding community have agreed to participate.

Stepped-up enforcement of the No Parking Areas. 54 related parking tickets issued from Jan 1 to March 31st of this year.

Noise Issue. Neighbors and Walker Methodist have been keeping logs tracking noise problems to identify patterns of violation. This will be forwarded to the City's Environmental Management department who will coordinate enforcement. When the Environment Management department has established a pattern of noise complaints they will be in neighborhood at those times issue tickets as is appropriate. First fine for amplified noise from a vehicle at greater than 50 feet is \$500. Second, is \$700.

4) 40th and Lyndale Task Force. Super America removed underground fuel tanks last September. MPCA is requiring a soil sampling to assure no leakage has occurred.

Property owners with 100 feet from the location have been surveyed as to past or present existence of wells per standard procedure during such an investigation.

The future of this node is being facilitated by activities directed by the 40th & Lyndale Task Force. A survey is being sent to residents and business owners to follow up on input gathered during the 40th & Lyndale Task Force November 2006 Community Forum. The Task Force will be sponsoring a second Community Forum featuring urban design professionals from the Great City Design Team. The meeting will be held on May 14th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Steering Committee: No Report

8) MOTION: Move to adjourn meeting. Approved unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead Park building.

Minutes submitted by,

Roger Worm
EHFNA Board Member

Minutes Approved by,

Matt Perry
EHFNA Board Chairman