

**EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**April 2, 2008, 7:00 pm**  
**Lyndale Farmstead Park, 3900 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis**

**Board Members present:** Dean Carlson, Michael Dietrich, Chris Gallaty, Pam Meier, Matt Perry, Patty Selly, Bruce Wadman

**Board Members not present:** Staven Bruce, Bruce Thomson, James Thorson, Roger Worm

**Others in attendance:** Jake Weyer (Southwest Journal). Felicity Britton (People for Parks), Sid Monroe (resident), Nikki Kenney (People for Parks), Tom Braun (Linden Hills resident), Emily Moore (resident), Ann Lynch (Minneapolis Parks).

**Meeting started at 7:05 pm.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**1) Welcome.**

- a) M. Perry thanked everyone for attending.

**2) Introductions.**

**ACTION ITEMS (ONLY EHFNA BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.)**

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**1) Approval of Consent Agenda (M. Perry) – Action Required**

**Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.**

- a) M. Perry requested motion to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION:** C. Gallaty made motion to approve Consent Agenda. P. Selly seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion approved.

**2) City Council Member Report (M. Perry) – No Action Required**

- a) Councilpersons B. Hodges and R. Remington or staff members were not present. M.

Perry presented highlights of the following:

- i) Differences between City Council Resolution and State Legislature proposed legislation in extending the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts for funding neighborhood revitalization
- ii) Community feedback on “Future Framework”
- iii) Lyndale Reconstruction Meeting (4/15/08, 630-8pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church)
- iv) Public Safety Forum (5/3, 12-430pm, location TBD)
  - (1) Councilperson B. Hodges sponsoring to improve safety in Ward 13
  - (2) Let M. Perry know if you’re interested in volunteering

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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**1) Peace Garden Project.** (Emily Moore)

- a) Mother’s Day Open House (5/11); hosted by RT Rybak and his wife
  - i) Designer of the bridge is also invited
- b) Fundraising
  - i) Letter to be sent to ‘previous donors’; donations before 6/1 will be matched
  - ii) M. Dietrich asked cost and amount needed: (\$100,000 cost; \$43,000 to raise)

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- iii) NOTE: \$1,000 was donated by EHFNA as part of Phase II

**GUEST SPEAKERS (CONTINUED)**

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**2) *People for Parks.*** (Felicity Britton, Nikki Kenney, Tom Braun)

- a) F. Britton reviewed who they are; what they do, past and upcoming projects
- b) Current \$35 M shortfall; sponsorship of engraved pavers & park benches as fundraiser
- c) Monthly project meeting is held second Tuesday of the month; location varies.
- d) B. Wadman discussed park murals; \$30K needed to re-stucco to prep for painting
- e) S. Monroe asked about Dutch Elm program success
- f) *Next Steps:* EHFNA Parks Committee can review People For Parks request for grant program funding if needed.

**EHFNA UPDATES**

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**1) *Earth Day Activities.*** (B. Wadman)

- a) Lake Harriet Cleanup (4/19), 9:30-noon; first time as an official site for several years
- b) Event includes coordinators; volunteers, EHFNA table
- c) Peace Coffee is going to donate coffee
- d) Recycle 5K is the next day.

**2) *RoseFest.*** (P. Meier)

- a) Steering Committee approved RoseFest committee recommendations.
  - i) Formulated price points and fees for sponsorship and activities
  - ii) Requesting help getting sponsors and dividing territories
  - iii) Will be laying out what will be allowed for political sponsors
- b) Subcommittee Updates
  - i) Finance / Entertainment Committee (B. Wadman)
    - (1) Working on entertainment, solar panels, tents, and volunteer needs.
    - (2) Secured 4 inflatables (w/staff person), 2 generators and ponies.
    - (3) Will talk with Mary Lerman about show mobile/stage.
  - ii) Park Board (A. Lynch)
    - (1) Suggested Metro Transit bus to demo bike load/unload, encourage bus use.
  - iii) Garden Tour (M. Perry)
    - (1) Will solicit gardens and sponsorship.
    - (2) Talked with co-founder of Bethlehem garden society during last year's garden tour who, at that time, offered to help with garden tour in 2008.
- c) Misc.
  - i) P. Meier needs Board Member support on 2 committees; will send email request.

**3) *Framework for the Future.*** (M Perry)

- a) Neighborhood leaders came up with the "Blueprint for Neighborhood Success".
  - i) [Ward 13] are the only neighborhoods who have submitted support for the proposed "Framework for the Future" – other neighborhoods wanted to NRP to stay as it is today.
  - ii) State legislation has been introduced extending the NRP TIF districts for the next 10 years "as long as the NRP governance structure stays the same."

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- iii) The Ward 13 neighborhood organizations feel it is inappropriate for the state to dictate governance of city strategy & governance of community engagement especially since the city process for improving community engagement which many residents have participated in has not yet been completed.
- iv) Positive development – both the city and the state are proposing extension of the TIF districts which provide funds to neighborhood organizations for the purpose of neighborhood revitalization.

**EHFNA UPDATES (CONTINUED)**

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- 3) **Framework for the Future.** (M Perry)
  - a) Leaders from Armatage, East Harriet, Fulton, Linden Hills, West Calhoun, Lynnhurst, and Kenny are in agreement with the “Blueprint for Neighborhood Success.” Currently in process of voting.
  - b) EHFNA Steering Committee approves motion of approval of chair of EHFNA to be a signatory on “blueprint.”
  - c) Motion to approve. By P. Meier, Second by M. Dietrich. No discussion; no questions. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4) **Park Board.** (A. Lynch)
  - a) Updates on Easter Egg Hunt, soccer, summer program online registration.
  - b) Testing a track & field program.
- 5) **Revolving Loan Program Funding.** (M. Perry)
  - a) **MOTION:** Move to permit CEE to use East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) program income funds for all new loans for the EHFNA Home Improvement Loan program. Program income funds shall be used only for the amount of each loan. Program income may also be used for administration fees for each loan after the current remaining administration money is exhausted. Use of program income in this manner by CEE will be permitted through September 3rd, 2008 or until Phase II Revolving Loan Program money is under contract, whichever comes first.
  - b) Motion was approved via email vote to authorize EHFNA’s Revolving Loan Program fiscal agent CEE to take money on an as needed basis for loans approved for this program until the request for proposal (RFP) process is completed.
  - c) Vote: Approved unanimously on 4/21 by all 10 members (Chair does not vote except in instances of a tie).
- 6) **Committee Reports.** (All)
  - a) *Business, Housing & Zoning.* P. Meier reviewed CURA request for intern.
  - b) *Community Building.* P. Meier reviewed plans for “Welcome Kit” and Garage Sale 5/31.
  - c) *Parks, Environment & Schools.* B. Wadman reviewed Bryant BEAT, Clean Air Fair (5/17), Energy Challenge, and details of Dutch Elm grant program. P. Selly reviewed grant for climate change program allowing EHFNA to host workshops, marketing materials, and energy grants for homeowners, etc. Find out 4/10.

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- d) *Crime, Safety, Transportation & Noise Committee.* C. Gallaty & M. Perry reviewed Walker Task Force, "Slow Down" signs, Mpls. Block Club, and transfer of Lieutenant Przynski. Replacement: Lt. John "Jack" Kelly.
- e) *Steering Committee.* M. Perry reviewed "Framework for the Future" response proposed by Ward 13 neighborhood organization leaders. The Steering Committee also reviewed volunteer base building activities in progress and proposed by the neighborhood coordinator. He noted Emily's experience with a positive correlation between between the number eNews subscribers and the number of volunteers. He also recognized Emily Winter's positive approach to customer service and its impact on to increasing the number of residents participating in neighborhood organization related activities. Since March of 2007 we have had approximately 85 different individuals volunteer for EHFNA activities. From September 2007 → now we have had 43 new subscribers to our eNews (started with 299 and now have 335 because a few others opted out). More subscribers should lead to more volunteers.

**MISC. / MEETING CLOSE**

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S. Monroe mentioned Jim Hightower at St. Joan of Arc

M. Perry closed by thanking everyone and pointing out the successes discussed this evening are characteristic of a strong neighborhood association. He also noted the items discussed tonight exemplified EHFNA's migration to diversifying its funding portfolio started two years ago. EHFNA is moving away from relying on only NRP funding to three sources: public funds, grants and private funds (ex. fundraising)

M. Perry entertained a motion to adjourn. D. Carlson moved. B. Wadman seconded. No questions/discussions. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Pamela Meier, EHFNA Board Member

Minutes approved by:

Matt Perry, EHFNA Chair