

**EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Walker Methodist, 3737 Bryant Ave So
Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Board members present: Staven Bruce; Dean Carlson; Chris Gallaty; Pamela Meier; Matt Perry; Bruce Thomson; Bruce Wadman; Roger Worm; Michael Dietrich; Patty Selly

Board members not present: James Thorson

Others present: Mary Ann Schoenberger (Southwest Senior Center); Ona Keller (Strong Schools, Strong City); Ann Lynch (Park Director); Dee Kanton (Walker resident); Emily Winter (EHFNA Coordinator)

#1 Announcements:

Deadline for Enews is August 8th.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

#2 Approval of July 2008 Board minutes:

Motion: To approve the July Board meeting minutes as is made by Dean Carlson, Seconded by Michael Dietrich. Approved unanimously with Bruce Wadman abstaining as he was not in attendance at prior meeting.

#3 No Council Members or Aides were present.

#4 Strong Schools Strong City – Ona Keller

In November, Minneapolis voters will be asked to approve a referendum to support strong Minneapolis public schools. The annual referendum size is \$60 million. The referendum would go into effect during the 2009-10 school year and run for eight years through the 2016 -17 school year. It would replace the current referendum which provides \$29 million annually to the City's public schools. The proposed referendum would have an oversight committee to make sure it fulfills its mandate. The referendum will be on the ballot in the fall. In order to pass 50% plus 1 of the people voting would need to vote in the affirmative.

Bruce Wadman, Parks Environment and Schools Committee (PES) Chairman, stated that Ms. Keller had asked for a vote of support from EHFNA for this referendum at the last meeting of the PES. He explained that the Board does not take stands on political issues to remain nonpartisan, but that the information was welcomed at that meeting and again at this one.

#5 Southwest Senior Center/ Mural Project – Mary Ann Schoenberger

The center has received a City of Minneapolis Graffiti Prevention Grant to complete a mural which will be mounted on the south wall of the building at 3612 Bryant Ave So. It

will be a mosaic tile mural. The idea is to have it be a multigenerational neighborhood collaboration. Mary Ann said she would like to have seniors, neighbors from EHFNA & CARAG; students from Barton School all collaborate to produce the mural. The grant needs to be completed by December; they hope to have the project completed and mounted by October. There are several upcoming “visioning” and “mural creation” workshops all are invited to attend.

#6 Park Report – Ann Lynch

Ann reported that it has been a good summer and no bikes have been stolen. The park building will be closed for the last two weeks of August again this year. It is a city-wide cost cutting measure that has occurred the last few years. Bathrooms will still be accessible from the outside.

The canoe program, lead by a naturalist, was a big hit and the kids had a lot of fun. Outdoor movie night is very popular. The most recent movie was “Ratatouille.”

#7 Rosefest 2008 Preliminary Overview – Pam Meier

Rosefest made the WCCO-TV evening news.

Matt would like to do a debriefing of RoseFest in the next two weeks.

This year we had 33 sponsors of all kinds. It was the business and nonprofit sponsorships that made the difference from red to black ink this year. Thanks to Roger Worm, Bruce Thomson and Patty Selly for getting the additional sponsorships.

Based on questions asked of ticket buyers, most people heard about RoseFest either from the door-hangers or from friends.

Roger Worm suggests “hot chocolate” flavored snow cones for the winter kite fest!

Matt offered a round of applause to the Board for the positive outcome on Rosefest.

#8 Rosefest 2008 Preliminary Financial Report – Bruce Wadman

We sold tickets worth \$2,700.00 in food; \$3,600.00 for rides and games, a total of \$6,300.00. We did \$375.00 in T-shirt sales and the garden tour brought in \$65.00. Bruce reported that not all the expenses have been tallied yet, but he believes we made a profit. We did not have as many people at Rosefest this year over last, partly due to the untimely rain in the afternoon this year.

Emily reported that all volunteers showed up except one, but several others simply showed up and volunteered to help so all shifts were covered.

Committee reports:

Business, Housing, Zoning & Variance:

Bruce Thomson reported that his committee spent most of their energy on RoseFest. But they did interview one candidate for a rental survey position. A discussion will take place at the August meeting.

Roger reported that EHFNA needs to do an RFP for the RLF this fall. He has been trying to get some information from CEE, but has yet to receive it.

Community building:

Refrigerator magnets and East Harriet stickers are two new items that can be used to enhance our brand.

Pam also reported that they are working on a welcome packet for new neighbors.

Parks & Environment:

Bruce Wadman reported that we are still offering a \$200.00 rebate on a Dutch elm treatment

Transportation, Crime & Safety:

Chris Gallaty reported that 100 “slow down” signs will be put out when the signs are received August 7th. About 1 for every 5 homes would cover the neighborhood. Bryant is primary, but Aldrich, Garfield and Grand also are carrying traffic.

The “speed wagon” has been in various locations, one week at a time.

Lyndale Reconstruction:

Matt reminds us that updates are presented on the Lyndale project on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6pm at Bethlehem Church. This will be done for the duration of construction this year.

Matt also noted the East Harriet Lyndale Project page has seen the number of visitors go up significantly. The page is updated every three to four days with new information relevant to those both on Lyndale as well as other property owners and residents affected by the project. (www.eastharriet.org/lyndale-project.html)

Annual Meeting

Emily pointed out that our annual meeting is in two months and there is planning to do.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Roger Worm. Seconded by Bruce Wadman Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Bruce Thomson
Board Member

Minutes approved by,

Matt Perry
Chairman of the board