

**EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**December 5, 2007, 6:00 pm**  
**Lyndale Farmstead Park, 3900 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis**

**Board Members present:** Staven Bruce, Dean Carlson, Michael Dietrich, Chris Gallaty (alternate), Pam Meier, Matthew Perry, Douglas Stewart, Bruce Thomson, James Thorson, Bruce Wadman, Roger Worm

**Board Members not present:** Patty Selly

**Others present:** Council Member Ralph Remington (Ward 10), Council Member Betsy Hodges (Ward 13), Ben Hecker (Aide to Betsy Hodges), Kim Malrick (Aide to Ralph Remington), Tom Thompson (Crime Prevention Specialist, 5th Precinct), Jane Ranum (Senior Attorney, Drug Prosecution Team, Hennepin County Attorney's Office), Lisa Godon (Special Prosecutions Team, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and 5th Precinct Community Attorney), Lieutenant Marie Przynski (5th Precinct), Jean Schwalen (Hennepin County Probation Officer), Bobbi Harrington (Hennepin County Probation Officer), Emily Winter (EHFNA Staff Member), Jack Zandler (resident), Marjie Smith (resident), Dee Kanton (resident), Jake Weyer (Southwest Journal), Nikka Deskin (resident), Barb Van Norman (resident), Beryl Deskin (resident), Benjamin Page (resident)

#### **1. Crime and Crime Prevention Panel Discussion and Q&A**

A panel consisting of Council Members Ralph Remington (10<sup>th</sup> Ward) and Betsy Hodges (13<sup>th</sup> Ward); Jane Ranum (Hennepin County Drug Prosecution Team); Lisa Godon (City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office); Lieutenant Marie Przynski (Mpls Police); Tom Thompson (5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist); Jean Schwalen (Hennepin County Probation Office); and Bobbi Harrington (Hennepin County Probation Office) presented information on crime and crime prevention in the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood.

Discussion from neighborhood residents centered around the issue of mobile drug dealing near the 43<sup>rd</sup> and Aldrich Avenue intersection. Neighbors expressed frustration with the response from Minneapolis Police to their calls. All panelists encouraged neighbors to keep on calling 911 to report what they see. Minneapolis Police stated that they would inform police cruisers of the issue in order to keep a closer eye on the situation.

**2) Consent agenda:** Items #3 (approval of November minutes) was placed on the consent agenda.

**MOTION:** Move to approve August minutes and the two variance requests. Approved unanimously, with M. Perry abstaining.

**4) Neighbors 4 NRP Petition.** Matt Perry presented information on the Save NRP/Neighbors 4 NRP Organization and their wish that EHFNA be a signatory to the petition. In the discussion, Board members stated that they are in full support of the value and efficiency of neighborhood organizations but it was felt that the petition details were too specific considering that the context of the City's fiscal decisions were unknown. **MOTION:** Move to not have EHFNA as a signatory on the NRP Petition. Approved Unanimously.

**5. Variance Request 4200 Fremont Avenue South.** Bruce Thompson presented information on Paul and Nancy Koepcke's request for a variance to the required corner side yard setback along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street from 10 feet to 0 feet to allow for an existing parking area at 4200 Fremont Avenue South in the R-1 Single Family District and the SH Shoreland District. The Housing, Zoning, and Business Committee recommended that the variance not be approved. The non-approval was based on the opinion that the variance did not meet the criteria that the action rectify a hardship.

**MOTION:** It was moved to not approve the variance request at 4200 Fremont Avenue South. The motion passed 6-3 with D. Stewart abstaining because he felt he didn't have enough information and M. Perry abstaining because he is a member of the City's Zoning Committee.

**6. Transfer of Funds to Administrative Account.** Bruce Wadman presented that as part of Phase II allocation, EHFNA used a small portion (\$13,639) for office/staff purposes. Eighteen months later, \$3,000 remains to pay for EHFNA staff and office. An NRP Phase 1 contract was set up to pay for the administration of the home loan program of which \$16,913.97 remains. Eventually program income will have to pay for staff/office but NRP administrators wants EHFNA to use its remaining contracted Phase 1 dollars. It is proposed that EHFNA use the remaining housing administration funds for office/staff administrative purposes.

**MOTION:** Move to make available the remaining \$16,913.97 in Contract #4154, Home Improvement Loan Program Administration, for expenses related to EHFNA office and administration costs. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Announcements:** In 2008 the EHFNA Board Meetings will include a featured monthly speaker. If you have any ideas for a speaker, please give contact information to Matt Perry or Emily Winter.

The Kite Festival is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, with a back-up date of January 19<sup>th</sup>. More information will be presented at the January Board Meeting and through the E-News.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes submitted by,

Dean E. Carlson, board member

Minutes approved by,

Matt Perry  
EHFNA Board Chairman