

EHFNA Annual Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2017
W 41st St Between Lyndale and Aldrich Ave S

Board Members in Attendance: Melissa Gould, Brian Nalezny, Jon Marquet, Michael Quinlan, Noel Spencer, Kara Kuhn, Jon Martin and Rebecca Swartz

Board Members Absent: Brianna Christy, Alison Brownell and Brian Newel

Welcome and Introductions

Melissa Gould asked each attendee to introduce themselves and include the area of East Harriet neighborhood they live and to indicate if they are a current or past board and committee member.

EHFNA Updates

Melissa gave updates on what has been going on in the neighborhood and throughout the city this past year. The EHFNA list included

- Focus Groups
- KiteFest 2017
- Open Streets
- PorchFest
- Fall Fest
- Promote and support local businesses by providing matching Great Streets Façade Improvement Grant funds.
- Park Bench
- Support neighborhood and regional parks

Board Elections

There was a call for EHFNA Board Members. Jeff Garris volunteered to run for board election.

Board Members up for re-election for 2 year term were Noel Spencer, Jon Marquet, Rebecca Swartz and Brianna Christy.

Brian Nalezny moved to vote on all four candidates as a slate.

Adam Faitek second the motion.

All in attendance voted in favor of the motion.

Park Presentation

Dana Murdoch, a project manager for MPRB, presented some drawings of ideas for expanding Lyndale Farmstead Park building. The park building is expected to receive \$270,000 in MPRB Capital Improvements next summer. Some of the improvements may include ADA upgrades, new windows and air conditioning. Based on focus groups feedback last winter, East Harriet is interested in adding NRP funds to the improvements by expanding the building.

NRP Funding Vote

The EHFNA board has discussed and voted on the distribution of \$334,189 in unused funds. Most this is from Program Income generated by the Housing Loan Program in late 1990's and early 2000's. If the Neighborhood does not come up with a plan for the money by next year, the city has the option of taking some of it back.

The EHFNA Board held three focus groups to gather neighborhood input. As a result from the information gathered, the board has voted on the following neighborhood priorities.

- Develop Lyndale Farmstead Park Building improvements & Upgrades \$303,189
- Support of Schools \$25K
- Invest in regional parks adjacent to our neighborhood - \$3000 Regional Parks - Bird Sanctuary and potential funds, Fountain, Rose Garden
- Create a Security Lighting Rebate - \$2000
- Refresh EHFNA logo and website - \$1000

Neighbors in attendance asked clarifying questions in regard to the building improvements presented by Dana.

Will this cover furnishings? No. We would either work with MPRB to cover furnishings or set aside funds to cover this expense.

Is there a time limit on using the funds? Yes, a plan needs to be submitted to the City by end of 2017,

What will the space be used for? In addition to using it for kids and family activities, this increased space will allow renters, adults without children, and seniors the opportunity for a neighborhood gathering space.

And what percentage of usage for the building? Currently mostly for kids activities. The expanded area would fulfill needs for all residents in a variety of capacities.

Adam Faitek moved to approve assigning the NRP funds to the neighborhood priorities as listed above.

Jon Marquet second the motion.

All in attendance voted to approve the motion.

Melissa closed the meeting at 11:55

Minutes submitted by Deb Schirber

Approved by

Board President

Melissa Gould