

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis
Wednesday February 6, 2008 - 7:00pm

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

Board Members not present: Staven Bruce

Others in attendance: James Farstad (rClient & Lynnhurst resident), Emily Winter (EHFNA Staff), Linea Palmisano (LHiNC president), Jake Weyer (Southwest Journal), Emily Moore (resident), Jason Paschall (resident), Ann Lynch (Park Director)

Meeting started at: 7:08

1. Announcements
Welcome.
 - a) M. Perry
 - b) Bruce Wadman - he has offered to be a site volunteer 4.19.08 for an East Harriet clean up and requested volunteers7:00 - 7:05
2. Approval of January Minutes (M. Perry) - *Action Required*
Motion: Move to approve the January minutes as corrected.
 - a) M. Perry requested motion to approve minutes.7:05 - 7:10
MOTION P. Selly made the motion to approve the January minutes; R. Worm seconded the motion. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
3. Council member report: Council Member Hodges (Ward 13) -
 - a) Hodges not present - item skipped7:10 - 7:20
4. City of Mpls Wi-Fi update - Jim Farstad, founder/president, rClient
 - a) Provided an overview of the City of Mpls. Wi-Fi process. Stated that four out of the six zones are completed. East Harriet is in zone three.
 - b) If interested in more information, Jim Farstad can be contacted at the following:
Cell 612 669 2318
Email: jfarstad@rclient.com7:20 - 7:40
5. Healthy Legacy Campaign - Emily Moore
 - a) What is Healthy Legacy Campaign? A coalition of local environmental groups.
 - b) Emily is looking for folks who would like material from Healthy Legacy - who want safe products made safely.
 - c) She requested suggestions of places to go to reach an audience.
 - d) Emily's contact number is 612 824 31847:40 - 7:45
6. RoseFest Update - (D. Stewart)
 - a) Douglas had a meeting on Jan. 4 that addressed Rosefest protocol, vision for 2008 and budget.
 - b) Jan.19 CBC meeting - put list together of volunteer opportunities for RoseFest.
 - c) RoseFest will be held at the Farmstead Park on July 19th. The possibility7:45 - 7:55

of holding it at Lyndale Park this year was explored but because of both marketing and logistical concerns, the RoseFest Committee decided to keep it at the same location as in 2007.

d) The next CBC committee meeting is on Feb. 16 @ 10 am at Java Jack's.

7. Park report - (A. Lynch)

a) Skating going very well.

b) Valentine Party for kids 2.13.08 10 a.m. to Noon.

c) Independent Party caucus held at Park this year.

7:55 - 8:00

d) Very successful Kite Festival. Pam Meier acknowledged for outstanding job with medallion hunt.

8. Treasurer's 2007 Year-end Report - (B. Wadman)

a) B. Wadman reviewed year-end financials summary. Five loans made in 2007.

8:00 - 8:10

9. CST&N and CBC Committee 2007-2008 Spending Guidelines (Committee Chairs) - (B. Wadman and C. Gallaty) *Action Required*

MOTION: Move to adopt and approve amended 2007-2008 CST&N and CBC budget

8:10 - 8:20

B. Wadman made the motion and R. Worm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

10. Walker Task Force - (C. Gallaty) - *Action Required*

MOTION: Move to approve the continuation of the Walker Task Force for the purpose of establishing a reliable and timely communication channel between residents and Walker Methodist to address neighborhood livability issues.

Further, it is moved that this Task Force should exist for one year at which time its purpose and effectiveness shall be reviewed.

Further, it is moved that the continuation of the Walker Task Force shall be contingent on the formation of two block clubs (Bryant & 37th and Aldrich & 37th) each of which appointing at least two representatives to the task force.

8:20 - 8:30

Further, it is moved that representatives from Council Member Remington's Office, the MPD and Walker Methodist would be invited but would not be members of the Task Force.

Further, it is moved that the CSTN be responsible for providing EHFNA representation on this Task Force, and appoint two members to the task force

C. Gallaty requested motion to approve task force motion

D. Stewart made motion to approve - B. Waldman seconded the motion - Motion approved unanimously.

11. Business Façade Improvement Program - (B. Thomson) *Action Required*

The Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA) is seeking to be the administrator of a Great Streets Business Façade Improvement program within the NEHBA boundaries. This program would provide matching funds to eligible businesses for façade improvements. The program is

constrained to those businesses in the five businesses nodes designated as “commercial” within the NEHBA boundaries: 36th & Bryant, 46th & Bryant, 38th & Nicollet, 43rd & Nicollet and 46th & Nicollet. EHFNA’s NRP Business Façade Improvement program is close to running out of funds. NEHBA is looking for neighborhood associations such as EHFNA to be listed as a non-financial partner in the proposal it submits. In this role, the neighborhood association would review façade improvement grant requests against its design guidelines and submit to NEHBA a recommendation of whether to approve the grant request. This recommendation would be advisory.

MOTION: Move to have EHFNA listed as a non-financial partner in the NEHBA Great Streets Business Façade Improvement Program proposal and further move to participate in the review of Great Streets Business Façade Improvement Program façade improvement requests by businesses in the 36th & Bryant and 46th & Bryant business nodes if NEHBA is awarded the grant.

R. Worm made motion to approve - B. Wadman seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

12. Framework for the Future

M. Perry presented a timeline of community engagement milestones dating back to November of 2006. He also presented a document “Neighborhood Organization Essentials” with proposed value statements of what made neighborhood organizations assets to the city and what factors were required to make them effective. He pointed out that during the past 18 months each time neighborhood organizations in Ward 13 had requested of the city to be an active participant in the discussions first around community engagement in general and then in the future governance and funding of neighborhoods, the city had responded positively. He also noted in those requests, neighborhood organizations had emphasized one of their strengths was gathering input from residents on issues of importance to them. The City Council’s NRP Work Group issued a proposal for how to fund neighborhood organizations beyond 2009 when the legislation that provides NRP with its funding source ends. The proposal, Framework for the Future, also includes a proposed resident-driven citizen participation governance board to provide oversight of this funding and community engagement within the city. Lastly, the proposal suggests the creation of a new department dedicated to community engagement. The City requested that neighborhood organizations facilitate providing resident and neighborhood organization feedback on the proposal in whatever way was most appropriate for their respective neighborhoods.

M. Perry noted that some neighborhood organizations had already adopted an NRP Policy Board resolution, but suggested that in the spirit of the request by the city and given the neighborhood organizations have said they are best at seeking resident input on issues like this, that instead input be sought from the residents first and then a position be formulated by EHFNA. He recommended that EHFNA work with the other Ward 13 neighborhood organizations to hold a ward wide meeting sponsored by the Ward 13 neighborhood organizations and use the results of that meeting in creating EHFNA feedback on the proposal.

MOTION: Move to participate as a sponsor of a ward wide community

meeting gathering input on the Framework for the Future and further move to use the results of that forum to formulate feedback from EHFNA on the Framework for the Future.

The motion was moved and seconded. All Board members approved the motion with the exception of James Thorson. No abstentions.

13. Adjourned at 9:04pm

Minutes submitted by:

Michael Dietrich
Board Member

Minutes approved by,

Matt Perry
EHFNA Board Chairman