

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, 6 June 2007 7:00 PM - 8:52 PM
Walker Methodist Health Center, 3737 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis

Board members present: Staven Bruce, Dean Carlson, Chris Gallaty, MaryJo Hackett, Matt Perry, Syd Satovich, Jane Swatosh, Bruce Thomson, Bruce Wadman, Dan Woychick

Board members not present: Roger Worm

Others present: Ann Lynch (Lyndale Farmstead Park Director), Kim Malrick (Ward 10 aide), Jake Weyer (Southwest Journal Writer), Emily Winter (EHFNA Coordinator), and neighborhood residents, Michael Dietrich and Sid Monroe

Items listed in order presented:

1. Announcements: Matt Perry announced that Maryjo Hackett, on behalf of EHFNA, sent flowers to Dee Kanton while she was ill. Dee Kanton is a resident at Walker Methodist and a regular attendee at the EHFNA monthly board meetings and is the informal representative of the residents living at Walker. The flowers were from the Garden Co-op on 36th & Bryant.

2. Consent agenda: Approval of May 2007 board meeting minutes.
MOTION: Move to approve the May 2007 board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

3. Kim Malrick (Ward 10 aide to Ralph Remington) gave the Ward 10 report:

ECCO meeting – Invited all to ECCO’s board meeting to be held, Thursday, 7 June 2007, at St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox church at 34th & Irving, to discuss recent burglary and crime in the area. Board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. The Inspector for the 5th Precinct will be there for the discussion and to answer questions.

Uptown Small Area Plan community meeting – The fifth community meeting will take place Wednesday, 27 June 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the old Borders Books site at Calhoun Square. Participants will be able to talk with City staff and the project consultants work from previous forums, brief presentations at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and opportunity for individual questions and discussion.

City Council Public Safety & Regulatory Services committee – The committee held a public hearing on proposed changes to the City’s “aggressive solicitation” (panhandling) ordinance. The proposed changes passed the committee 4-1. The proposed changes will come before the full City Council on June 15 and has the mayor’s support.

The mayor is being approached to allocate \$40K to address crime in the 5th Precinct from the approved \$500K allocation to the downtown area to strengthen police patrol. The basis for requesting these funds for the 5th Precinct is that the area is easily accessed from downtown and becomes a target for increased crime.

4. Treasurer’s report: Treasurer Bruce Wadman reported the following:

- Accounts have been balanced. Currently, RoseFest is the biggest expense.
- There will be financial issues that will need to be addressed by the board in the next couple months following RoseFest. Ask Bruce Wadman, if you have questions about them.

Financial issues include thinking about the housing loan program and calculating how much will be returned to EHFNA from it in the next few years.

- NRP wants Phase II money under contract, which makes EHFNA the vendor. Under a contract, the monies are more secure. He suggested that under a contract, it may be a good idea to pool the money together in broader categories.

Matt Perry added:

- He will be sending emails and materials to board members for the July 2007 (rescheduled to June 27) board meeting, which will be attended by Barb Lickness (East Harriet's NRP Neighborhood Specialist).
- Future financial issues needing consideration are putting the NRP monies under contract for Phase II and what to do with the Phase I money.

5. Park report: Ann Lynch gave the park report:

- Currently, she is completely involved with soccer and t-ball sign-ups and responding to parent's special requests.
- Is getting the summer program ready.
- In response to Matt Perry's question about increased enrollment, Ann confirmed that there is increased enrollment at the Park. Parents in the city are now "shopping around" to see what various city parks have to offer in programming.
- Parents of preschoolers want to get in the building in the morning, which would require the park building to open earlier. The reality is that the budget has been cut, but the users of the park want the park building hours extended.
- For such a small building, the park does well.
- Announced the Wireless Minneapolis meeting at Lyndale Farmstead on Thursday, 19 July 2007, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

6. RoseFest planning:

- Maryjo played some songs as an example of the bands that will be playing at RoseFest. Announced that there is a "buzz" out in the neighborhood about RoseFest; it is being referred to as "the carnival."
- Jane discussed timelines, that most things are done. Biggest task is the volunteer drive. Discussed efforts and strategy that will be taken to target volunteers. She reported that local food stores—Rainbow, Kowalski's, and Simon Delivers—are providing contributions to RoseFest.
- Maryjo reported that the posters are not waterproof and instructed to hang them inside businesses if they approve. She discussed the door hangers, which need volunteering from board members and willing residents to sign up for block by block distribution on door handles of all neighborhood residences.
- Maryjo said there will be a session to map the park areas for RoseFest. More tables, tents, and gas grills are needed.
- Matt Perry is going to ask Mayor Rybak, Ralph Remington, and Betsy Hodges to participate in the dunk tank. Bruce Wadman suggested that Steven John, an East Harriet resident and MPR radio personality be added to those asked to participate in the dunk tank.

7. Committee reports:

Business, Housing, Zoning, & Variances Committee: Bruce Thomson reported that he is trying to get the rental survey underway. An internship candidate from the HHH Institute at the University of Minnesota was interviewed but got a better internship opportunity in Washington DC. B. Thomson said there may be more opportunities to find an intern at the end of the summer.

Community Building: See item 6 discussion of RoseFest planning.

Parks & Environment: Bruce Wadman reported about the 2nd Annual Clean Water Fair at Barton School in May. Student skits on water quality were really good. Five rain barrels were sold at \$30

each. Four rain barrels remain, which will be sold for \$30 at the end of the month to interested residents. Next year is about clean air for Bryant/BEAT.

Lakes Coalition: Dan Woychick announced there is a Lakes Coalition meeting Thursday, 28 June 2007 at 7:00 at Fuller Park. There will be a discussion on how to make the MPRB more transparent. The People for Parks may dovetail with the Lakes Coalition. The Lake Calhoun master plan is being developed from the MPRB Comprehensive Plan.

Transportation, Noise, Crime, & Safety: Matt Perry reported about the current conditions around Walker Methodist at 38th & Bryant. The Walker coalition was formed to address the noise and trash problems in the area. Parking conditions are better. While some report improvement, amplified car noise and noise during “smoke breaks” remain concerns for nearby residents. The city itself cannot do much to address the noise problems.

A flyer was inserted in each Walker employee’s pay envelope from the Minneapolis Police Department notifying them there is a \$500 fine for the first offense for excessive amplified noise from a motor vehicle and a \$700 fine for the second offense.

Some residents have reported improvement in vehicle noise.

Chris Gallaty and Matt Perry have been working on putting up an eNetwork for block club leaders to connect and communicate with each other.

9. 40th & Lyndale 2nd Community Forum: Matt Perry reported that over 60 residents attended the meeting and met with 12 urban design professionals from the Mayor’s Great City Design Team assigned to this project. Mayor Rybak, city council members Elizabeth Glidden and Ralph Remington, Hennepin County Commissioner Dorfman, representatives from SA, and owners of the building which is home to LaRue’s were also in attendance. Residents gave input to the design professionals which they used, along with data from a survey and the November community forum, in a day long design charrette held two days later.

A survey for resident input on the 40th & Lyndale intersection was sent to 1800+ homes (16 blocks surrounding the 40th Street and Lyndale Avenue intersection). 12% of the surveys were returned (ie, 220-230 responded). Residents can still complete the surveys, not online, but in the hardcopy format.

The next step is to put together a draft land-use proposal for the intersection sometime this summer for community comment this summer. The final proposal is expected to be presented to the community in September of 2007.

Soil sampling by Minneapolis Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) of the abandoned SA site may take months to get the results. It is presumed that if there was anything significant found, that those results would have been reported right away.

10. MOTION: Move to adjourn meeting. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 27 June 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Walker Methodist Health Center.

Minutes Submitted by,

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Minutes Approved by,

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EHFNA Board Chairman