

EAST HARRIET FARMSTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 2, 2007 - 7:00pm - 8:45 p.m.
Lyndale Farmstead Park, Minneapolis

Board members present:

Matt Perry, Dean Carlson, Chris Gallaty, Maryjo Hackett, Bruce Thomson, Bruce Wadman, Dan Woychick, Roger Worm, Syd Satovich, Staven Bruce

Others present:

Jeff Anderson (neighbor), Sid Monroe (neighbor), Jason Miller (neighbor), Michael Dietrich (neighbor), Tom Steele (neighbor), Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, Jim Grube (Hennepin County), Pete Lemke (Hennepin County) Ward 13 Councilmember Betsy Hodges, Kim Malrick (Ward 10 Aide), Dan Elwood, Jon Wertjes (City of Minneapolis), Ann Lynch (Park Director), Emily Winter (EHFNA Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1) Announcements

Chairman Matt Perry announced the following community/neighborhood events:

- May 12th - Plant Swap (11:00 - 12:30)
- May 13th - Peace Garden Mothers Day Celebration (1:00 - 5:00)
- May 14th - 40th & Lyndale Task Force Community Forum (6:30 - 8:30)
- May 19th - Rain Barrel Workshop (9:00 - 12:00)
- May 19th - Kite Festival @ Pageant Hill

2) Consent Agenda

One item on consent agenda: Approval of minutes from April '07 meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda. Approved unanimously.

3) Approval of April Meeting Minutes (Same as above)

MOTION: Move to approve the April minutes. Approved unanimously.

4) Councilmember Report

Betsy Hodges (Council Member - Ward 13) reported the following:

- Library Board Consolidation Plan. County and City passed resolution supporting the consolidation. Enabling Legislation at Capitol
- LGA Bills also under discussion at Capitol
- Teardowns and In-fill Housing -
 - Public Hearing - Infill Housing Zoning Proposal
 - Location: City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 317
 - Date/Time: 5/7/07 4:30 PM
 - Description: Public Hearing before the Planning Commission of proposed changes to the zoning code related to the size of new single-family homes and remodels.
- Community Engagement Process following three tracks (a) NRP funding policy, Community Engagement Issues, Community Engagement Issues. Council of the Whole meeting 5/10 for further discussion

Ward 13 Breakfast 3rd Wednesday of the Month at Pearsons (50th and France)

Kim Malrick (Council Member - Ward 10 Aide) Reported the following:

- Slippery Fish discussion sponsored by State Senator Scott Dibble May 10th (7:00 - 9:00) AT St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
- Uptown Small Area Plan Community Meeting May 24 (7:00 - 9:00) at Calhoun Square

- Happy Hour with Ralph May 25 at Leaning Tower of Pizza
- Q&A:
- What is Council members stance on the confirmation of Michael Jordan as Civil Rights Director? BH: No plans on vote yet, concerns that he's had a previous position in the Public Safety Department.
- Matt Perry commented on the infill housing ordinance and stated that the first public hearing was dominated by developers and hoped that those with other opinions made their views known at the upcoming 2nd public Hearing

5) Commissioner Dorfman: Lyndale Reconstruction Project

- Commissioner Dorfman stated that \$13.75 million has been deposited in landowners account and the stadium is a done deal. Also hopeful the library consolidation would be finalized soon.
- Lyndale Avenue project is delayed until 2008. Jim Grube, Hennepin County Engineer, and Jon Wertjes, City of Minneapolis Engineer, were in attendance to discuss the technical issues.
- Grube stated that 11th hour issues regarding storm sewer at Lyndale between 29th and 31st Streets and engineering details at 50th and Lyndale led to the year delay. Issues related to the placement of signal lights at 32nd Street and 33rd Street have cropped up. Traffic counts don't warrant a signal therefore the City would have to fund those signals itself.
- County has tried to keep within the Lyndale Avenue Task Force original vision document. This includes a 10 foot wide landscaped island between 32nd and 38th with parking on both sides of Lyndale Ave.
- The process for 50th Street intersection is that the County and City will develop options then come back to the neighborhood for review and approval
- Q&A:
- Will there be left turn lanes between 32nd and 38th? Yes.
- When is the community meeting? Probably July, 2007.
- Why not start north of 50th before final 50th Street intersection is designed? Need to know design of that intersection so that the contractors know exactly what they are bidding on.
- What about south of 56th? Will occur in a 3rd stage after 32nd - 56th is complete.
- What is the impact of the Crosstown redesign project on Lyndale? Crosstown project will try to keep same number of lanes open. The project shouldn't impact Lyndale project but County will monitor Crosstown diversionary tactics.
- What are the Lyndale detour plans? Will keep one lane open but also depends on 50th Street intersection design.
- Are there still bumpouts? Still present on the blocks but moved since last public meeting, will be presented at July community meeting.
- Who will be in charge of communication? Before construction the county will send out a flyer with names and phone numbers of appropriate persons. Weekly contractor meetings will be held to go over construction related issues, including neighborhood issues.
- What about new lighting? Lighting assessments won't change from what was promised. Encouraged to look at Nicollet and 48th for lighting example.
- What about north of 29th on Lyndale? Later stage, probably about 5 years from now.
- Speed limits? Will be reduced during construction, 30 mph is likely after construction
- Lighting Enhancement Special Assessment: The amount of special assessment for enhanced lighting (which includes pedestrian level lighting) for the corridor is not expected to change from what residents overwhelming approved through the petition process. It is still expected to be 25 cents per square foot (with the County REPP contribution), plus interest on the unpaid balance.
- Streetscape elements: The inclusion of the streetscape elements approved by the Lyndale Streetscape Committee (enhanced lighting and medians planted with trees and turf between 38th Street and 31st Street) is not expected to be affected by the one year delay in the project.

Matt Perry thanked the County and City for having an open process.

6) RoseFest Planning

As a whole planning is on track. A link to the RoseFest blog will be created on the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Assn web page. Six bands have been invited, three have confirmed yes. Food, tents, tables, inflatables have been ordered. There is a need for gas grills. Always a need for additional volunteers. Maryjo and Jane will keep on searching for volunteers, but all Board members are urged to reach out to potential volunteers as well.

7) Park Report

Ann Lynch (Lyndale Farmstead Park Director) reported that soccer has begun with 250 kids signed up. The program is going strong and there is a waiting list for the younger ages. T-ball registration, Plant Swap (5/12/07), and the Kite Fest (5/19/07) are the upcoming events.

8) Committee Reports

Chain of Lakes Meeting. Dan Woychick presented information on the April 12th multi-neighborhood meeting that included Park Commissioners Fine and Nordstrom and representatives from 11 other neighborhoods in Park Districts 6 and 4. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Business/Housing/Zoning:

Bruce Thomson reported that an intern was interviewed for the multi-family residential survey. An historic home tour of 46th and Fremont is scheduled for July 18th and a Home Improvement Tour is scheduled for later in the summer. Volunteers and promotion for each would be appreciated. The Home Loan Improvement Program has dwindling funds and a Board action will be forthcoming in the future. The city has reduced the amount of NRP dollars allocated to NRP Phase 2 and this will potentially impact the budgeted home loan improvement project.

Community Building:

M. Hackett stated that the neighborhood web site was undergoing improvements.

Parks, Environment and Schools:

Bruce Wadman reported that the Clean Water Fair and rain barrel workshop will be held on May 19th from 9:00 - Noon. Sections of screen and old hoses are needed for the rain barrel construction.

Crime, Safety, Transportation and Noise:

M. Perry reported that the Walker Methodist staff and neighbors had a trash clean-up event that was well attended and well received. The 40th and Lyndale Task Force Community Meeting will be held on May 14th. A survey was sent out to a 4-block radius of 40th and Lyndale. The deadline for returning the surveys was May 4th.

Steering Committee: No Report

8) MOTION: Move to adjourn meeting. Approved unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 6th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Walker Methodist at 38th & Bryant.

Minutes submitted by,

Dean Carlson
EHFNA Board Member

Minutes Approved by,

Matt Perry
EHFNA Board Chairman