

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting – May 1, 2018

LHiNC Board Members Present: Ed Bell, Steve Birch (Chair), Chad Christensen, Leah Fish, Laura Ginsburg, Jana Griffin, Tom Harlan, Jim Miller, Patricia Miller, Mark Nolan (Vice Chair), Walt Pitt, Wendy Ponte (Secretary), Glenn Swenson

LHiNC Board Members Absent: Ed Bell, Lauren Linderman, Jeff Stites

Coordinator: Becky Allen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The May Agenda and the April meeting minutes were approved.

Park Update - Scott Erazmus

The Bocce Courts are up and ready for the festival. Steve asked if the Park Board approved the location and design of bike racks for Linden Hills Park. Scott said he would check into it.

CAC Update – Jana Griffin

Jana was meeting with CIDNA the next week to tour all of its park assets. The MPRB had registered for a booth at the festival featuring the SW Area Master Plan. The Trolley Path Map would also be added to the booth.

LHBA Update – Bonnie Bolton, Tim Cadotte, Bryce Hamilton

Bonnie Bolton of LHBA thanked LHiNC for the booth at the festival, then asked if someone from LHiNC could be a liaison with LHBA and attend meetings; meetings are the last Thursday of the month from 2-3pm. On June 21, the LHBA is hosting Wine and Stroll, a night of wine tasting and shopping in the village.

Tim Cadotte, resident of Linden43, came to discuss concerns regarding the pocket park. Skateboarders are using the retaining wall, and safety has become an issue. The city told him that it's an easement, so they aren't getting involved. He is doing the watering and maintaining of the grounds. Other public places have cleats on retaining walls to deter skateboarders. Tim provided drawing of wall with cleats, as well as pricing, and asked if LHiNC would fund the addition of cleats to the retaining walls.

- Walt Pitt – This should be taken care of by the SSD (Special Services District) - 5 people on LHBA sit on SSD, appointed by the mayor. The two medians are taken care of by the SSD.
- Leah Fish – This is on the radar of the Environmental Committee.
- Tom Harlan– We need to understand the easement, the cost of labor, and the process. First we need to identify what the easement is, then get all the stakeholders at the table (SSD, Owner, LHiNC).
- Ed Bell introduced a motion to grant Tim Cadotte \$1000 for purchase and installation project, with Jeff and Environmental Committee tasked with keeping it legal.

- Walt Pitt added a friendly amendment to make sure all the stakeholders are made aware, before we move forward.
- Steve Birch made a motion that the Environmental Committee look into the issue and then report back to board for a vote. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Bryce:

Bryce Hamilton said LHBA would like to sit down with LHiNC and talk about the possibilities for the Pocket Park – more seating, umbrellas, a central feature. In the meantime, the LHBA is bringing back the piano to downtown Linden Hills from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A piano was contributed by the Linden Hills House of Music and will be placed outside of Heartfelt. A muralist will paint it. Volunteers will put it to sleep at 9/10pm; and Heartfelt employees will take off the cover in the morning. The kick-off will be on the Saturday after Memorial Day, music nonstop from 10am-5pm. Walt Pitt suggested they check in with Public Works.

LHBA Liaison – Walt Pitt

Walt Pitt discussed the possibility of appointing someone from our board to be the point person for the LHBA; help us with our board as far as dealing with our business community. He introduced a motion to have an LHBA Liaison. Wendy offered a friendly amendment to split the job and have at least 2 people do it. Steve Birch made a motion to appoint a liaison(s) for the LHBA; it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ward 13 Summit – Steve Birch

Linea hosted the summit between neighborhoods. 2040 was the focus. It was also clear through dialogue that every council is having problems executing NRP dollars. Also discussed was Minneapolis Neighborhoods 2020 – funding for neighborhoods expires in 2020. The city has not determined the plan ahead; it will be difficult to maintain the program, when council's have not spent the allocated funds.

2040 Update – Steve Birch

LHiNC will have a 2040 stand at the festival. We will have information – ask questions, provide comments; Jana is going to man the booth. We have contacted an artist that listens to comment and draws an interactive feedback board. Steve Birch made a motion to allocated \$2000 to create posters showing impact of the plan on Linden Hills and pay the artist. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Harlan

The recommendation for Spring Grants is as follows:

- follow tradition and give 2K for Peterson Scholarships
- 1200 for LH Lower Campus
- 1000 SW Robotics
- 800 for Midwest Food Connection; look to NRP for rest of need

The Executive Committee asked the Environmental Committee to consider using NRP funds for the grant money requested by the Minnesota Streetcar Museum. Steve Brich made a motion to approve the spring grant recommendations and to send the request for MN Streetcar to the Environmental Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

By-Laws – Mark Nolan – The committee will be back to work the week after the festival.

Communications – Wendy Ponte – Festival publicity is in process. We are starting to put things on Facebook, please share. Everyone on the board, please take 10-15 iPhone shots, so we have them for future promotional purposes.

Environment – Leah Fish – Committee is also prepping for the festival. A graphic designer just joined the committee and created new posters for Zero waste stations. All other projects are on hold.

Zoning – Walt Pitt – Developer/builder presented 2 properties: Upton and 39th – rebuilding the exact same house with modernization, and Beard and 40th – cabin on big lot; tear down and build big. He could help our board if we wanted to get involved in affordable housing, or he could talk to us about how we could help with affordable housing.

Festival – Steve Birch

- We are adding a Minneapolis 2040 tent
- Entertainment – Larry: 2 stages – Rock Stage with talent from high school and House of Music and then a tent stage. 612 LIVE band is the headliner. Before them, Community Choir – 50 people! Battle of bands winner will proceed choir. Headliner at 3:30p
- Silent Auction – Please complete a Google Form for every auction prize, and drop off prizes next week at Becky's house.
- Volunteers – We still need help for Zero Waste, Silent Auction, LHiNC Drink Stand and tear down. Volunteers will get t-shirt and 5 tickets.
- Garage Sale – 58 people have signed up.
- Art Fair – Vendor booths are almost at capacity. Steve suggested there be a formalized process for vendors to get a table to make sure we don't run out.
- LHiNC food: Ice here at 8:30am; Sebastian Joe's, Coffee and Tea, Great Harvest and Dunn Brothers Coffee.