

LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting, March 6, 2018

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

LHiNC Board Members Absent: Mark Nolan (Vice Chair), Walt Pitt

Coordinator: Becky Allen

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

Park Update---Scott Erazmus

The MPRB is looking for volunteers for the Community Advisory Committee for SW Parks. Applications due 3/21. There was no update on the air conditioner. Summer sports registration started Feb 28

Bocce Courts – trying to get courts installed in early May. The group hasn't gotten community input; concerned about no collection of public comment.

March 24 – Spring Fling; requested \$200 for puppet show from LHiNC. Ed Bell made motion to approve \$200 – all in favor.

Safety upgrades at 47th & Xerxes - Becca Hughes, Public Works

350 pedestrians/day and 230 bicycles/day pass through this intersections.

Public Works is recommending: curb extensions into Xerxes at all four corners, a push button at all four corner, and an overhead pedestrian flasher. At a secondary intersection, closest to the school, they are recommending new crosswalks and new pedestrian signage. They plan to implement the updates in summer 2018.

Resident who lives one block away voiced support for the project. I really hope this project gets implemented. Concerned about safety of his kids and the high school kids who take the Metro Transit.

Laura makes Motion to support increase in pedestrian safety as suggested by Public Works. Seconded.

Note of concern for cyclists safety from Mark Nolan.

All in favor

Ed Bell asked about issues of drainage – concerned about back up

Farmers Market Updates - Libby Wyrum

Linden Hills Farmers Market started in 2012; its chief benefactor is Settergren's. Mark donates use of parking lot, electricity and supports the market with supplies at cost – pop up tents, picnic tables, WD 40; incredibly generous.

Moving forward, the Farmers Market is interested in putting in a weather proof outdoor electrical panel – available at 6am when we arrive. Currently Mark's staff has to come in. Throughout the day, as audience #s go up, electrical becomes more strained – have to go into to Settergren's to ask to reset the panel. Electrician came out - \$2700 estimate

\$30K budget includes Holiday Market - \$24K for Libby; subsidize farmer fees

Timeline – installed before May 27

Tom – I heard that water was also being looked at.

Libby – we ask vendors to bring their own. It is something that we've thought about doing. Our resources are limited. We make adjustments each and every market day. Eventually, we do hope the parking lot could be repaved – and then trenched for electrical to the other side of the parking lot and the water. Very expensive for Settergren's.

Ed can we make a motion to fund at 2700.

Steve – can we make this part of the grant process

Midwest Food Connection

Sponsored by and founded by Twin cities food co-ops; LH co-op founding sponsor. Long standing relationship with Lake Harriet – been sponsored by LH Co-op. Wedge and LH Co-op had to cut back funding after came together. PTO at Lake Harriet stepped in and matched the funding this year – 3rd graders missed out this year. Currently working on the grant – at LH and Carondelet to fund 55 minute lesson for 16 classes

Traveling food teachers; series of lessons – gifts from many cultures; talk about what kids eat all over the world; open kids up to eating new foods; incorporate song, artwork, or movement

Steve: can you please include information on what funding asking from PTO at Lake Harriet?

MPRB – CAC Nomination

Park board is required to have a community engagement plan for their master plan; split city into sectors and our time is up. Jeff met with CIDNA rep – they may have a person in mind but open to our choices. I think with Trolley Path, we need someone from our neighborhood – 1 year process; kind of a lot of work; important and we should have someone there.

Major decisions for the parks for several years to come. It's important and required. I would make recommendation to empower zoning and environment to make a selection or 2 for the citizen advisory committee.

We are grouped with 2 other neighborhoods – West Calhoun (silent) and CIDNA (very active) – current president said whoever we propose, he will support. He would like to meet with our two potentials.

Current person comes out of East Calhoun.

Motion made and all in favor.

Election to fill open Board Seat

Result: Jana Griffin

Art Shanty Wrap up

Big success. Feedback from Art Shanty

Attendance estimate was 40,000. Lessons learned / improvements for next year:

- reduce car traffic by a. partnering with businesses to provide shuttle service, b. expand free Metro Transit rides to more weekends.
- work with Linden Hills green team & food trucks to reduce waste

Highlights:

- Kite Festival was amazing
- record crowds and great shanties/performances

Wendy expressed concern that our shanty wasn't visible; needs to be in a place to be recognized as part of the event; should be on the map

Tom – we could make our own little corner – gave away 1000 s'mores on Kite Festival day.

Ed – now that it's built; next year we could do s'mores and the solar lights; we should provide gift for his help (Mike Knudson).

Treasurer's Report

Explanation of costs for past two months. We have submitted our CPP and NRP reimbursements to the city. Proposal by Becky and Tim to request reimbursements quarterly. NRP - \$40K for low interest loan program for housing – has gone away. We can move that money around, but we need to be sure we are careful and considerate of following the strategies.

Festival

The festival will be held May 20. Same configuration as last year. Another meeting in 3 weeks – 3/20 at Bremer. We need to iron out an entertainment plan. The Farmer's Market has signed on again. We need to ask Scott about extending our hours.

Bonnie Bolton – LHBA

starting to come to every meeting; LHBA booth at the festival; Becky can reach out to Bonnie prior to the meeting to add her to the agenda.

Bonnie mentioned that Art Shanty didn't impact businesses. Idea brought up to create planning group with Art Shanty, LHINC, LHBA and MPRB.

Communications

The Communications Committee wants to provide a stipend of \$1500 to the E-news Editor Carol Clemens. The motions was seconded; All in favor.

Environmental Committee

A group from Southwest High School wants to see Minneapolis on 100% Renewable electricity by 2040. They are looking for our support – to endorse this resolution from iMatter. Endorsement motion seconded; All in favor

Zoning & Housing

Update on the Trolley Path

New Business

Mark Nolan – Have a vote on a change in the by-laws. It's a work in progress, but thought needed to bring this one now. I passed out the by-law change. Three points

1. Can't have electronic voting by the general membership (general elections)
2. To have electronic voting, you must have it in by- laws. First step, we have to ask if all board members are okay with electronic vote. If so, then take a vote

I move that we adopt this change. Must have 2/3 support

Tom: Whether best practice or not... it's common practice.

All in favor ... added to the by-laws.