

## **LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the regular monthly meeting, May 7, 2019**

**LHiNC Board Members Present:** Adam Beck, Ed Bell, Steve Birch (Chair), Jane Elias, Leah Fish, Judy Hornbacher, Lauren Linderman, Elizabeth McDonald (Vice Chair), Wendy Ponte (Secretary), Abdi Sahal and Jeff Stites

**LHiNC Board Members Absent:** Jana Griffin, Robert Haider, Tom Harlan and Laura Monn Ginsburg

**Coordinator:** Becky Allen

*The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The May agenda and April minutes were approved.*

#### **Board Recognition**

Steve Birch recognized the hard work of the Communications Committee in launching the new website. Wendy Ponte recognized Laura Ginsburg for her great design work publicizing the festival, including the bus bench, online graphics, posters and sandwich boards.

#### **Wine and Stroll Update** (Jen Bellefleur, LHBA and New Gild Jewelers)

The LHBA's Wine and Stroll will take place Thursday, June 20. Businesses will serve food and wine in 2 oz tasting glasses and offer giveaways and sales. It's an event targeted at getting more foot traffic into the stores downtown. Jen asked LHiNC for help with publicity. Becky and Wendy offered her a feature in the E-newsletter, as well as on the website.

#### **Spring Grant Re-allocation** (Steve Birch)

Last month, LHiNC voted on spring grant awards, including a \$300 award for The Wildling, a non-profit that is offering storytelling theater workshop for teenagers this summer in Linden Hills (at Bremer). LHiNC specified that the grant money was to be used for food for participants. After receiving the grant award notice, the Wildling contacted LHiNC to let us know that Tilia has agreed to donate the food and asked if they could use the grant money for 3 scholarships. Judy Hornbacher made a motion to approve the change of the grant request. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **2020 Update** (Steve Birch)

Steve Birch attended the City's PECE Committee meeting, during which they discussed Neighborhoods 2020, the city's plan for future funding of neighborhood organizations. Steve highlighted the 400 pages of public comment submitted in support or against the NCR's proposed framework. The comments revealed that many people were upset with the process, many neighborhood organizations were concerned about the funding mechanisms, some

people/organizations supported for the framework, and some had significant complaints about neighborhood organizations. The PECE Committee Voted not to approve the plan, referred plan to CURA, asked them to lead a resident-focused process and come back in October.

### **Treasurer's Report**

LHiNC has \$82,000 in bank with some money coming in soon from the city. LHiNC will spend on the festival and hopefully have an in-flow, if the weather is good.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Communications** (Wendy Ponte)

The new website is launched. It's a great achievement that took 1.5 years.

### **Environment & Sustainability** (Leah Fish)

- The committee held its first Healthy Soil Demo on the Trolley Path last week. The project is catching on. Twenty to thirty people attended, including Linea Palmisano, who gave a short speech about sustainability.
- Bryce Hamilton is asking for funds to put a piano back in the Pocket Park. Last year, it was in front of Heartfelt. They've purchased a piano, and Keys for Kids is painting it. LHBA, LH Dentistry, and Larry LaVercombe are the other sponsors. Sponsorship is \$322 per sponsor. Motion made to sponsor the piano. Ed Bell asked if we could keep the piano, so LHiNC doesn't have to pay again for delivery/pick up next year. Wendy Ponte suggested there are always free pianos through real estate. The SSD is on board. Abdi Sahal asked if the people in the apartment building are okay with it. Leah Fish said the cut off time for playing will be 8:30pm. Everyone who is sponsored will get a mention on a sign. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Zoning & Housing** (Lauren Linderman)

- Jana Griffin asked John Freude to attend the last Zoning meeting to discuss how to better reach renters and how LHiNC can partner with the city to do that.
- Last month, the Committee brought a proposal to reallocate NRP housing funds for the Homeowners Navigation Program. We needed to have a waiting period; now we can bring it to a vote. The Navigation Program helps keep people in their homes; rather than losing homes, the program helps them fix it, when faced with condemnation. \$18K would go towards the pilot program, and an additional \$10K would be set aside for our neighborhood. If that \$10K didn't get used by the end of 2020, it would go by the wayside. Motion to approve the re-allocation of \$25K towards Homeowners Navigation Pilot Project. Judy Hornbacher clarified that LHiNC does not know how the mechanism would work with the \$10K yet. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- NCEC Commissioner Application - District 2 has not been represented for a year. Now is the time to apply for the seat. Make decisions about neighborhood funding - would be helpful to have someone. Becky Allen is going to find out about time commitment

**Festival Preparations-** (Steve Birch/Elizabeth McDonald)

Tents, tables and chairs will be delivered on Saturday, setting us up to be successful logistically. Tickets are coming in sheets of ten. Elizabeth is responsible for everything from the berm to 43rd; Steve is responsible everything from the Berm to 42nd.

Entertainment (Steve Birch)

- Stage 1 is one band; showmobile
- 2pm is the Grant winners presentation with Linea
- Good line up with 612Live kicking off

Kids Stage (Lauren Linderman)

- Still need two acts at 2:30 and 3:15pm

Art Fair (Judy Hornbacher)

- Registration is closed; paced off the booth spaces; put booths near the kids area that pertain to kids and families
- Sponsor booths will go in the parking lot; all have their own tents, except for one
- This year, we will tell vendors they can't use the parking lot to unload. Wendy suggested blocking off area for loading and unloading of vendors on 43rd

Food (Ed Bell)

- Cotton Candy - sugar, cones, holders, plastic gloves and two tanks; Steve ordered
- Costco - \$30 grant for soft drinks
- Ice - need to purchase from Shamrock
- 5 dozen cookies from Great Harvest
- Need bucket with disinfectant - Scott Erazmus; water for ice cream scoop
- Unknown - Where will Drew's Donuts go?

Info Booth (Wendy Ponte and Jana Griffin)

- Offer volunteers a t-shirt or water bottle
- We will we be able to take credit card

Silent Auction (Becky Allen/Leah Fish)

Drop off prizes at Becky and Leah's house by May 13

Volunteers (Abdi Sahal)

We need a lot more volunteers; have the football team doing tear down; soccer team doing set up. Need 30 people more. Biggest needs are zero waste, silent auction and ticket sales.

Zero Waste (Jeff Stites)

We are set but need more humans. Requests out to the Green Team. Probably need 5.

**CLOSED SESSION** - Annual Review, Becky Allen

*The motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and unanimously passed.*