

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes September 9, 2008

Attendees: Brian Austin, Andrew Berton, Marty Broan, Janet Hallaway, Beth Kehoe, Madeleine Lowry, Brian Meeker, Rob Reul, Anita Tabb, Craig Wilson and Maggie Zawasky

Excused Absences: Brian Hols, Jolane Jones, Bill Kell, Chris Psihos

Guests: Honorable Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Sarah Phemister – SWJ, Fran Davis, Barb Fogel, Jimmy Fogel

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Craig Wilson, noting a quorum was present.

Announcements: Fran Davis brought information about the “Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment”. It is a dedicated sales tax for water conservation and protection of wildlife and the outdoors.

Lisa Goodman: Lisa gave an update on the Lake of the Isles bridge closures (September 15 – October 23). The Kenilworth Bridge will be closed to cars September 15 – October 2. The Calhoun Lagoon Bridge will be closed October 6-23. The pedestrian and bike paths will remain open. The entire Lake of the Isles parkway will be closed September 14 for the Minneapolis Bike Tour. For residents who work downtown, there will be closures on 2nd and Marquette beginning September 8, 2008. The next two Lunch with Lisa meetings will be on September 24 (Better Schools Referendum) and October 22 (Pedestrian Master Plan). The meetings are held at the University of St. Thomas Minneapolis campus.

Community Issues: Barbara Fogel announced that a new 501c3 nonprofit has been created to care for the Thomas Lowry Park called Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. A proposal will be submitted via a task force to request funds and volunteers to support the park.

Committee Reports:

- *Communications* – Palio will be held October 5th in Kenwood Park. Lowry Hill residents will gather at Summit & Logan at 12:30pm. A plain text email will be sent to e-blast recipients with instructions on how to keep the e-blast out of their junk folder.

Upon motion duly made (Tabb) and seconded (Meeker), it was voted (10 - 0) that the LHNA will support the annual Palio Festival with a donation of \$500 and membership volunteer support.

- *Development (NRP)* – tabled until October meeting.
- *Zoning & Planning* – A few variance requests came in over the summer. The request at 813 Kenwood Parkway was approved but now is in negotiations with a neighbor. Parade Task Force Update: The existing Parade road route will remain in its current location with degraded areas resurfaced.
- *Crime and Safety* – Traffic and speeding on Fremont between 22nd and Franklin is a concern for residents, many of whom attribute to the traffic to area businesses. Over the summer the Committee invested in life-sized cutouts of children and residents to deter traffic. The results of this effort will be evaluated later this fall. The Committee will evaluate other traffic calming strategies over the next several months with a spring launch target. A community impact statement was requested by the city regarding a local business operator. The issue was tabled to the Crime and Safety committee.

- *Environment* – The Save Spring Lake website is currently down. Marty Broan and Rob Reul will represent Lowry Hill on the Intra-neighborhood Lake of the Isles task force.
- *Kenwood /Lowry Hill “Missing Link” Sidewalk Task Force* – The city and the park board are working together to resolve the “Missing Link” sidewalk issue in Kenwood Park. There is no contiguous sidewalk linking Lowry Hill with the Kenwood playground, Kenwood School, baseball diamonds in Kenwood Park—Lowry Hill is effectively cut off from these facilities. The current network of crossings on Franklin is extremely hazardous. A traffic study recently conducted on Franklin observed average speeds to be in excess of 45 MPH, over 20 MPH above the speed limit. The task force will reapply for the Safe Routes to School federal grant. An online petition will be forwarded to board members to support the grant.

Upon motion duly made (Halloway) and seconded (Meeker) it was voted (11- 0) that LHNA will support the petition, directed to the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park Board, and Minneapolis School board, in support of the installation of a walking trail in the south end of Kenwood Park.

The Bridge Good Neighbor Agreement: The first meeting was held September 8th. Quarterly dialogue will take place to resolve issues that arise between the neighbors and the Bridge for Runaway Youth at 22nd and Emerson.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, at 7:00p.m. at Kenwood Rec Center.

We welcome public attendance at all monthly Board Meetings and all Committee Meetings.

- *Communications: last Tuesday of month at Hallaway Residence, 7:30pm*
- *Development Committee: tba*
- *Crime & Safety: third Thursday of month at Caribou, 7pm*
- *Planning and Zoning: third Thursday of month at Kenwood Deli, 8 am*
- *Environment: third Tuesday of month at Caribou, 8:30 am*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Zawasky, Secretary