

**Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association  
NRP Steering Committee  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.**

**N.I.P., 2431 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis**

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Submitted by Caprice Bart

**Committee Present:** Tim Dray, Tina Johnson, Kathy Kullberg, Carol Wilson, Julianna Wolfe, Caprice Bart, Jim Henderson.

**Members Absent:** Mark Geenwald

**Additional Attendees:** Caroline Griepentrog (staff)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

**7:15 Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved - motion by Caprice Bart, seconded by Jim Henderson.

**7:15 Secretary's Report:** Review of minutes. Kathy Kullberg requested a spelling correction to her name, and Jim Henderson requested to have the minutes posted on the website. Motion to approve corrected report by Jim Henderson, seconded by Carol Wilson.

**7:15 Treasurer's Report:** Review of May Financials. Currently reviewing NRP records to research accounting discrepancy. There are 2 draw downs on record. The money represented is real. Caroline has enough money to administer. There is still 25K and 10K in question, and the accountant is researching. It probably isn't a negative amount, but just not identified correctly in the report. Still reviewing NRP records from the Downtown office, results should be in by August. Report received and filed.

**7:20 Phase I Committee Reports:**

Housing Loan Program report and review. Report is through the end of May. No new activity in the revolving loan program. 1 person closed their loan in April 07. By next month, we should know how much money is left for this program.

Bank account activity. A question regarding the length of the report- the report is from Jan 05 through present.

No additional funds to revolving loan program in several years. That max available to borrow in 25K. The minimum is 5K, to qualify for the 4% program. The program is available for any home improvement.

**7:25 Crime and safety: Bike patrol update.** The comment from Arneson and Frisell is that the "bike patrol has been out in full force". Caroline sent an email requesting a full report. Carol Wilson suggested an hourly worksheet for the month or NRP will not pay. Police should be either on bikes or walking, some squad cars. No one from the committee has seen officers in the

neighborhood. Tim Dray posed a question from the last meeting minutes: 20K in the budget for this year, with a portion reserved for eves and late nights. Scope of service is 10:30pm to 2am Friday Saturday nights with a focus on the north end. Kathy suggested “scooping out” the north end to see if officers are around.

Barry Nelson is the officer in charge of the Bike cop program. Uptown has their own beat cops with a special focus of property crimes. August 7<sup>th</sup> is National night out. Kathy is trying to work out a gathering in Mueller Park for those blocks that don't have a block club. Deadline for Wedge Newspaper is the 20th.

7:35pm Caroline reported from the Crime and Safety meeting the night before. The Super America District Manager was present at the June LHENA Board meeting for a discussion of the store at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Lyndale. Caroline is inviting him to the September Crime and Safety Committee meeting. Passed out a crime and safety map showing concentration of crimes. Property theft and coins from laundry rooms and bikes. Clarification between Larceny and Burglary.

7:45 Jim requested that every member join the yahoo forum to weigh in on neighborhood issues.

### **7:55 Phase II NRP Planning**

Discussion of the longevity of Phase II NRP projects.

Carol suggested writing an article in the Wedge stating the position of NRP. State the goal without strategies to see what kind of response we get back from the community.

Discussion of possible methods to get more feedback- i.e. - door to door survey, telephone survey...

We are approaching a deadline at the end of September.

Steering Committee needs to work on goals under each heading.

Discussion of what to publish in the Wedge paper- Goals, strategies, before we can decide how the money is spent.

Goals were determined for the “Infrastructure” category:

*Goal:* Address loss of boulevard trees and remaining stumps, and promote reestablishment of the canopy.

*Goal:* Continue the standard of neighborhood pedestrian lighting south of 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Goal:* Move unsightly wiring underground.

*Goal:* Improve traffic flow and control mechanisms throughout the neighborhood.

*Goal:* Reduce littering and improve cleanliness of the neighborhood.

8:55 Proposal for an additional meeting of NRP Steering Committee members to continue brainstorming and define goals for the remaining categories (Housing, Youth & Education, Arts & Commerce, Crime & Safety, and Admin). Strategies to be discussed later.

Meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, at Caribou. Caroline to send out email reminder.

**9:00 Adjournment** - Motion by Caprice Bart, seconded by Carol Wilson.