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# LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (NRP), solely to assist you with respect to ensuring adequate accounting procedures and other practices are being followed to account for and report on the use of NRP funding being provided to the LHiNC. These procedures were applied to the LHiNC's records as of February 2, 2006. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the LHiNC and the NRP. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

#### 1. Procedure

Determine if the LHiNC is current with required filings (Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Internal Revenue Service).

# **Findings**

Filings for the above items were found to be current.

### 2. Procedure

Determine if the LHiNC has written policies and procedures for financial operations (receipting, disbursing, purchasing, personnel, etc.)

#### **Findings**

We found that the LHiNC has written policies and procedures for its financial operations.

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## 3. <u>Procedure</u>

Determine if the procedures the LHiNC has in place over cash accounts, payroll, receipts, and disbursements are adequate for its operation.

# **Findings**

#### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

## 03-2 Segregation of Duties

Due to the limited number of office personnel within the LHiNC, segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible. This is not unusual in operations the size of the LHiNC; however, the Board should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an accounting point of view.

## Client's Response:

LHiNC continues to be aware that because of its small size, segregation of the accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal control is not entirely possible.

# PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

#### **Designation of Depositories and Check Signers (03-1)**

Our previous report recommended that depositories designated by the Board be noted in the minutes.

#### Resolution

We found that depositories designated by the Board were noted in the minutes.

### 3. Procedure

Determine if the LHiNC has procedures in place to account for donations, fixed assets, and long-term obligations.

#### **Findings**

The LHiNC presently has no financial activities in these areas.

## 5. <u>Procedure</u>

Determine if accounting records support the NRP amounts requested for reimbursement.

### **Findings**

The accounting records appeared to support amounts requested for reimbursement. A process was in place to request reimbursement of NRP funding on a regular basis.

# 6. Procedure

Follow up on previous year's report findings.

# **Findings**

All follow-up on previous findings is discussed above.

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We were not engaged to and did not perform an audit of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council's financial statements, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on those financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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