

**Minutes
Minnetonka Community Commission
Meeting of January 12, 2009**

1. Roll Call

Commission members present: David Hakensen, Michael Kelly, Melissa Williamson-Herren, Eduardo Jimenez

Commission members absent: Betty Johnson, Paul Kobs, Laura Stotts Gorans, Paul Thyren, Barb Westmoreland, Courtney Wieden, Anne VanHorne

Note: The weather was particularly bad this night, resulting in absence of a majority of members.

Staff: Jacque Larson

Chair Hakensen called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. Discussion Items

a. Items for approval

- **November 24, 2008, meeting minutes**

Because a quorum was not present, the minutes were not voted upon. This action will be delayed to the next meeting of the commission.

- **2008 Annual Report**

b. New business

- **Welcome new member Betty Johnson**

Johnson sends her regrets – she was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the weather. She has volunteered to work at Kids' Fest starting at 1 p.m.

- **Landmark Designation Program**

Larson explained to commission members the purpose of the Landmark Designation program.

c. Kids' Fest: February 8, 2009

- **Minnetonka Reads**

Staff reported on latest developments in Minnetonka Reads activities.

- **Other activities?**

Hakensen explained the plot of Home of the Brave. Kelly said if you want kids to read the book and you're trying to explain to them how strange things might look to someone new to the culture. Kelly suggested creating a reading diary that kids put together and could decorate.

- Volunteers
Betty Johnson: 1-2 p.m.
David Hakensen: TBD
Michael Kelly: splitting time
Melissa Williamson-Herren

d. TwinWest Community Connections

Staff explained that a representative of TwinWest called to discuss the Feb. 12 community connection event at Ridgedale Library.

e. Community Action Recognition Award

- The remainder of this application has not yet been received, so review will be delayed.

f. Discuss joint meeting with city council.

Hakensen asked that staff provide a brief thumbnail background on each member for the council. Staff will also put together a brief bulleted list of accomplishments from 2008 and goals for 2009

Hakensen wants to ask the council if they feel the commission is getting to what they wanted and are we moving fast enough.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8: p.m. Since a quorum was not present, a motion wasn't necessary to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Larson
Community Relations Manager