

## **EIRA Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Emma Erdahl (President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Eric Barstad (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Laney Barhaugh, Natasha Dockter, John Erlandson, Rod Lauture

#### **Staff Present:**

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

#### **Guests Present:**

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7  
Debbie Gold, Farmers Market Committee Co-Chair  
Other East Isles Residents

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#### **1) Welcome**

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

#### **2) Council Member Goodman**

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- Series of public hearings on the city budget started on November 16th. Budget adoption December 9th. Will have more updates at January board meeting. There was an increase (\$12,500.00) in the level of base funding for neighborhoods and will affect East Isles. It was authored by council members Gordon and Johnson. It was an 8 to 5 vote. Goodman did vote for the increase. Believes it will make it through the final budget. Goodman also voted for Neighborhoods 2020.
- Monthly Luncheons with Lisa have been put on hold or were virtual this year. Hope to host a tour of the new Dayton's Project in downtown Minneapolis so you could see what was hiding behind the papered windows and the temporary walls on the skyway level. COVID has prevented this from happening in person, however, in partnership with the ownership and marketing folks we finalized a video tour. Watch here -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm\\_content&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term&v=dm3k0eutqAw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm_content&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term&v=dm3k0eutqAw&feature=youtu.be)

- Adoption fees waived in December at Minneapolis Animal Care Control. Would like to empty shelters before the holidays.
- Take a survey by Dec. 18 on Transforming Community Safety - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J86DD7Y?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J86DD7Y?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
- Help us plan for equitable vaccine distribution. Take survey by Dec. 31 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVIDvaccineMPLS>
- Tiny indoor village project is about to open, hopefully by the end of the year. Also opened beds for 50 Native American adults and the Salvation Army opened a shelter just for women and that opened Dec. 1 with 30 beds, and another 20 at Simpson Housing. Partnering with organizations, primarily the county to get these shelter options open before it got too cold. City Council is not the primary provider for homelessness services, but because of COVID they are partnering with the county and other agencies. Learn more about the Tiny indoor village project - <https://avivomn.org/about/current-news/avivo-and-indoor-villages/>
- Sign-up for Ward 7 Newsletter - <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/ward-7/newsletters/>

### 3) Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve** the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on December 8, 2020. *Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barstad. Motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.*

### 4) President's Report

President Emma Erdahl gave the following report:

- Open forum discussion from last November meeting update. Jono Cowgill will be invited to January's listening session instead of the Jan. board meeting to give an update on the homeless encampments.
- East Isles resident requested that individual names be added to the list of meeting attendees, the Executive Committee will take under advisement.
- Seeking board members and in the neighborhood to join the Social Committee. Currently there is no chair.

### 5) Staff Report

Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following report on what she has been working on:

- Potential winter events for the neighborhood
  - Trivia Mafia in January. Reached out to Walgreens to sponsor.
  - Photo scavenger hunt. Will help build East Isles Instagram page.
  - Luminary and Lights in East Isles and other neighborhoods.

- Newsletter for January or single e-blast in January that focuses on East Isles Board and Committee accomplishments. Committee Chairs to send Jenna their reports.

## 6) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the December 2020 Finance Report, highlights include:

- \$1,8735.69 in expenses and \$1,000.00 of revenue for the month of November.
- \$24,502.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (Phase II Implementation) as of November 30.
- \$4,3825.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (Home Security Grants) as of November 30.
- \$18,496.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (Sustainable Practices) as of November 30.
- \$47,581.12 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of November 30.

The following action was taken regarding item 6:

**Motion to approve** the December 2020 Finance Report. *Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barstad. Motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.*

## 7) Outreach & Nominations Committee

Outreach & Nominations Committee Chair Eric Barstad provided the following report:

- Fundraising letter was sent out to neighbors.
- First listening session was last month and was very successful, the second session is tomorrow, December 9. Five guests will be speaking. Please attend if you can. Learn more about the listening sessions and registration on the East Isles website - <https://www.eastisles.org/>

## 8) Built Environment & Transportation Committee

Built Environment & Transportation Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report:

- Last meeting didn't have a quorum. Becca Hughes from the City of Minneapolis and JoNette Kuhnau from Kimley-Horn presented results from the latest round of engagement on the Hennepin South Reconstruction Project, as well as next steps.
- December meeting canceled.
- Developers for Seven Points will present at the January meeting.

## 9) Open Forum

The following was discussed during Open Forum:

- Hennepin South Reconstruction project discussion. East Isles resident asked if the EIRA Board has a stance on the Hennepin South Reconstruction project. BET Committee Chair Degerstrom stated that EIRA believes it can best serve its members by assisting the City of Minneapolis with public engagement. Learn more about the project  
<http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cip/futureprojects/HennepinSouth>
- Accettura recommended the Hennepin South Reconstruction project could be a one of the listening sessions if this was a concern for residents.
- Barhaugh updated the Board regarding a food drive in East Isles. Planning for January. No location or date set yet. Will promote at the January listening session.

## **10) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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*Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan*