

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Natasha Dockter, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz

Staff present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

1) Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2) Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- Lunch with Lisa is May 6th with special guest Mary Altman. Mary will share on public art in Ward 7 including a sneak peek of the public art in the new City Services building along with information on the current status and future of the mural art associated with George Floyd.
- Minnesota leads the nation in self-response to census and retains all congressional seats. 75.1% of households returned their census form without additional follow up from a census worker. Efforts by various units of government, nonprofits, and advocates ensured that residents that are typically undercounted were motivated to fill out their census forms. Minnesota's population grew by 7.6% to 5,706,494, outpacing most Midwestern states and keeping pace with the national average. The state grew just enough to hold on to all eight of its congressional seats.
- Farmers markets are open for the season. Nearly 20 farmers markets will operate throughout Minneapolis this year, and they have already begun to open. The Market

Bucks incentive matches up to \$10 worth of coupons per day to customers who use SNAP benefits to purchase eligible foods at participating farmers markets. Participating markets are noted in the map and downloadable list found at <https://bit.ly/3inG9L3>. The map and schedule will be kept up to date as schedules shift. Homegrown Minneapolis (<https://bit.ly/3cu7zuT>) also offers other ways to get healthy, local food on the table. Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat, and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.

- COVID-19 emergency rent and utility bill assistance - if the pandemic has caused you hardship and you need help catching up on your rent or utility bills, you may be eligible for Minnesota's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance. Eligible Minneapolis renters can receive help with rent and utility bills dated on or after March 13, 2020. If you qualify, you could receive up to 15 months of total assistance. While you can't be evicted for not paying rent during Governor Walz's executive order, rent is still due. When the order is lifted, people owing unpaid rent could be at risk for eviction. To apply for RentHelpMN or find more information, visit renthelpmn.org or call 211. The 211 helpline has dedicated multilingual available to answer questions 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. In Minneapolis, you can also apply through these community partners: Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) assistance in Spanish 651-362-0162, New American Development Center (NADC) assistance in Somali, Oromo, and Amharic 612-823-0180, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center 612-767-9198.

3) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the ERIA Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021. *Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erlandson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.*

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on March 9, 2021. *Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erlandson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.*

4) Actions via Unanimous Consent

The following actions were taken by the EIRA Board via unanimous consent since its last meeting:

Resolution 2021R-13 (adopted on March 28, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA approves Independent Contractor Agreement no. 2021C-02 with INspiring SIGHT for strategic planning consultant services.

Resolution 2021R-14 (adopted on April 5, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA put the following Bylaws amendments before the EIRA membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Resolution 2021R-15 (adopted on April 17, 2021):

WHEREAS, the 2021 Annual Meeting of the EIRA Membership was held virtually on April 13, 2021, and the election of the eleven (11) member Board of Directors was conducted via an online ballot, and,

WHEREAS, the eleven (11) candidates with the highest number of votes are elected to the EIRA Board of Directors, and,

WHEREAS, the candidates with the twelfth (12th) and thirteenth (13th) highest number of votes are elected as the First Alternate and Second Alternate, respectively.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the following people are elected to the EIRA Board of Directors for a term beginning upon execution of the Unanimous Written Consent and ending upon election of a new Board of Directors at the 2022 Annual Meeting: Becky Accettura, Erik Anderson, Laney Barhaugh, Andrew Degerstrom, Natasha Dockter, Emma Erdahl, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following people are elected as alternates to the EIRA Board of Directors for a term beginning upon the execution of this Unanimous Written Consent and ending upon election of a new Board of Directors at the 2022 Annual Meeting: Mark Greene (First Alternate), Molly Larsen (Second Alternate).

Resolution 2021R-16 (adopted on April 17, 2021):

WHEREAS, the EIRA Board of Directors on April 5, 2021, adopted via unanimous consent resolution 2021R-14 recommending that amendments to the EIRA Bylaws be presented to the EIRA Membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 Annual Meeting of the EIRA Membership was held virtually on April 13, 2021, and the EIRA Membership voted on the amendments to the EIRA Bylaws via an online ballot, and,

WHEREAS, the question received a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Bylaws of EIRA are amended.

5) Officer Elections

President Emma Erdahl presided over the elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary:

Emma Erdahl nominated herself for President.

Erik Anderson nominated himself for Vice President.

Laney Barhaugh nominated herself for Secretary.

Andrew Degerstrom nominated himself for Treasurer.

Brian Milavitz nominated himself for Treasurer.

Emma Erdahl, Erik Anderson, and Laney Barhaugh were collectively elected by acclamation as President, Vice President, and Secretary, respectively, with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

A roll call was taken for the purpose of electing a Treasurer with Andrew Degerstrom receiving 11 votes and Brian Milavitz receiving 0 votes. Andrew Degerstrom was elected Treasurer.

6) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the May 2021 Finance Report, highlights include:

- Total assets of \$71,141.36, total liabilities of \$9,323.89, and net assets of \$61,817.47 as of April 30, 2021.
- Total of \$15,164.27 in expenses and \$27,480.89 in deposits for the period of February 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.
- \$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (NRP Phase II Implementation) as of April 30, 2021.
- \$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (NRP Home Security Grants) as of April 30, 2021.
- \$18,440.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (NRP Sustainable Practices) as of April 30, 2021.
- \$44,598.75 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of April 30, 2021.

Degerstrom also reported that due to pending application with the IRS to be granted status as a 501(c)(3) organization, EIRA will be filing for an automatic 6-month extension for the filing of form 990-EZ for Fiscal Year 2020.

The following action were taken regarding agenda item 6:

Motion to approve the May 2021 Finance Report. *Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.*

7) Finance Committee

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 7:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-17: resolved that the following board members are appointed to the Finance Committee for the 2021-2022 board term: Andrew Degerstrom (Chair), Erik Anderson, Brian Milavitz, and Larry Lamb. *Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.*

8) Neighborhoods 2020

President Emma Erdahl asked for board members to join a special committee to review EIRA's policies and bylaws to make sure they meet the requirements for the City's new Neighborhoods 2020 program. If any of EIRA's policies or its bylaws do not meet the Neighborhoods 2020 requirements, the committee will make recommendations to the EIRA board. Erdahl, Anderson, and Degerstrom agreed to participate.

9) Staff Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following report:

- Egan has been recruiting neighbors to participate in focus groups as part of EIRA's Strategic Planning Process.
- Will be reviewing concepts for EIRA's logo refresh created by Brandography on May 19, board members are welcome to attend.

10) NRP Committee:

NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson gave the following report:

- Erlandson reached out to Park Board Commissioner Meg Forney regarding the shade structure for Joann Levin Triangle Park.
- Erlandson will send a letter to Park Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill regarding the shade structure.

11) EIRA Conflict of Interest Policy

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom announced that once committee rosters have been updated he will be sending out annual Conflict of Interest Statements for completion and signature via DocuSign.

In accordance with EIRA Bylaws Article IV, Section 14, the remainder of the meeting was held in closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

12) Closed Session

The following action were taken regarding agenda item 12:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-18: resolved that EIRA President Emma Erdahl may authorize the hiring of seasonal, part-time employees for the Farmers Market. *Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Lamb. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.*

13) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan