

## EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 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  
Ellen van Iwaarden, Green Team Chair  
Other East Isles neighbors

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#### 1) Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 2) Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- Lunch with Lisa is June 30 with special guests Senator Scott Dibble and Representative Frank Hornstein. They will share an overview and wrap up from this legislative session. Contact Judy Sherin at [judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov) or call at 612-673-2207 if you would like to attend.
- 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.

- 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](http://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.
- The Charter Commission is seeking nine eligible voters to join the Redistricting Advisory Group. These members will assist the Charter Commission in the preparation of new Ward and Park District maps. The Redistricting Advisory Group advises the Charter Commission about redistricting. They work together to: prepare new Ward and Park District maps, hold and attend public meetings, review all written public comments. The Charter Commission has final authority to approve new boundaries. The 2021-2022 application for appointment to the Redistricting Advisory Group is now open. The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on June 24, 2021. Apply online now or download a PDF application <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/redistricting/redistricting-advisory-group/advisory-group-application/>.
- The Minneapolis City Council voted to approve the first round of American Rescue Plan funding for the City of Minneapolis, affirming Mayor Jacob Frey's initial proposal announced last month. The nearly \$102 million approved is the first of two rounds of the \$271 million in federal funding awarded to the City of Minneapolis through the American Rescue Plan. The \$102 million in funding emphasizes economic recovery, affordable housing, and community safety measurers while piloting new programs including guaranteed basic income. Key priority areas include affordable housing (\$28 million), economic recovery (\$37 million), public safety (\$13.7 million), and the new Minneapolis guaranteed basic income program (\$3 million). Approximately \$12.7 million is budgeted for enterprise investments such as furlough relief and other staff needs. The majority of the \$102 million will be distributed beginning in August. Frey will propose allocations for remaining approximately \$169 million later this year.

### 3) Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve** the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on May 11, 2021. *Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Accettura. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.*

### 4) President's Report

President Emma Erdahl recommended that the Outreach & Nominations Committee and Social Committee be combined.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 4:

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-19:** Resolved that the Outreach & Nominations Committee and Social Committee are combined and renamed as the Outreach & Engagement Committee. *Motion by Erdahl, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.*

### 5) Staff Report

Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following announcements:

- Board retreat is next week at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Dinner will be served, board members are asked to send dietary restrictions.
- Ice Cream Social will be held on Wednesday, August 18 from 6-8 p.m. with a rain date of August 25.
- Super Sale will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- There will be a special e-newsletter next Thursday focused on the Farmers Market.
- Petting Zoo that EIRA has paid in the past for the Ice Cream Social is unavailable this year.

### 6) Treasurer's Report

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

- Total assets of \$71,434.60, total liabilities of \$10,036.70, and net assets of \$61,397.90 as of May 31, 2021.
- Total of \$5,953.50 in expenses and \$5,550.00 in deposits for the period of May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021.
- \$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (NRP Phase II Implementation) as of May 31, 2021.
- \$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (NRP Home Security Grants) as of May 31, 2021.

- \$18,188.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (NRP Sustainable Practices) as of May 31, 2021.
- \$39,332.77 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of May 31, 2021.

The following action were taken regarding agenda item 6:

**Motion to approve** the June 2021 Finance Report. *Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erdahl. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.*

## 7) Finance Committee

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented an amended 2021 Budget and the 5th Amendment to EIRA's CPP Contract. It was decided that more time would be allowed for Board members to ask questions and that approval for both would happen via unanimous written consent or at the next Board meeting.

## 8) BET Committee Report

BET Committee Chair provided a brief description of what the BET Committee does.

## 9) Outreach & Engagement Committee

Outreach & Engagement Committee Chair Becky Accettura gave the following report:

- The Ward 7 candidate forum is not scheduled yet, and Natasha Dockter is taking the lead on this event.
- Semi-annual meeting will be planned by this committee.
- As part of updates related to Neighborhoods 2020, business owners in the East Isles neighborhood are now eligible for EIRA membership. Committee is developing a strategy to inform business owners.
- Looking for more Board members to join the committee.
- Ice Cream Social has been scheduled and Jenna is taking the lead with support from the committee.

## 10) Green Team

Green Team Chair Ellen van Iwaarden gave the following report:

- Earth Day Clean-Up (lake and neighborhood) is in the Spring, had 80 people participate this year.
- Greenway Clean-Up (part of Adopt-a-Greenway) is in the Summer.
- Super Sale is in the Fall.

- There is a goal to have more educational opportunities this year.
- Next meeting is July 29, 7 p.m. at the Farmers Market.

### **11) NRP Committee**

NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson gave the following report:

- Efforts to advance the shade structure project at Levin Triangle Park included reaching out to Commissioner Meg Forney and sending a letter to Park Board staff.

### **12) Open Forum**

The Board had a discussion regarding EIRA's overall mission, which will be discussed further in its strategic planning sessions.

### **13) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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*Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan*