

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 7 pm
Grace -Trinity Community Church
1430 W 28th Street

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Mike Erlandson, Rod Lauture, Larry Lamb, Brian Milavitz

Board members absent:

Natasha Dockter, Peter Mason, Becky Accetura

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7
Frank Hornstein, Minnesota House of Representatives District 61A
Scott Dibble, Minnesota State Senate District 61
Marion Greene, Hennepin County Board Chair and District 3 Commissioner
Elizabeth Shaffer, Park Board District 4 Commissioner
Meg Forney, Park Board At-Large Commissioner
Other East Isles Residents

1. Welcome

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

2. Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- City scheduled Tues. April 19 for the first day of sweeping. Beginning Mon. April 18, drivers should watch for temporary “No Parking” signs to avoid a ticket and tow.
- City’s 2022 construction season has begun with projects planned throughout Minneapolis. The projects will improve the transportation network, sewers, and underground utilities, making all ways of travel safer and more efficient. Track projects - <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/sessiondaily/Story/17386>

3. Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein

Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein gave the following announcements:

- Minneapolis short on investigators, working to hire more

- Transportation Bill - appropriate an additional \$325 million appropriated from the General Fund and \$850 million from the Trunk Highway Fund through the next biennium for state transportation needs - <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/sessiondaily/Story/17386>

4. Hennepin County Board Chair and District 3 Commissioner Greene

Hennepin County Board Chair and District 3 Commissioner Greene gave the following announcements:

- In the midst of redistricting. After each census, election district boundaries are redrawn to ensure fair representation. East Isles still in Greene's district.
- Case numbers are down for COVID in Hennepin County.
- Hennepin County purchased the Metro Inn. Property will be converted to deeply affordable, permanent housing. Conversions, building new affordable housing, and providing long-term housing services remain a top priority for my work at the county, and we'll continue to prioritize opportunities exemplified by the Metro Inn.

5. Park Board District 4 Commissioner, Shaffer and Park Board At-Large Commissioner Forney

Park Board District 4 Commissioner, Shaffer and Park Board At-Large Commissioner Forney gave the following announcements:

- MPRB Tree Planting 2022: \$1 million allocated; 9,000 trees to be planted, 72% natives, 52 varieties to be planted.
- Cedar Isles Master Plan updates: still can attend upcoming meetings. Learn more about the progress: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan-updates/
- Potential Mall Master Plan Implementation: Following MCES 2022 sewer work, several small Mall Master plan elements are anticipated to be moved into construction phase.
- The Mall Park Update: multiple agencies in the area working on projects.
 - East Isles sanitary sewer replacement - Met Council Environmental Services
 - Storm sewer replacement on Humboldt Ave. - City of Minneapolis Water and Sewers
 - Hennepin Avenue reconstruction - City of Minneapolis Public Works
 - Trail and site improvements - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

6. President's Annual Report and recognition of volunteers

Present Erdahl gave the following announcements:

- Thank you to this year's board members

- Strategic Planning process
- Policy revision
- Update logo and brand refresh
- Announcement of volunteer award winners - Debbie Gold and Julie Kucinski

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Degerstrom gave the following announcements:

- Neighborhood Network Fund: \$20,000 for 2022, \$10,000 for 2023-ongoing*
- Equitable Engagement Fund: \$37,913.55 for 2022,* \$2,372 for 2023-ongoing
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program
 - Staff and Administrative Costs: \$16,879.96 over 5 years
 - Neighborhood Communications: \$10,800 over 5 years
 - Community Building Activities: \$10,000 over 5 years
 - Sustainable Practices: \$14,937.95

8. Committee Reports

NRP Committee Chair, Mike Erlandson gave the following updates:

- Neighborhood Revitalization Program was started by the City of Minneapolis - dedicated monies to spend on the neighborhood.
- Funds spent on refreshing the warming house, trees and benches on The Mall, mobile benches in the summer, public safety cameras along Hennepin
- Working to get a new shade structure at Triangle Park

Outreach and Engagement Committee member, Emma Erdahl gave the following announcements:

- 2021-2022 was a busy year for the Outreach & Engagement Committee. Planned and volunteered for the 2021 Ice Cream Social, which had a great turnout!
- We worked with our neighbor Julie Kucinski on the first-ever Halloween Parade at Triangle Park!. This past year,
- We developed and submitted our Equitable Engagement Plan to the City of Minneapolis under the new Neighborhoods 2020 structure.
- Working on the development of a survey of neighbors to see what issues and topics they are most interested in.
- If you're interested in any of the events/activities mentioned and you'd like to get involved, please contact us! We would love to have you join the committee.

Built, Environment and Transportation (BET) Committee Chair, Andrew Degerstrom gave the following updates:

- Mall Improvements postcard to go out. Working with Colleen O'Dell from MPRB
- Hennepin Reconstruction Project - BET Committee has not taken a position.
 - Contentious and varying opinions of project in neighborhood, therefore decided to focus on outreach for comment periods and public meetings regarding the project.

Farmers Market Manager, Jenny Green gave the following updates:

- 5th year of market. Over last two years have seen 600-700 attendees each week.
- Average of 16 to 18 vendors at each market.
- Accepting EBT and Market Bucks (when using EBT can triple their Market Bucks)
- Hiring Assistant Managers to help out with outreach and promotion
- Seeking committee members.
- Over 70% of people that come to the market do so by foot and bike.

Green Team Chair, Ellen Van Iwaarden gave the following updates:

- Composting Presentation from Kellie Kisch from City of Minneapolis and Katlyn Flannery will share how her neighborhood helped people in multi-family buildings compost by sharing with single-family home neighbors.
- East Isles Earth Day Cleanup - Join the Green Team and your East Isles neighbors on Sat. April 23 between 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM at
- W. 27th St and E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy for our annual Earth Day cleanup. Bags and gloves will be provided and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Light refreshments will also be provided. No registration is needed. Bring your neighbors, kids, and friends!
- Annual Supersale will be Sat. Sept. 10 from 9 AM - 3 PM. Last year had 68 sales in the neighborhoods of East Isles and Lowry Hill.
- If interested in joining the committee and helping at the Supersale contact Ellen.

9. Board Election Information

- Nominations from the floor & submitted
 - Quinton Courts
 - Mike Erlandson
 - Richard Stadtherr
 - Jason Spaeth
 - Debra Altschuler
 - Mark Green
 - Brian Milavitz
 - Larry Lamb
 - Shanti Mittra
 - Sandra Nelson
 - Julia Edelman
- 11 board member positions - 6 will be two-year terms, 5 will be one-year terms
- Ward 7 has openings on the several City advisory committees. Interested Ward 7 residents can visit the City web page (minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/).
 - Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging
 - Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
 - Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Property Notice of Valuation and Classification were mailed.
 - These values are used to calculate 2021 property tax.

- The 2020 value was determined using sales from October 2018 through September 2019.
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10. Closing Remarks from President Emma Erdahl