

EINA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7 pm
Grace-Trinity Community Church
1430 W 28th Street

MINUTES

Board members present:

Mike Erlandsonl (President), Shanti Mitra (Vice President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Quinton Courts (Secretary), Julia Edelman, Larry Lamb, Sandy Nelson, Jason Spaeth, Richard Stadtherr, Debra Altschuler

Neighborhood Coordinator: Jenna Egan

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

1. Welcome

Outgoing President Emma Erdahl was unable to attend. Incoming President Mike Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- Lunch with Lisa will be a future meeting at a location in Uptown with the uptown Council
 - Focus on the question: What is the future of Uptown?
- There's a zoning request for 3600 Humboldt or Girard (?) for an addition on the property
- Initiative from City of Minneapolis to replace gas lawn equipment with electric/zero carbon emission lawn equipment
 - Will offer 45% replacement cost for electric blower or mower for lawn services first; later homeowners
 - Will work with local hardware stores as potential vendors
 - Buying extra batteries are in the works
 - Have had discussions with bigger landscaping/lawn companies who service properties in the area
- Mayor will have a meeting regarding the remaining \$50M ARPA (?) funds and where those funds are going

2. New Board Member Introductions

- Ideas mentioned for either continuation of or experiences they enjoyed in the past:
 - Safety group of walkers
 - Wine and chocolate get togethers
 - Halloween parade
 - Ice cream social
 - Creating more spaces as in *Blue Zones*
- 3. Board Training by Aryca Myers - moved to Tues. June 14
- 4. New EINA Board Officers - Motion was approved unanimously.
 - President - Mike Erlandson
 - Vice President - Shanti Mittra
 - Secretary - Quinton Courts
 - Treasurer - Brian Milavitz
- 5. Immediate Board Needs:
 - Jenna Egan, Coordinator, will be leaving us and we will need to meet regarding next steps to seek out a new coordinator
 - NRP Committee needs a new chairperson
 - Farmers Market needs a new chairperson
 - Green Team needs a new co-chairperson
 - Outreach and Engagement needs a new chairperson
- 6. Ideas proposed to have committee meetings on demand vs. at a regular scheduled time and/or if something is sent to the committee for review or discussion.
- 7. Some neighborhood events need leadership:
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Halloween party (reach out to Julie Kucinski to ask about spearheading event again)
 - Ice Skating Party
 - Super Sale (a Green Team event)
- 8. Open discussion regarding current committees and purposes and possibly combining or dissolving committees.
- 9. Debra Altschuler makes a motion to continue to adopt our current section of the Midtown Greenway. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10. All board members will submit a bio of 125 words or less and any picture they would like to use to Sandy Nelson by the end of the week.
- 11. Other items decided or discussed:

- Finance Working Group - Chair Richard, Member Brian as Treasurer (others can be added later)
- Ice Cream Social Lead - Debra
- Communications Chair - Sandy (we will rename this committee), Larry is a member.
 - Debra has a neighbor who we might be able to engage on the technology side.
- Neighborhood Survey - Sandy is working on this and has identified a research person in the neighborhood to support.
- Board Bios - 125 words due to Sandy by next Tuesday
- Board photos to be shared with Jenna and Sandy
- NPR Chair - Jason (possible late June meeting). Please consider funding ideas.
- BET Chair - Ask Andrew Degerstrom about his plans to lead BET again.
- Halloween Chair - pending (Quinton doing outreach to last year's chair Julie). Shanti agreed to run point on this event if there is no lead.
- Equitable Engagement Funding - Brian doing some research, and Richard is available to help.
- Farmers Market Chair - Julia
- Bring Back the Skating Party - Lead Shanti
- Possibly create a new committee that is an umbrella for all events -- Livability and Community Engagement - Chair pending.
- Shade Structure - Jenna will reach out to the Park Board or Commissioner Shaffer.

12. June meeting:

- Invite Elizabeth to the June or July board meeting.
- Invite Farmers Market staff to the next meeting or ask her to do a written report for the board and to meet with Julia - Jenna please help facilitate
- Invite our MPD Community Outreach officer to a future meeting (July 12?) - Jenna.
- Invite the new Uptown Biz representative to a meeting
- Board will reconvene at Grace Church in June

Meeting adjourned 9:02.