

EINA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2022, 6:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church
1430 W 28th Street
MINUTES

Board members present: Julia Edelman, Sandy Nelson, Larry Lamb, Shanti Mittra (Vice President), Mike Erlandson (President), Quinton Courts (Secretary), Brian Milaviz (Treasurer), Mark Greene

Board members absent: Richard Stadtherr, Jason Spaeth, Debra Altschuler

Guests present: Council Member Lisa Goodman and members of the community.

- I. Call to Order at 6:02 PM.
- II. City Councilmember Update (Lisa Goodman)
 - A. Recap of Lunch with Lisa: Election Integrity
 - B. No Lunch with Lisa in December
 - C. East Isles street sweeping is complete except LOTI Pkwy. Week of November 28 is the last week of yard waste collection.
 - D. City Council approved O'Hara as new MPD Police Chief.
 - E. City budget for 2023 will be adopted in December.
 1. Neighborhood budgets in 2023 will decrease from \$15,000 to \$10,000.
- III. Coordinator Update (Cuyler Dinegan)
 - A. Newsletter going out December 1.
 - B. He has met with multiple city groups, representatives, and read bylaws to better understand his role and make sure EINA is in compliance.
 - C. EINA met the deadline for NRP/Equitable Engagement application deadline of October 31.
 - D. He has met with Andrew Degerstrom to better understand bookkeeping and software.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. October meeting minutes unanimously approved.
- V. Budget and Financials (Brian Milavitz)
 - A. We have \$53,000 in the bank. (\$57,000 available with ~\$3,000 in liabilities).
 - B. Budget we set for 2022 was based on \$14,000 between Equitable Engagement and city funds and we received another \$30,000 from the city (this money should support equitable engagement). Approximately a little over \$30,000 we need to spend by EOY.
 - C. Can we submit requests for events and budgets?
 - D. If it makes sense, think about a revenue component and include that in event budgets.
 - E. Motion to post on website in December public safety account adjustments in NRP (Mike). Motion moved and approved unanimously.

- F. Motion to transfer \$4,360 from residential loan program affordable housing category to public space improvements.
- VI. President's Update (Mike)
- A. We have asked for approval to prepay a number of items (cameras, Hill & Lake Press ad, neighborhood signs, etc.) that would amount to a large sum.
 - B. 2021-2022 board leadership did not put together a plan to spend equitable engagement funds.
 - C. Two approaches for spending EE funds before they expire:
 - 1. Prepay items and ask permission.
 - 2. Plan for how to spend the remaining funds before EOY.
- VII. Committee Events:
- A. BET (Mark Greene):
 - 1. Park board's master plan for lakes is now ready for comment.
 - 2. We have early pricing information for solar charging for vehicles — add to next year's budget?
 - 3. How do we support merchants on Hennepin Ave. during redesign?
 - B. NRP (Mike Erlandson for Jason Spaeth):
 - 1. Cameras \$6500/piece, not \$7500.
 - C. Outreach and Engagement (Julia Edelman):
 - 1. We are in contract for a half page ad in HLP starting December.
 - 2. O&E Committee discussed a possible EOY gathering (for board) early in January (first two weeks).
 - 3. Could we find an entity to support us in planning a weekly (?) music event on the Mall in the summer with food trucks and bands? Suggestion was brought up to reach out to MPRB since it's park property and they already do this in other parks in the city.
 - D. Public Safety Working Group (Shanti Mittra):
 - 1. Inaugural walking group (October 27) had 30 shirts claimed from EINA neighbors and 10 from other neighborhoods and next 3 walks are scheduled. The goal is 2 walks per month. MPD will walk with us in December and January as well as walkers from other neighborhoods who have committed as walking buddies. They help us know what to do in certain situations.
 - 2. Anonymous donor will purchase another 30 shirts and hats
 - 3. EINA is the first neighborhood association to support leading this initiative vs. groups of neighbors leading the initiative in other Minneapolis neighborhoods.
 - 4. Initiative for block captains — connecting with people vs. emailing as recruitment. Possibly set up an advisory group of block captains to explain what they do to others who are looking to be block captains.
 - E. LOTI Skating Party (Shanti Mittra):
 - 1. Event has been in hibernation for 3 years (went on for 28 years). She has been in planning with LHNA and Kenwood NA. Brought elements from the

old Palio and East Isles will be represented with the color blue. Our mascot is the raccoons.

2. Motion to direct the finance committee to plan to prepay up to \$500 for our neighborhood contribution to the \$1500 budget for the LOTI Skating Party. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.