

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Grace Trinity Community Church**

Board members present: Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mackenzie Nelson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary) Mike Erlandson, John Morrow, John Grochala

Board Members not present: Kate Svitavsky, Emma Erdahl, Steve Havig, Julia Curran.
Alternates not present: John Erlandson

Guests: Council Member, Lisa Goodman and Lauren Campbell, Resident

Welcome & Call to Order: Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis.

Lisa invited residents to her December event, *Later with Lisa* and invited all to attend the gathering on December 9th from 4:30-6:30 at City Club Apartments for food, wine, and conversation.

Water meter replacement is happening throughout Minneapolis at no charge to property owners.

Letters have been mailed with directions on how to schedule your replacement. More information about this project can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov.

All street sweeping is now complete.

There are 2 remaining city budget meetings to be held on 12/4 and 12/11.

Snow emergency information is now available online. Residents are encouraged to check for parking restrictions to avoid being towed.

President's Report

President Ellen van Iwaarden reported that with the new deadlines for the Hill and Lake Press, it would be extremely difficult for EIRA to finalize its meeting minutes before the November deadline. EIRA will submit its minutes for the November meeting to be published in the December issue.

She also reported that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will be beginning a planning process for Lake of the Isles, Cedar Lake, and the park land surrounding those bodies of water. EIRA will have an opportunity to have a representative on the selection committee for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will advise the MPRB in this planning. Interested residents should contact Ellen at info@eastisles.org to volunteer to represent the neighborhood on the selection committee. Residents interested in serving on the CAC itself can apply here: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project_updates/cac_application/

The City of Minneapolis is asking neighborhoods to continue the Neighborhoods 2020 planning process by attending three meetings to take place in November, December, and January. Andrew Degerstrom and Ellen van Iwaarden have volunteered to attend the three meetings on behalf of EIRA.

Finally, EIRA's new accountant has begun work on the financial sections of IRS Form 1023, which EIRA will be filing to request 501(c)(3) status.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Andrew Degerstrom, reported that the Attorney General's Report is now complete. The board approved the report. Andrew handed out an EIRA financial report as prepared by EIRA's new accountant. As of 11/12/2019, EIRA has a positive balance of \$48,146.73. Andrew and Ellen have scheduled an appointment at Wells Fargo Bank in Uptown on November 16th to close our restricted checking account.

Secretary's Report

Secretary, Debbie Gold requested that all chairs submit their reports/notes to her via email for expediency in preparing the minutes. Some discussion took place regarding EIRA's absentee policy for board members.

Committee Reports

NRP

Chair, Mike Erlandson, reported on the following:

Levin Triangle Park Shade Structure

EIRA support for an appropriate shade structure includes \$40,000 from park dedication fees as proposed by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and initially \$25,000 from EIRA's NRP funds. The MPRB Request for Qualifications for the structure was issued on Oct. 21st. Design applications are coming in. In addition to MPB staff, EIRA community members Amy Sanborn, Sarah Bronson, Harvey Ettinger, and Mike Erlandson will serve on the initial review panel.

Public Safety Cameras

EIRA and NRP have been working with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) Precinct 5 (P5) to support public safety. The EIRA Board is calling a special meeting of members for Tuesday, December 10th to vote on a proposed NRP Phase II Plan Modification. The Plan Modification is necessary in order to fund the purchase of security cameras for the public safety of the neighborhood. The cameras will be for the use of the Minneapolis Police Department. The meeting will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street. The details of the proposed Plan Modification are below.

The EIRA board is proposing plan modifications to reallocate funds between existing strategies in the neighborhood's Phase II NRP Plan. The funds to be reallocated will come from unused funds, including completed affordable housing initiatives. The proposed modifications would shift funds as follows:

\$37,000.00 from NRP Phase II:

Housing — 2.1.1. Affordable Housing Loan Program (\$3079.49)

Community Building — 4.2.1. Community Building Activities (\$3,000.00)

Community Building — 5.1.1. Services for Seniors and Other Residents in Need (\$1,360.00)

Public Land — 7.2.1. The Mall Improvements (\$1,756.40)

Public Land — 7.4.1. Public Space Improvements (\$26,481.40)

Public Land — 8.1.1. Staff and Administrative Support (\$1,322.71)

\$37,000 to NRP Phase II:

Crime and Safety — 3.3.1. Crime Prevention Activities (\$37,000)

East Isles Farmers Market

Having now completed the 2-year pilot with MPRB partners, Debbie Gold, Director, reported about their meeting held on October 21st. Representatives from the MPRB expressed satisfaction with and a willingness to continue another season of the East Isles Farmers Market. In tracking the impact of events such as noise, trash, and safety, the market came in at less than zero impact, i.e. lower than most other events the MPRB oversees. The MPRB also appreciates the activation of The Mall Park, the accessibility of the market to bikers and walkers, and the market's contribution to bringing healthy food into the Park system. Gold notified the MPRB that she had given notice to EIRA of her decision to resign as director at year's end and of EIRA's discussion as to whether and how to continue the market moving forward.

EIRA plans to send a survey to residents to gauge their interest in continuing the neighborhood market. The board discussed structure, timing and possible alliances to pursue. If you are interested in being part of a future farmers market committee, please email:

director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com

Search Committee

Chair, Mackenzie Nelson, said the search committee plans to meet on November 19th to discuss the search for a new EIRA coordinator.

Social Committee

Amy Sanborn reported via email on the wine tasting event that was held on October 11th at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Approximately 400 people attended from surrounding neighborhoods. EIRA sold 28 tickets to the event and raised \$813.81, less than in past years. Few volunteers from EIRA participated, it was reported. Sanborn suggested that EIRA review their interest in participating in this event moving forward, given the time and effort that goes into planning it. EIRA pays an administrative assistant to attend most of the planning meetings and calls on volunteers, as well.

There were no items in Open Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. The EIRA invites and encourages participation by all residents to every program, service and event organized by EIRA.

Submitted by: Debbie Gold, Secretary, EIRA Board of Directors

