

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)  
Minutes from the EIRA Special Meeting and Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Grace Trinity Community Church**

Board members present Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary) Becky Accettura, Julia Curran, Emma Erdahl, John Grochala, Steve Havig, Molly Simmons

Board Members not present: Mike Erlandson, John Morrow. Alternates not present: John Erlandson, Eric Hausman

Guests: Council Member, Lisa Goodman, Resident, Peter Mason

**Welcome & Call to Order:** Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President 7:04 p.m.

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

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman notified the neighborhood that Minneapolis is recruiting for two open positions to represent the 7th Ward. The Advisory Committee on Aging and on The Advisory Committee on Disabilities are both in need of representatives. These positions help advise the city as to specific needs related to those constituencies. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees or know of someone who might be, please contact Lisa Goodman's office [Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov).

This month's Lunch with Lisa event will feature a presentation on climate emergency by John Dunlap, a 7th Ward Resident.

The March gathering will feature speaker Robert Lilligren from the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) and will be held on March 25th. Lilligren is an executive at the NACDI and previously served as CEO of the Little Earth United Tribes. He served on the Minneapolis City Council from 2001 to 2014, including as Council Vice President for 12 of those years, and as a leader on several city commissions and collaborative groups. He also served on the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board for 12 years while a local elected official.

The June field trip with Lisa will be timed to align with the reopening of the Dayton's Building and the new food hall. If you'd like to be added to the list for any of these events, email Lisa at [Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov)

REMINDER: Super Tuesday is **March 3, 2020**. VOTE! Please remember to complete the 2020 Census.

**President's Report**

Ellen reported that the annual Ice Skating Party held on January 26, 2020, was a huge success and thanked Chair, Amy Sanborn and all of the volunteers who helped make the event an afternoon to remember. Earth Day Clean-up is planned for Saturday, April 18th.

Ellen also reported that she will be chairing the Ice Cream Social event this year, date TBD. She thanked Michael Gold for his willingness to step in as chair these past two years.

A 45-day comment period beginning on February 14th, 2020 will open on the SW Area Master Plan that the MPRB has set forth. Please review the plan for any of the East Isles Parks including The Mall Park, Smith Levin Triangle Park and make sure the MPRB hears your feedback. Emma Pachuta has offered to attend an EIRA board meeting and present visuals for the entire park system plan. This will possibly happen in May.

### **Secretary's Report**

The board approved the minutes from the January 14th, 2020 meeting. The secretary requested that minutes be approved by a reasonable deadline and not extended to allow revisions up to and including the next board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Andrew reviewed the current status of EIRA's finances.

### **Action Item**

There was a discussion of Hennepin County Library's Archival Collection and how/if East Isles will participate. The following resolution was passed: The East Isles Neighborhood Association resolves to donate its historical records to the Hennepin County Library, to become a part of its archival collections at the Minneapolis Central Library. The initial donation will include records from the organization's founding in 1951 through the calendar year 2010. All records to be donated will be screened prior to the donation to ensure that they do not contain confidential information, personnel records, or private information.

A committee was formed including the secretary, president, and Emma Erdahl to review the records prior to sending.

### **Discussion Item**

Possible revisions to the EIRA Bylaws were discussed in preparation for the annual meeting where they would need to be voted on by the neighborhood. These included: Allowing non-EIRA residents to participate on the East Isles Farmers Market Committee, Instituting voting procedures for EIRA's elections, the potential for referencing Robert's Rules of Order as a guiding resource when the Bylaws do not provide enough detail for governance, revising archaic language referencing the NRP Steering Committee and formally establishing an executive committee on the BOD.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **East Isles Farmers Market**

Debbie Gold noted that a Farmers Market Committee meeting was held in early January and that the search for a market manager has begun. Five applicants have applied for the part-time position to date, with three interviews scheduled. Co-chairs, Debbie and Steve will send final applicant information and contract to the BOD for approval via email. 12 vendors have applied to be part of the 2020 season so far. An engaged committee is in place and the permit application has been mailed to MPRB. Fiduciary processes are being streamlined with the treasurer, Andrew

D. and with the help of contract accountant, Rachel. The 2020 East Isles Farmers Market is moving forward. The next committee meeting will be held in early March 2020. For more information, contact [director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com](mailto:director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com).

### **Search Committee**

Andrew updated the Board on the Search Committee's progress on finding a coordinator. The position has been vacant since September 2019. The position has now been posted and will remain open until March 1, 2020.

### **Outreach and Nominations**

Chair, Emma Erdahl, presented a list of suggested election procedures compiled by the Outreach and Nominations Committee at their last meeting. The board will review them and will consider a possible reference to the new procedures in the Bylaws. Discussions regarding the annual meeting continued with a location and date TBD.

### **Open Forum**

A discussion was had about how to streamline future board meetings and/or the potential for certain themes or guest speakers that might appeal to residents with varied interests.

### **The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street. The East Isles Residents Association invites and welcomes participation by all East Isles residents to every program, service, committee, and event. Please sign up for our newsletter at [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org)

Submitted by Debbie Gold, Secretary, EIRA Board of Directors