

EINA Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church and via Zoom
1430 W 28th Street
MINUTES

Board members present: Julia Edelman, Quinton Courts (Secretary), Shanti Mittra (Vice President), Mike Erlandson (President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Deb Altschuler, Dan Sutton, Ellen Van Iwaarden, Henry LaBounta

Board members absent: Mark Greene, Jonathan Beck, Cuyler Dinegan (Coordinator)

Guests present: None

1. Call to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Introductions of new board members.
3. Election of officers for May 2023 to April 2024.
4. Motion to approve slate of officers identical to slate of officers from previous year.
Approved unanimously.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financials
 - i. Running slightly ahead of budget on expenses because we had quite a bit of bookkeeping hours we needed to pay.
 - ii. Still awaiting food stamp reimbursements but also received a trash bill from the city.
 - b. Motion to approve March and April 2023 minutes and current budget. Approved unanimously.
6. President's Update
 - a. Neighborhood survey results
 - i. 131 responses to neighborhood survey.
 - ii. 112 homeowners, 18 renters, 5 business owners.
 - iii. Slightly less than half of renters said they would be interested in being a homeowner in the neighborhood.
 - iv. Half said they have lived here for longer than 10 years.
 - b. Board structure:
 - i. New board member (7 positions) term lengths: Two of them are for one-year terms and the rest (5) are for two-year terms.
 1. The term lengths will be assigned to newly elected board members at random.
 - ii. Financials are gradually being moved to Quickbooks by our bookkeeper, Amy Sanborn.
 - iii. Cuyler is ensuring password access and keys for storage unit, etc. are updated for the current board.
7. Committee Updates

- a. Green Team
 - i. Earth Day cleanup went really well, 63 adults and 12 kids volunteered on the cold day.
 - ii. Cleanup this Saturday at 9:30 to Noon and the signup table is at 27th and E Lake of the Isles Parkway.
 - iii. Suggestion to ensure volunteers for neighborhood activities use caution as they participate in cleanups, walks, etc.
 - iv. Henry is working on two grant applications (\$12,000 from Hennepin County) for storm drain adoptions in the neighborhood.
 - v. Possible lake cleanup that focuses on the islands?
 - vi. Trees were finally planted by MPRB, 11 in total: 6 on the south, west side is already established but they added 1 more, the rest are on the east side for morning shade. Green Team considering creating a watering schedule with neighbors.
- b. Outreach and Engagement
 - i. Motion to disband the Outreach and Engagement Committee. Approved unanimously.
 - 1. Former committee served a redundant purpose as a standalone committee because all events were operating through the lens of outreach and engagement. Future events will ensure they work closely with EINA Coordinator to communicate and advertise all events to all East Isles demographics.
- c. Community Safety Committee
 - i. Officially listed on EINA website and include monthly crime reports for East Isles and wider Uptown area.
 - ii. Safety walks going strong twice a month, fluctuating anywhere from 7 to 11 folks walking. Also trash pickup happens.
 - iii. Last Sunday, signs were posted for MPD 5th precinct upcoming open house.
 - iv. Ellen and League of Women Voters recently hosted MPD chief and 5th precinct inspector and both answered over an hour long Q&A.
 - v. Tips for safety and other resources are and will be continued to be posted on EINA website.
 - vi. Mike will send an email to our state representative and senator to encourage them to pass the public safety bill within the next 10 days because over 70 people who responded to the EINA Survey said public safety was their top priority.
 - vii. Block captain map is updated and we will continue to update it as we add more block captains and revamp the block captain program.
- d. Built Environment and Transportation
 - i. Henry will email Elizabeth to get an update again about booms for trash collection for Lake of the Isles.
- e. NRP

- i. Locations for 3 new cameras are 28th and Humboldt, 25th and Irving, and 24th near Temple Israel.
- f. Farmers Market
 - i. Jenny unfortunately did not win the grant she had applied for.
 - ii. Mike suggested that we focus on fundraising for the \$5,000 that EINA would otherwise have to pay if the Farmers Market resumes in the summer of 2024.
 - iii. Meeting was held with other neighborhood associations with EBMS, LHENA, and South Uptown and they were interested in the prospects of a bigger Uptown Farmers Market.
 - iv. For 2022, fees were about \$22,000, expenses were \$27,000 and EINA subsidized the \$5,000 deficit.
- g. Summer Social
 - i. We decided against the puppet show, instead we have bounce houses, ice cream, and the playground for kids.
 - ii. We will have the band, possibly the miniature Farmers Market, and a food truck.
 - iii. Fundraising has been divided up between Shanti and Quinton and donations for services or goods can possibly be a silent auction?

Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM.

May 10, EINA Board approved the 2022 IRS 990 filing without objection.

May 10, term limits were assigned at random to the seven newly elected board members. Terms expiring in 2024 are Mike Erlandson, Debra Altschuler, Mark Green, Brian Milavitz, Dan Sutton, and Julia Edelman. Terms expiring in 2025 are Shanti Mitra, Ellen Van Iwaarden, Quinton Courts, Jonathan Beck, and Henry LaBounta.