

EINA Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church and via Zoom
1430 W 28th Street
MINUTES

Board members present: Julia Edelman, Quinton Courts (Secretary), Mike Erlandson (President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Jonathan Beck, Ellen Van Iwaarden, Shanti Mitra (Vice President), Cuyler Dinegan (Coordinator), Dan Sutton, Henry LaBounta

Board members absent: Mark Greene, Debra Altschuler

Guests present: Maria Klein, Gus Fenton, Vicki McEvoy, Judy Vermeland-Wendt, Bill Elwood, Lisa Goodman (Minneapolis City Council), Sandra Clarke, Roger Clarke, Kathy Murphy, Dwayne Saari, Ben Fisch, Roseanne Fisch, Rosemary Fraley, Kate Gregory, Kate Hage, Will Brand, Cecilia Young, Mary Steiner, Candace

- I. Call to Order (Mike) 6:06 PM
- II. Open Community Forum
 - a. Neighbors came from Kenwood Isles and they are concerned about drug use, etc. at the Uptown Transit Station.
 - b. Neighbors are also concerned about the closure of the YWCA.
 - i. The MN legislature awarded funds to the YWCA for improvement of their properties.
 - ii. Suggestion to form a committee of neighbors to proactively be involved in the future of this property.
 - iii. EINA can pledge to reach out to the YWCA for their plans on the property. EINA will set up a meeting with Jeff Hayden (YWCA) and Lisa Goodman to inquire about the future of the property.
- III. Council Member Lisa Goodman
 - a. Lunch with Lisa
 - i. 2 appointees to the MPLS Police Oversight Committee on September 27 at noon at UST
 - ii. October 25th is the last Lunch with Lisa
 - b. 2201 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy requested 2 variances for garages
 - c. Todd Barnett is new Commissioner of Public Safety
 - d. Climate Equity/Action Plan
 - e. Please watch water usage (from the DNR)
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financials (Brian) were approved unanimously.
 - b. Minutes (Quinton) were approved unanimously.
- V. President's Update (Mike)
 - a. Fundraising

- i. We had a fundraising call recently regarding future fundraising. We want to better coordinate our newsletter and website with fundraising efforts.
 - b. Hennepin Ave.
 - i. The city of Minneapolis recently had a Hennepin Avenue redesign parking task force meeting to solicit feedback about parking during and after construction.
- VI. Committee and Working Group Updates
 - a. Community Safety Committee (Shanti)
 - i. EINA has been in communication with Metro Transit regarding the presence of security at the Uptown Transit Center.
 - ii. October, closer to Halloween, is the anniversary of the Safety Walking Club. More to say about the upcoming anniversary and celebration at the October meeting.
 - b. Green Team (Ellen)
 - i. Super Sale had over 110 signups and East Isles led the pack with the most signups!
 - ii. Last of lake cleanups this Saturday, Sept. 16 at 9AM.
 - iii. Cleanup on Hennepin Ave in conjunction with Safety Walking Club on Sunday, October 1. Meet at Triangle Park at 10AM or along Hennepin Ave.
 - iv. Adopt a Storm Drain totals are 91 drains adopted. Went from 16 to 28% of drains adopted and our goal was 25%.
 - c. Built Environment (Mike)
 - i. 2737 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy
 - d. Farmers Market (Dan/Jonathan)
 - i. Met yesterday with 2 other neighborhood associations and decided on a name, Uptown Farmers Market.
 - ii. So far neighborhoods in conversation with multi-neighborhood support are East Bde Mka Ska, Lowry Hill East, and possibly Lowry Hill.
- VII. Coordinator Update (Cuyler)
 - a. EINA co-sponsoring the Ward 7 candidate forum at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church.
- VIII. New Biz / Old Biz (All)
- IX. Adjourn at 8:10.