

EINA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 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), Mark Greene, Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Henry LaBounta, Cuyler Dinegan (Coordinator), Deb Altschuler

Board members absent: Sandy Nelson

Guests present: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), Chris Kelly, Carla Luckermann, Harvey Ettinger, Jennifer Weisanen (Crime Prevention Specialist), Paula Chesley

1. Call to order at 6:03PM.
2. City Council Update with Lisa Goodman:
 - a. Lunch with Lisa in March - Conversation with Margaret Anderson Kelliher
 - b. Looking for diverse applicants to the Minneapolis Audit Committee
 - c. Snow emergency parking regulations still in place until April 1
 - i. Potholes are not due to deferred maintenance.
 - ii. Currently using cold mix to fill potholes until hot asphalt is available in April.
 - d. Trash and recycling pamphlets were mailed to residents.
 - e. Minneapolis 2040 Plan was made and agreed upon already. The city would like for citizens to give feedback on uses in different zones (businesses permitted, etc.) and what is allowed for use in the overlay.
 - i. In some situations, UN2 lots can be combined to build one larger complex or building so long as it abides by the permit regulations.
 - f. MPD Chief is working through the demands of the MNDHR. Neighbors would like to see Cedric Alexander at a future Lunch with Lisa.
 - g. Traffic calming is 5-6,000 requests per year and most applications submitted do not make it past that point.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. February board minutes approved unanimously.
 - b. Financials with Brian Milavitz.
 - i. Net income of ~\$34,000 because we received Equitable Engagement Funding from the city. There is ~\$60,000 in the bank.
 - ii. Close to having finalized financials from 2022 Farmers Market.
 - iii. We've received almost \$3,000 in donations from neighbors.
 - iv. Financial statement approved unanimously.
4. President Update with Mike Erlandson:
 - a. 6 board positions open for April 2023 annual meeting.

- i. 2 one-year terms and 4 two-year terms are up for election.
 - ii. Application for board members is online.
 - b. Summer Social is June 14 with a rain date of June 15. Deb Altschuler has agreed to spearhead it again with
- 5. Coordinator Update with Cuyler:
 - a. Jenny Breen and he submitted a joint application for a grant for the Farmers Market \$20,000 over the course of 3 years.
 - b. Annual meeting is coming in April. Please register.
 - i. Elected officials are on board to speak as well as 5th precinct Inspector with MPD and our Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen.
 - c. Earth Day Cleanup is set and ready to go.
 - d. Summer Social and Super Sale are also scheduled for this year. East Bde Mka Ska and Kenwood neighborhoods have expressed interest in joining the Super Sale.
 - e. Mid April our neighborhood signs should be installed.
 - f. MPD meeting about installation of security cameras we purchased.
 - g. We have received \$3,000 in donations through online and check.
 - h. Hill & Lake Press has received positive feedback.
 - i. So far we've received 100 responses for the neighborhood survey. Results will hopefully be ready by the end of the month.
- 6. Community Safety with Shani Mitra:
 - a. Crime Data:
 - i. Suggestion to use MPD crime dashboard data and possibly a map. City of Minneapolis doesn't map this effectively.
 - ii. Suggestion to use the monthly reports generated by the Crime Prevention Specialist.
 - iii. Jennifer Waisanen suggested making crime data zoomed out from the specific address of the incident (like 2800 block of a street, for example)
 - iv. Group agreed to use data from MPD and Crime Prevention Specialist and include this data as a link on the EINA newsletter and website. EINA will be the first to feature crime reports on a neighborhood website (of Lakes area neighborhoods).
 - v. We have purchased cameras and are in the process of finalizing installation locations with MPD.
 - vi. Crime statistics are up in East Isles 2023 vs. 2022. This could be because they are reporting these incidents whereas they didn't before. Walgreens experiences half of the business thefts all throughout the day, not just at night. Paula mentioned she has spoken with employees and they have requested security and anecdotally the company said "no." Mike has seen a security officer there. Suggestion to write a letter of support to Walgreens.
 - vii. Safety Walking Club has spent many visits collecting anecdotal stories of crime from business managers.
 - viii. Agreement to add safety resources on our website for neighbors.

- ix. Suggestion to hold a meeting where we provide in-person discussion to crime prevention strategies. Possibly host this meeting in May before summer.
- x. East Isles block captain program recruitment to mirror or strengthen the city's block captain program.
- xi. We have a 6-month gap during the winter months, so we might think about spreading out community events so that we build community even during winter months.
- xii. Motion to create a new board committee called the Community Safety Committee. Question about whether Outreach and Engagement Committee and Community Safety Committee overlap and clarification was made that they do not. Motion to create the new Community Safety Committee. Approved unanimously.
- xiii. Jennifer Waisanen said that violent crime that we saw in 2021-2022 has decreased. It is now mainly property crime and also car thefts vs. violent crime and carjackings. Most are from juveniles stealing Kias and Hyundais.

7. Committee Updates

a. BET Update with Mark:

- i. Added to Ellen's Green Team comments for MPRB Master Plan concerns about environmental pollution of the lake.
- ii. Recommendation to apply for a community grant for grating covers for Hennepin Ave.
- iii. Next meeting:
 - 1. EV charging station ideas
 - 2. Hennepin Ave redesign and supporting businesses.
 - 3. Concerns for parking solutions for the Uptown Theater.
 - 4. Establishment of a monthly trash pickup.
- iv. Henry would like to send a note to MPRB supporting taking administrative actions to collect a fee from the city of Minneapolis for use of storm drains dumping into MPRB lakes. We will wait to take an official position pending this proposal leaving the MPRB committee before being voted on by all of MPRB.

b. NRP Update with Mike:

- i. Conversation about the addition of cameras (how many) in addition to those we have already financed.
 - 1. Motion to reallocate NRP funds within the current plan to accommodate board action to donate three (additional) public safety cameras to MPD to be placed in EINA. EINA will update its Crime Prevention Activities strategy that currently states: "Increase participation in crime prevention activities." To: "Increase participation in, and funding for, crime prevention activities." EINA will reallocate \$4,360.84 from the Residential Loan Program and

\$15,639.16 from the Affordable Housing Loan Program's income to fund the cameras. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.