

EINA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 7:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church
1430 W 28th Street

MINUTES

Board members present:

Mike Erlandson (President), Shanti Mittra (Vice President), Quinton Courts (Secretary),
Julia Edelman, Larry Lamb, Sandy Nelson, Mark Greene, Richard Stadtherr, Debra
Altschuler, Jason Spaeth

Board members absent:

Brian Milavitz

Neighborhood Coordinator: Jenna Egan (absent)

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7
Jennifer Waisanenn, 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, City of Minneapolis

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Katie Blackwell, 5th Precinct Inspector, MPD, may join us for our August or September meetings.
- Councilmember Lisa Goodman gave the following announcements:
 - Lisa will join us for our October monthly meeting.
 - Lunch with Lisa in July (none scheduled for August) will discuss "Development With a Purpose" and also highlight Firefighters for Healing.
 - The September Lunch with Lisa meeting will host David Hewit, Director of Housing Stability for Hennepin County
 - Cedric Alexander has been nominated by Mayor Frey for the first ever Community Safety Director, which would oversee fire, 911, EMS, health, and police services in the city. The city council will hold a confirmation vote.

II. EINA Organizational Chart

- Shanti Mittra created the EINA Organizational Chart complete with responsibilities and contact information of all board members and staff.
- We will continue using Google Drive and organize it to better locate information.

III. Jennifer Waisanenn, 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, City of Minneapolis

- The board was provided a crime statistics report current as of July 7, 2022.
- In response to the question, “What can we do to keep our neighbors, visitors, and businesses safe?” We received a list of common crime prevention tactics covering personal safety, residential safety, and vehicular safety. Jennifer highlighted the following crime prevention tactics that have shown to be effective in other neighborhoods in the city:
 - Lyndale and North Loop neighborhoods have walking patrols of at least 3 people, pets, and they talk to neighbors out and about.
 - Report anything suspicious behavior or any crime currently in progress to 911. If you discover the event significantly after the fact (i.e. the next morning), report it to 311.
 - Street and residential cameras are helpful after the fact to help with investigations.
 - License plate readers (LPRs) are located in some parts of the city and alert MPD dispatchers if a vehicle is located that has been stolen or has been involved in a crime.
 - Lowry Hill has elected to fund the MPD buyback program for additional neighborhood patrols.
 - Get to know your neighbors, including their contact information.
 - Alarms that blare audibly (outside) alert other neighbors.

IV. Committee and Event Updates

- Built Environment and Transportation Committee (Mark Greene)
 - The city Public Works committee will revisit the plan after Mayor Frey’s veto of the proposed design was upheld by a city council vote.
 - The MPRB Cedar Isles redesign master plan will be reviewed this fall. Saturday, July 16th at 9 AM at the intersection of Euclid Ave. and E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy a group will meet to discuss concerns about outcomes vs. inputs of the proposed design.
 - Cedar Lake is currently unusable because of E. Coli levels.
 - There are ideas that have been proposed to the BET committee about exploring electric vehicle charging stations that are for the public in and around our neighborhood.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program Committee (Jason Spaeth)
 - \$25,000 has been returned from MPRB for previously allocated shade structure for Levin Park. Neighbor Harvey Ettinger will meet with Elizabeth Shaffer to inquire about planting trees as a solution for shade.
 - Committee is favorable to installing cameras at high traffic intersections to address public safety in the neighborhood.

- Sandy is updating our list of owners and managers of apartment buildings to support communication to renters in our neighborhood.
- Summer Social update (Debra Altschuler)
 - Event is Wednesday, August 17 with a rain date of Thursday, August 18.
 - Permits and potties are ordered.
 - MFD has been contacted.
 - Tin Fish food truck and one other (TBD) will attend.
 - Kowalksis is donating ice cream sandwiches.
 - Isles Buns & Coffee is donating cookies – they'll need a pop-up tent.
 - Music by Steve Havig.
 - Two bounce houses possibly from Kenwood or Bryant Park rec centers.
 - Ideas for other possible activities (and response from group):
 - Puppet show (yes) but do not set up near bounce houses.
 - Petting zoo (no)
 - Face painting (no)
 - Advertisement to be sent to block captains 2 weeks prior to the event. Also to send to SW Voices and email communication from Mailchimp.

V. Consent agenda:

- June Treasurer's Report and June minutes were all approved unanimously.

VI. Open forum:

- Richard is the Treasurer of Kenwood Isles and can possibly use their livestream technology for future meetings.
- We would like to explore hybrid options for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned 9:02.