

EINA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM  
Grace-Trinity Community Church  
1430 W 28th Street

MINUTES

Board members present:

Mike Erlandson (President), Shanti Mitra (Vice President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Quinton Courts (Secretary), Julia Edelman, Larry Lamb, Sandy Nelson, Mark Greene, Richard Stadtherr, Debra Altschuler

Board members absent:

Jason Spaeth

Neighborhood Coordinator: Jenna Egan

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

Elizabeth Shaffer, MPRB Commissioner, District 4

Aryca Myers, Neighborhood Support Specialist, City of Minneapolis

1. Welcome

President Mike Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Councilmember Goodman gave the following announcements:

- Lunch with Lisa will be June 29th in the atrium of the Seven Points building in Uptown and we'll learn from the Uptown Association, property owners, and businesses about Uptown's current state and its future. Catering will be by Amazing Thailand.
- There has been a variance approved for 1526 W. 25th St. in the East Isles boundary.

Councilmember Goodman answered pre-submitted questions regarding our neighborhood's concerns around public safety:

- There should be 729 MPD officers, per the charter. We had 880 officers before the pandemic. We currently have a range of 555-565+ because of leaves of absence.
- We need more qualified candidates to become officers (a problem nationwide).
- The city has increased the police budget and we are relying on overtime (74 hours max) to fill the void. Minneapolis has also approved both increased pay and hiring bonuses to attract new officers.
- We are receiving support from the State Patrol.

- Interim chief of MPD announced a new CSO class. Minneapolis helps pay for their education (bachelor's degree) while they work as a CSO.
- Minneapolis has outlawed the purchase of catalytic converters by metal wholesalers inside the city limits (unless a valid title is presented along with the catalytic converter).
- Mike Freeman has started MN HEALS 2.0 public-private partnership to halt the crime surge.

### 3. Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer

Commissioner Shaffer gave the following announcements:

- MPRB will assign a project planner for the shade structure project at Levin Park in the 4th quarter of 2022.
- Question was proposed to Commissioner Shaffer about the potential for planting 4-5 large trees in lieu of the shade structure. East Isles has already allocated \$40,000 for the shade structure project. Commissioner Shaffer will connect with Michael about the idea of replacing the shade structure with shade trees.
- The majority of the Mall master plan should be complete in 2023.
- The Cedar-Isles master plan reveal will be June 22. This is followed by a round of dialogue and then a final plan.
- SWLR amendments proposed by Commissioner Shaffer will allow MPRB commissioners to be given the findings of MN DNR water quality reports.
- For the first time in 10 years, MPRB has begun to study geese overcrowding at lake beaches.
- Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer

### 4. Ellen van Iwaarden, Green Team Committee Chair announcements:

- Cleanup for the adopted section (EINA) of the Greenway is Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 PM. Rain date is Thursday, June 30th at 7:00 PM. Bags are provided.
- The Super Sale (EINA and Lowry Hill joint venture) is September 10th from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

### 5. Neighborhood Boards Training by Aryca Myers, Neighborhood Support Specialist from the City of Minneapolis.

### 6. Consent agenda:

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

### 7. Committee reports:

- NRP Committee:
  - The meeting was canceled for today. Will convene soon.
  - We will explore the purchase of trees in lieu of the shade structure for Levin Park, possibly funding public safety support with the addition of cameras in crime hot spots and surveillance signs.
- BET Committee:
  - Committee is reconstituting and we need more members.
  - As stewards of the community, we were in unanimous agreement to submit a letter (attached) on behalf of ourselves as community leaders to the mayor, city council, and public works director advocating for the

continuation of dynamic parking in the bus lanes in the Hennepin Avenue redesign.

- Farmers Market:
  - Will begin this Thursday, June 22nd from 4:00 - 8:00 PM and will run weekly at the same time with the exception of the week of the Uptown Art Fair.
  - We need to reach out to local businesses for more sponsorship/donors.
  - Possibly explore moving to a more central location at Levin Park in 2023?
- Ice Cream Social:
  - Will be held Wednesday, August 17th with a rain date of Thursday, August 18th.
  - We need 2 bounce houses to separate older children from younger children.
  - Yes to live music or a DJ.
  - To make the event appeal to more neighbors, we are entertaining craft tables, food trucks, or service oriented projects (i.e. make at the event and donate).

8. July meeting:

- Invite MPD Community Outreach person to our meeting.
- Possibly Invite the new Uptown Biz representative to a meeting (proposed during May meeting)
- Board will reconvene at Grace Church in June

Meeting adjourned 9:16.

# East Isles, Minneapolis Community Leaders

June 14, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Frey, Mayor  
Members of the Minneapolis City Council  
City Hall  
Minneapolis, MN  
Via Email

Dear Mayor Frey and Members of the City Council,

As engaged representatives of our community and current board members of the East Isles Neighborhood Association (EINA), we strongly support the concept of having the Hennepin Avenue redesign include dynamic bus lanes.

The parking on Hennepin Avenue should be maintained to the fullest extent possible when the buses are not running and during non-rush hour times of the day, as they are used today. This is vital to the future of our community, both the businesses on Hennepin Avenue and the residents who live, work, or visit this important retail corridor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, please amend the plan to include dynamic parking.

Sincerely,

Mike Erlandson  
President, EINA

Mark Greene  
Chair, EINA Built Environment and Transportation Committee

Shanti Mitra  
Vice President, EINA

Brian Milavitz  
Treasurer, EINA

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CC: Jacob Frey, Mayor  
Minneapolis City Council Members  
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Public Works Director