

EIRA Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7 pm  
Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Becky Accettura, Larry Lamb, Mike Erlandson, Brian Milavitz

Staff Present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests: **Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Ward 7**

Chad Davison, Metropolitan Council, East Isles Sewer Improvements Project

Angelica Klein, Metropolitan Council, East Isles Sewer Improvements Project  
Neighbors

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1. Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7**

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

- a. Lunch with Lisa scheduled for March 30th soon. Will tour the Alden Smith House.
- b. Lunch with Lisa scheduled for April 27th and will hear from Park Commissioner Elizabeth

Schaffer.

- c. Transition at Hill and Lake Press - Jean Deatrick retired. Lowry Hill board person, Craig Wilson has taken over as Editor-in-Chief.
  - d. City moving forward with East Isles Sewer Improvement Plan.
  - e. Back to work at City Hall. Most people working hybrid schedules.
  - f. Behavior Crisis Teams (BCR) are now operating 24 hours per day, Monday through Friday.
  - g. Redistricting now complete. East Isles not affected. West Bde Maka Ska has been moved to the 7th Ward.
  - h. Partnering with the City Tree Trust for residents to buy trees. Minneapolis property owners in Green Zones, rental property owners and property owners who haven't ever gotten a tree in the City Trees program will get a chance to order a tree earlier. New this year: two trees can be ordered per property.
3. Chad Davison and Angelica Klein, Metropolitan Council, East Isles Sewer Improvements Project

Davison and Klein gave the following announcements:

- a. East Isles Sewer Improvements Project is part of a larger project - starts in Hopkins and is 11 years old.
- b. East Isles Improvements begin March 14 - Spring 2023.
- c. 24" dual sanitary sewer pipe installation on The Mall and Humboldt Ave.
- d. 42" storm sewer pipe replacement on Humboldt Ave. to reduce flooding on Humboldt.
- e. Water main replacement. Humboldt Ave. from The Mall mid-block north of the Midtown Greenway
- f. Sanitary sewer replacement. Humboldt Ave. Same area as water main replacement.
- g. Contact info and website: MCES East Isles Sewer Improvements Project contact information - Email: [info@eastislessewerproject.com](mailto:info@eastislessewerproject.com). Phone: 612-439-5225. Website: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/East-Isles-804125.aspx>
- h. Executive committee will propose an agenda Jenna will handle arranging guest speakers

Discussion and questions: Milavitz - is the Greenway going to be impacted? Davison - Greenway will stay open. Lamb - will the Farmers Market will be impacted. Davison - pipe work may be done by before the Farmers Market starts. Lamb - when does the interaction of 27th and Humboldt Ave become blocked? Davison - starts this Monday, will be two-way street and take two months.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report**

**Finance Committee Chair, Andrew Degerstrom gave the following announcements:**

- a. [March 2022 Finance Report](#)
- b. [2021 990](#)
- c. [2021 AG Report](#)
- d. [NNF/EEF Amendment](#)

Degerstrom moved to approve the March 2022 Finance Report. Motion seconded by Erlandson. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Degerstrom moved to approve the 2021 990. Motion seconded by Erlandson. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Discussion: Neighbor - is this an official name change form? Degerstrom - yes. Milavitz - did we have anyone look over it and review it? Degerstrom - this is the 4th or 5th year East Isles has been doing 990.

Degerstrom moved to approve the 2021 AG Report. Motion seconded by Erlandson. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Discussion: Neighbor - what does the category 'other' mean? Degerstrom - 'other' is the rebranding project and strategic planning. Both one-time projects.

Degerstrom moved to approve the NNF/EEF. Motion seconded by Erlandson. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Discussion: Degerstrom, city gave \$15,000.00 and then gave East Isles an additional \$5,000.00. Need to add the amendment and have it approved before receiving funds. Doesn't mean it gets spent in a certain category. Not debating what we are spending the money on today. Only voted to approve amendment of receiving the funds.

## 5. Annual Meeting

Erdahl and Degerstrom gave the following announcements:

- a. Annual meeting will be at Grace Church. Hybrid Annual Meetin - Zoom and in-person.
- b. How registration will work: via Eventbrite in advance of the meeting.
- c. How voting will work - will take place after the meeting and online. Will use Election Runner. Registering for the meeting means you will receive a ballot. We do verify addresses to see if Minneapolis residents live in East Isles.
- d. Encourage your friends and neighbors to nominate themselves for the board.
- e. Unveil new rebranded materials at Annual Meeting.
- f. How to select term-length for next year's board positions (transition year to 2-year terms).

Discussion: Degerstrom: You can register for the meeting and not attend and still vote. We don't advertise that. The rules have been murky since COVID. We are not alone among other neighborhoods. We are all trying to figure it out. Erdahl - 5 of the elected seats will be a one-year term. 6 of the elected seats will be two-year terms. Then after that, everyone will be on two-year terms. How do we decide in the meantime who shall be a one-year term vs. two terms? Erlandson - pull names out of a hat. Randomization. Degerstrom - terms are now 6 years, and two years off. No one is currently running up against their terms. Milavitz - term limits won't be hit for three or four years, and I like a randomization for who receives two- and one-year term limits for this election cycle. Don't have to solve it this year. Erdahl - no director serves three two-year terms in a row? Maybe add that language. Degerstrom - bylaws are flexible enough to change language of terms. Erdahl - terms will be randomly chosen for the

new board members. Lamb - when are we sending out the postcards about the annual meeting?  
Degerstrom - one postcard this year, printers mid-March, website and fliering. Post cards to hit mailboxes three weeks before Annual Meeting.

Resolution - candidates will be randomly drawn for one and two-year term limits.

## **6. Open Forum**

- a. Debbie Gold and Julie Kucinski will receive volunteer recognition plaques for their service, support and time. Permanent page on website to recognize volunteers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan