

EINA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church
1430 W 28th Street

MINUTES

Board members present: Richard Stadtherr, Julia Edelman, Sandy Nelson, Larry Lamb, Shanti Mitra (Vice President), Mike Erlandson (President), Quinton Courts (Secretary), Jason Spaeth

Absent: Brian Milaviz (Treasurer), Debra Altschuler, Mark Greene

Guests present: Paula Chesley, Ellen Van Ilwaarden

- I. Call to Order at 7:05 PM
- II. General Business Updates
 - A. EINA hired a new coordinator, Cuyler Dinegan. He will also take over as bookkeeper once trained.
 - B. After Jenna left as coordinator, Sandy Nelson brought Brad Larson in to help with the website and our communications. He helped us immensely and put in many hours. A resolution passed to allocate \$1,500 from the staffing account to compensate Brad. Unanimously approved.
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. July minutes (need to be corrected in-document to say "July 12." Unanimously approved.
 - B. No financials report, pending the return of Andrew Degerstrom.
- IV. Committee Updates
 - A. BET: no updates
 - B. NRP (Jason):
 - 1. MPRB will plant 14 trees in Triangle Park and they will serve as shade for the playground and areas of the park. Ideas about people to volunteer to pick a tree to care for or maybe ask block captains to create watering schedules to take care of the trees.
 - 2. Committee approved and supports a motion to 1) approve a funding of up to \$50,000 that would provide for as many cameras (either current type of cameras, or LPRs) as possible/practical that would support public safety, work with MPD, and also 2) for signage for the EINA neighborhood. Motion to approve, second, approved.
 - 3. Richard described that Kenwood Isles is doing the same thing with residents at Kenwood Isles and they are working through design as we speak.
 - B. Super Sale Recap (Ellen):

1. 61 official sales. Both Sandy and Ellen represented East Isles in working with Lowry Hill. Kenwood mentioned that they have residents who may want to participate in the future.

C. Outreach and Engagement (Julia and Quinton):

1. Discussion about allocating more money to the Halloween festival. Board members and neighbors had questions as to whether 1) was this an event born from the pandemic where door to door trick-or-treating was discouraged and 2) how many events the neighborhood association can feasibly finance each year. Without Brian (Treasurer) present to speak to financials, the board passed on the request for more funds.

V. Discussion on record retention - Ellen Van Ilwaarden

- A. She has in her possession previous paper records dating from 1952 of the former East Isles Residents Association. EINA is the copyright owner of these documents but Ellen is proposing we house the records in Hennepin County Public Library (and possibly digital collections) and should we need access to them, we would not need permission to do so because we are the copyright owners. Records from 2021 and after are on Google Drive. Resolution proposed that we enter into the agreement to give paper records in the basement and storage facility to the Hennepin County Library. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Safety

- A. Inspector Blackwell will be here for the October meeting.
- B. Other neighborhood associations have a public safety committee, EINA is considering.
- C. Crime prevention strategies:
 1. Paula Chesley and her block have discussed walking safety clubs. She provided a handout. Neighborhoods work with MPD to decide times to walk based on crime data. May not need to be a budget because we can get free t-shirts. Paula is willing to initiate the project and hand over leadership when it is established.
 2. Building out/recruiting East Isles block captains
 3. Host successful EINA events for community building
 4. Engagement with other neighborhood boards
- D. Technology and cameras
- E. General thoughts
 1. Engagement with law enforcement? What else can we do to help MPD do their job and also stay informed? Should we have regular contact with the police? How can we help them?
 2. Supporting local businesses? How can we better help local businesses? Possibly have our businesses listed on our website and also have a business of the month?
 3. What are we working on with public safety and how can we communicate this to the neighborhood?
 4. We will carve out 15 minutes to discuss public safety at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned 9:05.