

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting
January 10, 2017 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Andrew Degerstrom (President), Julia Curran (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Peter Mason, Nancy Johnston, Bruce Larson, Amy Sanborn, John Grochala, Steve Havig

Staff: Diana Schleisman

Guests: Council member Lisa Goodman, EIRA Resident Debbie Gold,

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa topics may include an Art presentation and/or issues with rental licenses.

Hennepin Lyndale construction is complete! Temporary signals will be removed by Dec 16th. Some planting will occur in spring.

The Truth In Taxation public hearing was held on 11/30/16.

There was an error in some of the notices sent regarding property tax valuations. The voter approved school levy was not included. Taxes may be anywhere from 6-10% higher depending on the property value.

Budget referendums were made to move funds from Marketing to Public Safety, and to redirect funds from Greater MSP Regulatory Development to Small Business Navigation, Recruitment, and Retention.

Holidazzle is at Loring Park this season through Dec 23rd. Many small business vendors are selling local goods for holiday gift giving. A free skating rink with free skate rentals is a nice plus. Through a recycling initiative, art pieces of a wolf and moose were crafted from recycled materials. Lids can ride a bicycle that charges the lights. Movies such as Frozen, Ice Age, and Charlie Brown Christmas are scheduled to be played on different occasions.

A large portion of proceeds from new development growth has been put in a State Fiscal Disparities fund that pools money to offset less lucrative times.

The courts did not approve a receiver to be appointed regarding the Frenz properties. It was not proved that residents were in eminent danger of losing their homes. A request may be submitted later on in the license revocation process.

Open Forum

Board members were asked to consider whom might replace the two board members who will be leaving the board in April. It was encouraged up for BOD Members to think about succession, and to talk to residents who may be interested.

The Wedge neighborhood has a newsletter that includes coupons and ads. This could be duplicated for EIRA. An example will be brought in next meeting.

As a reminder, a 3 day notice is helpful for check requests.

REPORTS

Social Committee

The Ice skating party is rescheduled for Sun Jan 22nd 1-3pm at the Lake of the Isles ice skating rink.

A Christmas Tree Lot is being held at Calhoun Square. Some of the proceeds benefit EIRA. A notification was also posted on Nextdoor.

NRP Committee

The following recommendations were made at the NRP meeting. All were approved unanimously by the EIRA BOD.

- a. "EIRA NRP Committee recommends the EIRA actively engage to support efforts to replace the warming house on Lake of the Isles and that \$25,000 in EIRA NRP funds be set aside to support the building of a new warming house if the appropriate plans come together and the balance of the funds necessary to build the warming house are secured from other sources. The EIRA NRP Committee will continue to track the warming house efforts taking place in the neighborhood and keep the EIRA Board informed. The EIRA NRP Committee Chair will share the EIRA support with interested parties and the Park Board once approved by the EIRA Board."
- b. "EIRA NRP Committee supports the placement of two chess tables close to the top of the Mall near the Library. One to be funded with the \$3,000 grand from People for the Parks and the other by using EIRA NRP funds. The Committee recommends the EIRA fund the placement of the tables on the Mall. The Committee recommends an allocation of up to \$5,000 to purchase one of the two tables and for placement. The EIRA NRP Committee will work with the Park Board to facilitate this process once approved by the EIRA Board."
- c. "EIRA NRP Committee recommends the allocation of \$10,000 in EIRA NRP funds to support the purchase of five additional wood benches being placed by the non-profit created by East Isles resident Mark Addicks. The donation will come with the request that at least three of the benches be placed on the East side of Lake of the Isles on an annual basis for the lifecycle of the benches. The other two benches may be placed within the larger community as determined by the bench organization. The NRP Chair will communicate this to Mark Addicks once approved by the EIRA Board."
- d. "EIRA NRP Committee recommends working with Mark Addicks who has agreed to approach the Park Board on behalf of EIRA to secure the stewardship agreement necessary to manage and plant the seven triangles created by the sidewalks on the Mall in the spring of 2017. This will likely be the expansion of the agreement he already has in place for the triangle at the SE corner of Lake of the Isles. The EIRA recommends an allocation of up to \$2,500 to support the planting and necessary groundwork to create proper planting areas. The Committee will also communicate the desire to create plantings around the signs on the west and east ends of The Mall."
- e. "EIRA NRP Committee recommends the EIRA actively engaging in the SW service area master planning process relating to Lake of the Isles and the East Isles Neighborhood Parks. The NRP Committee will support this effort and dedicate a committee member to help lead this effort once approved by the EIRA Board."
- f. "EIRA NRP Committee recommends the EIRA actively work with the Park Board on the recommendation of how to use the funds created by the Park Dedication Fee and how EIRA NRP funds might be leverage with these funds to make park improvements in the EIRA neighborhood. The EIRA NRP Committee will create a subcommittee to work this effort and that subcommittee will be chaired by Bruce Larson once this is approved by the EIRA Board."

BOD Members should invite other residents to consider joining the NRP Committee.

Staff Report

The \$50 late fee from the AG report was not waived. Email for administrator is up and running. Contacts are being entered. Diana asked Committee Chairs to provide a list of Committee Members. The Quickbooks Master license, held under the previous Administrator, was removed to allow installation onto the new EIRA laptop.

President's Report

As has been done in the past, it was approved for EIRA to pay Grace Church \$500 for allowing usage of meeting space. This was approved unanimously.

AG Report

The form has been completed with the exception of financial data from 2015. This information will be provided after an informal internal informational audit with Diana and Brian. Diana will check with the AG to see if there will be further penalties, or if there is another deadline after the extension that has already passed in November.

Closed session

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom closed the meeting to order at 9:01 pm.

Reminder: The next **East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on January 10, 2017** at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

Submitted by: Diana Schleisman, Administrator