

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)**  
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
June 10, 2014  
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Bill Elwood, Donna Jansen, Brian Milavitz, Drew Moratzka, and Linda Schutz. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

EIRA President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3**

Marion Greene (East Isles resident) was elected in a special election to serve out Gail Dorfman's term as Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3. The seat is up for reelection in November 2014. A primary will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Greene previously served as East Isles' state representative. Her focus as County Commissioner will be on health care, early childhood and improving communications between the County and residents.

The Southwest Light Rail Transit project is currently in the municipal consent process.

Contact Commissioner Greene at [marion.greene@hennepin.us](mailto:marion.greene@hennepin.us) or 612-348-7883.

**Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 Council Member, City of Minneapolis**

- Hennepin County is offering Hazardous Waste collection events: June 26-28, 9 am – 4 pm each day at Anthony Middle School, 5757 Irving Ave S and July 31-August 2, 9 am – 4 pm each day at Jenny Lind Elementary School, 5026 Dupont Ave N. For details go to [www.hennepin.us/collectionevents](http://www.hennepin.us/collectionevents).
- Hennepin County is selling backyard compost bins for \$45. Details at [www.hennepin.us/composting](http://www.hennepin.us/composting).
- Minneapolis 311 is adding weekend hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- There will be no Lunch with Lisa in June or July. The next event will be August 20 and feature the Nicollet Mall architects.
- A trial date of December 28<sup>th</sup> has been set for 1800 Lake (dewatering lawsuit).

Regarding liquor license in Minneapolis, there are three types of liquor licenses in Minneapolis: Class A license for downtown bars/restaurants, 60/40 license for most bars/restaurants outside of downtown with contiguous commercial zoning, and 70/30 Charter Wine and Beer license for restaurants surrounded by residential zoning. The 70/30 license is part of the City Charter and are very restrictive (however the restrictions are not related to typical neighborhood concerns about noise, traffic/parking, etc.) The other two liquor licenses are governed by city ordinance. The 70/30 restaurant group would like the regulatory authority to be moved from the City Charter to city ordinance. The only way to change the City Charter is by a vote of the public (requires 55%). CM Goodman is supportive of putting the issue on the ballot and would like to see stricter enforcement of the city's regulations, hopefully with more money and more inspections. Inspections when done of 60-40 and 70-30 establishments are now funded by the property tax. In contrast, the City Health Department insistence on inspection of 100% of food trucks, will be paid for by fees.

## **Candidates for Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC)**

The two candidates for the District 6 seat on the NCEC (Debra Behrens and Matt Barthelemy) attended tonight's meeting to discuss their interest in serving on the NCEC.

The EIRA Board voted to support Matt Barthelemy as our commissioner. The election is June 12 and Jerome Ryan will serve as EIRA's elector.

## **REPORTS**

### **Zoning Committee**

The May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled because there were no agenda items.

Lake & Irving Restaurant, 1513 W Lake St (in ECCO) spoke with Monica Smith on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to report that they continue to work on an agreement with their neighbor (Wells Fargo) to add a patio on the east side of the building. Lake & Irving is interested in adding outdoor seating as soon as possible and is now proposing adding 20 outdoor seats on the Lake St side of the building. The EIRA Board previously approved the plan for the patio on the east side of the building, contingent upon ECCO's position on the project. In light of the change in plans, Lake & Irving will be invited to present their revised plan to EIRA's Zoning Committee at their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Zoning Committee continues to work on developing a process document and developing green guidelines. A team will meet with four other neighborhoods to explore working together on common goals (meeting date: July 15).

The next meeting of the Zoning Committee is June 17, 5:00 pm at Grace and will include speakers from the 70/30 restaurant group and discussion about Lake & Irving's revised outdoor seating plans.

### **Transportation Committee**

The first meeting of the newly reformed committee will be Thursday, June 26, 7 pm at Grace. The agenda will include goal setting. Their July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a guest speaker from Metro Transit to discuss transit planning.

### **NRP Committee**

The next meeting of the NRP Committee is Monday, August 11, 5:45 pm at Grace.

### **Green Team**

The Living Green Festival on May 31<sup>st</sup> was a big success. The Green Team is planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event for May 30, 2015.

Upcoming events:

- Green Mixer, Saturday, June 14, 5 pm at The Lowry
- Tot Plot events and tour
- Community Solar Meeting in July
- August 5: National Night Out – the Green Team will be providing green tips
- September 6: Super Sale
- Town Hall program in the fall with guest speaker Dan Buettner.

### **Parks Committee**

The Smith Triangle Park clean up was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking for ideas to get more people involved with future clean up efforts. Thanks to Kowalski's, Caribou Coffee and Holiday for donation of food and beverages for the volunteers.

The next Parks Committee meeting is June 11, 7 pm at Grace.

### **Staff Report**

- Conflict of Interest forms need to be completed by board and committee members on a yearly basis.
- The EIRA Board approved a budget of \$1,500 for a summer membership mailing.
- A roster of committee members (without contact information) will be posted on the website pending permission from committee members.
- The EIRA Board will review the list of all committees and their purpose, goals and roster at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The following procedure will be implemented for the EIRA Meeting minutes: A draft of the minutes will be sent to EIRA Board members for approval. If members have edits to the minutes, the minutes will be revised and resent to the EIRA Board (when they are submitted to the Hill and Lake Press for publication). No action is required of board members at this phase. If a board member disagrees with any revision, s/he may bring it to the attention of the board at the next meeting.
- Construction on Lake Street: CenterPoint Energy will be replacing a natural gas pipeline on Lake Street beginning in July. Construction will occur from Excelsior Blvd to James Ave S (eastbound traffic lane nearest the south curb of Lake St). Go to [www.centerpointenergy.com/construction](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/construction) for more information and to sign up for email updates.

### **Board Review**

- The EIRA Board approved a motion to amend the agenda to allow the board to elevate Brian Milavitz from Alternate to Director fill a vacancy on the EIRA Board.
- Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith will draft a policy for approving expenditures for consideration by the EIRA Board at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The EIRA Board will hold their summer meetings at The Bridge for Youth (meeting dates: July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 19). The Bridge will be invited to speak about plans for their vacant buildings. Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein will also be invited to give a legislative update at an upcoming meeting.
- The Green Team will present information about a community solar project at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The EIRA Board will review a letter of engagement with Stoel Rives for pro bono legal services related to the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 7 p.m. at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22<sup>nd</sup> St.