

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
March 10, 2015
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present (10 of 11): Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice-President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Bill Elwood, Jasna Hadzic, Nancy Johnston, Bruce Larson, Brian Milavitz, Carla Pardue, 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.

Open Forum

- Molly Sands from Zipcar presented information about the car sharing service. For details and pricing, go to www.zipcar.com.
- Lunch with Lisa is March 25, noon-1:00 p.m. noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall #202. The topic is Downtown Public Realm.
- A public hearing will be held for the On-Sale Liquor Class E license for Giordano's Pizza, 2700 Hennepin on March 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Walker Library.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee, Allan Amis

The February 17th meeting included a third presentation from CPM and Peterssen/Keller Architecture for a new building at 1708 and 1714 W Lake St (project name: seventeen10). The building will be slightly shorter due to a change in the construction materials (48'8" to the top of the 4th floor parapet). The Zoning Committee recommended the following resolution in support of the project:

Whereas, the developer has decreased the proposed building height as indicated on the elevation drawings dated January 30, 2015, through the decision to use post-tension concrete instead of pre-cast concrete, and,

Whereas, the developer intends to use brick on all four sides of the building, and,

Whereas, the developer has made improvements to the front entryway so as to better engage the sidewalk, and,

Whereas, the developer has committed to maintaining, as well as sharing with the East Isles Zoning Committee, COMcheck documents for the project,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the East Isles Residents Association supports the proposed development located at 1708 and 1710 W Lake Street, formally known as "seventeen10."

Be it further resolved that the East Isles Residents Association hopes that the ground floor space will be either a restaurant, cafe, or coffee shop that incorporates sidewalk seating.

The EIRA Board voted to approve the resolution.

A member of the Zoning Committee was in communication with Mono, tenant of the top floor of the MoZaic building about the light pollution. There is a problem with the shut-off timer for the lights and they will follow up in later in March.

The Zoning Committee wants more information before making a recommendation regarding the Shoreland Overlay District statement discussed at the February EIRA Board meeting.

The historic designation for the Thomas Lowry Memorial was approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission. The Zoning & Planning Committee and City Council will need to give final approval.

Carla Pardue will be joining the committee.

The next meeting is March 17, 5 pm at Grace. The agenda includes a presentation by Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave S, for their plans to renovate their education building and a discussion with Alliance Housing, a nonprofit agency that is considering purchasing 2200 Emerson Ave S (vacant property owned by The Bridge for Youth) to be operated as a rooming house for low income single adults. The property is not currently on the market.

Treasurer's Report, Andrew Degerstrom

The treasurer's report was presented. The 990 e-postcard 2014 tax filing was submitted and accepted by the IRS. A 1099 was prepared for Monica Smith.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Degerstrom

The committee did not meet in February and will no longer meet on a monthly basis. Meetings will be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

A multi-modal transit study will be conducted for the area around the proposed West Lake Station for Southwest LRT (the eastern boundary of the study area is E. Calhoun Parkway).

The committee may partner with other neighborhoods on concerns about Lake Street traffic.

Outreach & Nominations, Nancy Johnston

The committee is asking for help in recruiting two board members and two alternates to stand for election at the April 14th annual meeting.

Applications for the EIRA Coordinator position are due on March 27. The search committee will review applications and select candidates to be interviewed.

NRP Committee, Monica Smith

The committee has not met since January. The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the NRP and Parks Committees on March 18, 5:30 p.m. at Grace. People for Parks will attend the meeting to discuss options to fund park projects in East Isles.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet Master Plan. East Isles will not be given a seat on Community Advisory Committee because the neighborhood boundary does not touch Lake Calhoun.
- The Community Connections Conference will be March 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Park Board updates: a map of the proposed milfoil harvest areas for Lake of the Isles was presented; the Park Board's 2014 annual report was shared; a redesigned website was recently launched: www.minneapolisparcs.org. The Park Board is hosting a Spring Open House for volunteers on April 14, 5:00 p.m. (location to be announced).

- EIRA joined the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (\$50 for a one year membership). The EIRA Coordinator position is included on their job posting website at no additional cost (job posting are \$159 for non members).

Social Committee, Amy Sanborn

There is a conflict for the Ice Cream Social on August 13. The new date will be Thursday, July 30.

The Annual Meeting is April 14 at Grace and will include a social time at 6:15 p.m. featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with guest speakers City Council Member Goodman, Park Board Commissioner Tabb and Hennepin County Commissioner Greene. Lund's is donating \$50 worth of food. The EIRA Board approved a budget of up to \$350 for food at the event.

Green Team, Betsy Allis and Bill Elwood

Upcoming presentation in the food and climate change series (all at 7 pm at Grace): food allergens on March 23 and super foods on April 9. Email nrp@eastisles.org to sign up. Earth Day Clean Up is April 25.

Community Solar: The Green Team is participating in two efforts: Lake Street Challenge (neighborhoods along Lake Street teaming up with Xcel Energy to reduce energy) and the City of Minneapolis initiative for community solar. The Green Team will send two people to represent EIRA at a community solar informational meeting that the City is holding on April 30. The Green Team will present a planning document for energy reduction at the May 12th EIRA meeting.

The EIRA Board approved the Green Team's budget for upcoming events: \$167 for event materials/promotion and \$140 for food expenses.

Dan McLaughlin departed and Vaughn Emerson presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Board Review

The board reviewed and approved the 2014 Community Participation Program (CPP) annual report.

The EIRA Board approved a motion to make a donation of \$250 to Kenwood School for their annual carnival (May 16) and to have the new board look at a policy for guidelines and donations next year.

A centennial celebration for the Thomas Lowry Memorial (Smith Triangle) is tentatively being planned for August 18th. We are waiting for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting nrp@eastisles.org.

The next meeting is the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 6:15 p.m. social time with hors d'oeuvres, meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.