

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
November 12, 2013
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, and Michael Rossini. Alternate Rosita Acosta was also in attendance.

No official business was conducted because we did not have a quorum.

EIRA President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

- The City continues to work with the owner of 1800 Lake for a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon. The temporary solution for this winter will be to run a pipe across the ice to a lesser-used area of Lake Calhoun (at the owner's expense). The property owner believes that they have a new permanent solution to present to the City for approval.
- 2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall.
- The Board thanked CM Tuthill for her service to the neighborhood. East Isles has been redistricted to Ward 7. Lisa Goodman will be our Council Member beginning in January.

Commissioner Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, District 4

- A new recycling program will be rolled out in the parks beginning in Spring 2014.
- Turf maintenance continues around Lake of the Isles.
- The Park Board commissioned an independent study to evaluate the proposed shallow tunnel option for Southwest LRT and the possible effects on groundwater.
- Levin Triangle Park: they are working on some unresolved issues at the park. New boulevard trees will be planted in Spring 2014.
- A draft of the MPRB Urban Agriculture activity plan is available for public comment until December 31, 2013. For information: www.minneapolisparcs.org.
- The Superintendent's recommended budget includes capital improvements for East Isles parks (in 2019: \$200K for Smith Triangle and \$300K for The Mall).

REPORTS

Social Committee

- Board members sold 39 Wine Tasting Fundraiser tickets (\$975 for EIRA). Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers.
- The annual Ice Skating Party will be Sunday, January 26, 1-3 pm. The budget will be discussed at the EIRA's December meeting.

Zoning Committee

- The October 15th meeting included a Zoning and Planning Overview by Brian Schaffer, Principal City Planner CPED.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 5 pm at Grace. The agenda includes a presentation on the Shoreland Overlay District.

Transportation Committee

- Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Open Houses: 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

- The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is Tuesday, November 19, 7 pm at Grace. Agenda: Continue to discuss ways to evaluate current transportation options in East Isles.

Green Team

- All are invited to the Community Solar program on November 18, 7 pm at Grace.
- The committee continues to explore ways to engage East Isles kids in growing food.
- The Green Team will be working with a U of MN team of advertising, marketing, and design students on a campaign to connect with residents of multi-family housing in East Isles. Student supervisor is East Isles resident and U professor, Jennifer Johnson.
- The Green Team has a new "sandwich board" to announce the events, created by team member Jenika McGann.

Monica Smith, Staff Report

- Historic Context books have been sent to the Central Library, Walker Library and the Hennepin History Museum.

NRP Committee

The November 4th committee meeting included a presentation on the Celebrating Centennial Structures initiative. The committee supports the idea; no funding has been requested at this time. The committee discussed ideas for funding projects. Board members and residents are encouraged to submit project ideas for consideration.

The committee made three recommendation to the EIRA Board:

1. Shift the balance of the funds from the Residential Loan Program to the Affordable Housing Loan Program. The Residential Loan Program has been available since February 2012; only three home improvement loans have closed to-date for a total of \$19,075. The committee recommends shifting the balance of \$51K to the Affordable Housing Loan program to fund a supportive housing project at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church and a housing project at Portland & Franklin. The process requires a Plan Modification to increase the available funds in the Affordable Housing line item in the Phase II plan.
2. Change the Scope of the NRP Phase II Participation Agreement contract from planning purposes to implementation and extend the contract until 12/31/15.
3. Allow the Green Team to keep profits (\$74) from the 2013 Super Sale in a discretionary fund.

The EIRA Board will vote on these recommendations at the December 10th meeting.

The next NRP Committee meeting is January 7, 7 pm at Grace.

BOARD REVIEW

Uptown Association Annual Meeting

The EIRA Board offered the following questions for the Uptown Association's panel discussion of city officials and community advocates to be held at their annual meeting in January:

- Is there interest by the Uptown Association and other Uptown neighborhoods to partner with the Park Board to fund construction of the only "true" Uptown park to be located adjacent to the new Walker Library?
- What is your position about transit on the Greenway?
- What is the vision for the business community in Uptown (mix of businesses, etc)? What is the vision for Calhoun Square?
- Ideas for resolving parking shortage in Uptown.
- The 50th and France shopping district is welcoming and beautifully maintained. How can we do a better job with beautifying Uptown?

Miscellaneous

- EIRA will submit the Attorney General Annual Report in early 2014. The IRS application will be completed soon.
- Expenses from the 2013 Ice Cream Social will be submitted to the Community Participation Program.
- Monica Smith's contract expires on 12/31/13. Dan McLaughlin will work on renewing the contract and present to the EIRA Board for approval at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St