

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
October 8, 2013
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Ramon Ramirez Quintero (Treasurer), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini and Linda Schutz. Alternate Rosita Acosta and other East Isles residents and guests were also present.

EIRA Vice President Vaughn Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Leslie Foreman, Policy Aide to Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

- The developer of 1800 Lake (Lake & Knox) submitted their plan for a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon. City staff is examining the plan to see if it meets the criteria and timeline.
- 2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall. The City is proposing a 0% property tax levy. Individual property taxes may go up/down depending on changes in property value. Comments directed to CM Tuthill's office are encouraged: 612-673-2210 or email Meg.Tuthill@minneapolismn.gov meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov. See also www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget
- Election judges are needed for the November 5th election. A two-hour training session is required. Contact Meg's office if you are interested.
- The 5th Precinct is hosting a 911 and Burglary Prevention Presentation, on October 22, 6:30 pm, 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. Public invited.
- 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.
- CM Tuthill is hosting a 10th Ward Neighborhood Get Together on October 21, 6-7:30 pm, 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave S.
- The City Council approved both the density ordinance and the feral cat ordinance.

Aaron Hanauer, East Isles resident

Aaron Hanauer discussed his idea for pursuing a farmers market in the neighborhood to complement the community events such as the Ice Cream Social. He met with the representatives from the Kingfield Farmers Market and learned that the operation is a larger undertaking than he had imagined (among other things, requiring 8-12 volunteers per week). In general, the board did not feel it has the volunteer capacity for a market at this time.

REPORTS

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is October 30, 6-9 pm at Calhoun Square. It's a major fundraising effort for the neighborhood because EIRA retains 100% of the proceeds from its tickets sales (tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door). Volunteers are needed and get free admittance. To volunteer or buy tickets contact Amy at events@eastisles.org The event features over 400 varieties of wine, snacks by Chef Tim McKee and a fantastic mingling opportunity. Buy a ticket for yourself and/or as a gift for a friend.

Allan Amis, Zoning Committee

The September 17th Zoning Committee meeting included a presentation by Peterssen/Keller Architecture and CPM (developer of 1800 Lake) for a proposed new four-story mixed-use building (two floors of

office space and two floors of residential – 2 condos per floor) on the northeast corner of Lake and James (1618 W. Lake St., 1620 W. Lake St., and 2915 James Ave. S). They provided massing and shadowing studies. They are requesting variance for setback on three of the four sides and to increase the height of the building. The site is zoned C1 and is in the Shoreland Overlay District, both stipulating a maximum height of 35'; they are requesting 47', plus rooftop pergolas that add another 8' to the height, resulting in a height of 55' for a portion of the building. Off street parking is provided on the main level (no basement in the building). The committee did not take any action and will discuss again at their next meeting.

Daniel Oberpriller, CPM shared their plans to deal with the dewatering issue at 1800 Lake. They are proposing adding injections wells that will pump the water deeper into the ground and back into the aquifer.

The changes to the density ordinance were also discussed but no action was taken.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 5 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Candace Dow, Transportation Committee

- The committee has changed their regular meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church. The next meeting is October 15.
- EIRA's Fall Meeting on October 29th will include feature speakers focusing on Midtown transit alternatives.
- Reminder to attend the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Open Houses (see details above, under Leslie Foreman's report).

Monica Smith, Green Team

- A successful September Rain Garden Celebration attracted about 30 people.
- On November 18th, 7 pm at Grace Trinity Community Church will be a presentation by East Isles resident and solar-entrepreneur Gerardo Ruiz and a short film about solar energy.
- The team may write a grant for social outreach to multi-family buildings.

Monica Smith, Staff Report

- The next NRP Committee meeting is November 4, 7 pm at Grace.
- Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) is holding an Open House on October 24, 4-7 pm at 105 5th Ave.
- The Minneapolis History Collection and Archives at the Central Library contains resources on home and building history. Monica Smith to send copies of The East Isles Historic Context Study there, and to the Hennepin History Museum, and Walker Library when reopened.
- Urban Agriculture Mayoral Forum, October 23, 7-9 pm at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St.

BOARD REVIEW

Community Participation Program (CPP)

The application for the next three-year cycle is due by November 15th. The budget per year is \$25,859 (3% increase over current year). A draft of the application and budget was sent to board members prior to the meeting for review. The board approved a motion to approve the application and budget. Expenses from the 2013 Ice Cream Social will be discussed at the November meeting.

Fall Members' Meeting

The new date for the Fall Member's Meeting is Tuesday, October 29th. The evening begins with refreshments and social time at 6:30. The meeting agenda: 7 pm committee reports, 7:30 pm presentation

about the new Walker Library and 8 pm presentation about the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis. An ad will be go in the October issue of the Hill and Lake Press and fliers will be sent to EIRA board members for sharing with neighbors.

10th Ward Neighborhood Get Together: Donna Jansen will represent EIRA at the event on October 21st.

501(c)(4) application: Monica Smith and Ramon Ramirez Quintero continue to work on the application.

Open Forum

- An idea was proposed to celebrate centennial structures in East Isles, which may require funding for items such as research on properties in the neighborhood, speaker fees, and design fees for creating 100-year certificates. The board was supportive of exploring the idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

The Fall Members meeting is October 29 6:30 pm and the next EIRA Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St