

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
October 9, 2012
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Linda Schutz (Vice President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Renee Gust, and Jane Schommer.

Vice President Linda Schutz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

- The City Council recently approved the contract for single sort recycling. The implementation will be rolled out by truck routes (not by neighborhood) with one-third of the City beginning in November and the remaining two-thirds in Spring 2013. The City will send a mailer to residents explaining the procedure and timing and deliver new recycling carts. All recyclables will be combined into the new bin.
- Street sweeping begins the week of October 22nd. To view the schedule for your block, go to: www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/.
- The Uptown Association is hosting a Safety and Service Summit, October 11, 5-8 pm at Calhoun Square.
- Public meetings for Lake Calhoun/Lake of the Isles design charrette: October 9, 7-9 pm and October 13, 9-11 am. Both meets will be held at MoZaic, 1350 Lagoon Ave.

Bylaws

The Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department of the City of Minneapolis has asked EIRA to revised its bylaws to better comply with the guidelines for the Community Participation Program (CPP). The board unanimously approved the removal of the following sentence from Article VI, Section 2 (Committee Qualifications): "All committee members must be approved by the Board." This proposed change will be offered for approval to the EIRA membership at the Oct 23rd, Semi-Annual Members Meeting.

A second amendment to the bylaw relating to Article 1, Section 2 (Corporation Name, Purpose and Boundaries) was not addressed.

Semi-Annual Members Meeting, Oct 23

- The board unanimously approved a \$100 honorarium for the David Smith, park historian and guest speaker at the October 23 Members Meeting.
- The Members Meeting will also include a vote on the proposed bylaws change, a report about the Smith Triangle survey, and a neighborhood priority setting exercise.
- An ad will be published in the October 19th Hill and Lake Press to promote the meeting.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee

Recap of the September 18 Zoning Committee meeting:

- Discussion with Bob Kowalski and residents regarding possible noise abatement options for Kowalski's Market loading dock.
- Frothinger Properties on W Lake St (Commerical/Residential Development at 1618 W Lake, 1620 W Lake and 2915 James Ave): Preliminary Presentation to be followed by more detailed presentation at the upcoming Oct 16th Zoning Meeting.
- 2449 Girard: New Home Construction (beginning week of Oct 15). No variance requested.
- 2225 E Lake Of the Isles Pkwy: Historic Designation, remodel of front porch/rear/garage for

review by Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.

- Next Zoning Committee meeting: October 16, 5 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. with the Smith Triangle Park sub-committee to meet at approximately 6 p.m. (the expected conclusion time of the Zoning Committee) for about ½ hour thereafter.

Monica Smith, NRP/Staff Report

- Letters were sent to homes targeted as potential areas for new boulevard trees, explaining the process to request a free boulevard tree from the Park Board.
- Next NRP meeting Monday, November 5, 7 pm at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.
- Community Energy Services is offering a home energy visit for only \$30 through November 30. Details at www.mnces.org/mpls.

Green Team

- The demonstration Rain Garden was successfully installed with help from 20 volunteers! Please stop by and see the result at 2871 Humboldt Ave S (at The Mall). Look for details about further workshops in the winter and spring.
- Green Film: tentatively planned for November.
- The Green Team is considering applying for Green Empowerment Grant from Hennepin County.
- Green Team Coalition: Green Teams of five neighborhoods met last month. Will gather again on Dec. 12 to hear about Minneapolis Energy Options, a new campaign organized by Institute for Local Self-Reliance, MPIRG and Environment Minnesota that aims to open up Minneapolis' options vis-à-vis our electric and gas utility franchises.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

Upcoming EIRA meetings: Semi Annual Members' Meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m. and BOD meeting Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.