

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)**  
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD)  
Meeting June 9th, 2015 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present (8 of 11): Carla Pardue (Vice-President), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Bill Elwood, Bruce Larson, Saleem Karmaliani, Pete Mason, and Amy Sanborn. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Carla Pardue called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Lunch with Lisa will not take place in June or July. It will resume August 26<sup>th</sup>
- The owners of 2421 Humboldt Ave are asking for a larger garage. Michael Wee is the staff person to contact for more information.
- A reminder to sign up for the City's Organics Recycling Program.
- A reminder to water your trees during the summer months.

**Soren Jensen, Executive Director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC)**

- The Greenway Glow Arts Festival and Night Bike Ride will be Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to Midnight. It is a free arts festival on the Greenway featuring 30 different artists, food trucks, beer and wine, and music.
- There are new Trail Watch signs installed on the Greenway.
- The City is installing brighter lights on the greenway.
- The Greenway/Lake Street Connection Study is underway to find a way for the Greenway to better connect with Lake Street.
- Midtown Greenway Coalition is looking to add 3 more gardens along the Greenway that would be a part of their adopt-a-garden program.
- Midtown Greenway Coalition is trying to remove the black fence on the south side of the Greenway. The City owns the fence.

**Open Forum**

The City Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at City Hall Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. One item of note is that the City is changing the parking requirement for multi-unit buildings from 1 space per bedroom to 0 spaces per bedroom.

**Transportation Committee**

The Board approved Peter Mason as the new Chair of the Transportation Committee

**NRP Committee**

Staff presented on the City's Draft Review of NRP Funds. The Board approved the following comments on the proposal:

- Provide a pool of funds that neighborhoods with smaller CPP budget can utilize for help defray costs of robust community engagement.
- Change the waiver language to be "within the last three years" instead of "the last year" with respect to program income.

The Board recommended that these comments also be sent to East Isles' NCEC representative Deborah Behrens to review.

The Board approved \$15,000 for the replacement of benches on the Mall.

The Board approved \$7,500 for the planting of 15 trees on the boulevard curb of the westbound lane heading north towards the Greenway, between Humboldt and East Calhoun Parkway.

The Board approved a one-year extension of EIRA's contract with the Non-profit Assistance Fund. The Board directed the NRP Committee to develop a long-term plan for the contracted money.

A Board member asked about the proposed warming house on Lake of the Isles. Anita Tabb will present more information at the September Board Meeting.

### **Green Team**

The Green Team reported on the Plant Swap that took place May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2871 Humboldt. The weather was perfect for the event and it was well attended.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Sale will take place Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Green Team presented information on the Lake Street Energy Challenge.

The Board approved participating in the Lake Street Energy Challenge to monitor and reduce electricity usage and to expand the use of renewal energy alternatives.

### **Social Committee**

Update on the annual mailing, and changes that were made to the membership letter and membership form.

The social committee is looking for volunteers to staff the soda booth for the Uptown Art Fair. Contact [events@eastises.org](mailto:events@eastises.org) if interested.

The Board approved \$97 for the stuffing of the Green Team insert in the annual mailing.

A reminder to Committee Chairs to talk to Amy if they would like to table at the Ice Cream Social, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Treasurer Report**

The Board approved to move the association's financial management system from Quicken to QuickBooks online at a cost of \$12.95 per month.

The Board approved \$300 to reorder checks for the association.

### **Board Review**

The Board approved a move to Google Apps for Business (\$10 per month) to better manage email administration.

The Board approved sending a letter of support for the Bridge for Youth's Emergency Solutions Grant application. The letter is as follows:

June 9, 2015  
Tiffany Glasper  
Senior Project Coordinator  
Community Planning & Economic Development  
City of Minneapolis  
Crown Roller Mill Building  
105 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Ms. Glasper,

The Bridge for Youth, located at West 22nd Street and Emerson Avenue South, has been a member of the East Isles neighborhood since 1975. In 2008, The Bridge opened a new facility on the southeast corner of this block. This building houses all of the Bridge's programs including the Emergency Shelter, Transitions long-term shelter, crisis hotline, youth and family counseling, support groups, and administration.

As an important member of the community, we support efforts to maintain the property, as it sits on a highly visible, well-trafficked corner at the gateway to the neighborhood.

The East Isles Residents Association has reviewed the scope of proposed physical improvements to the building.

We support these improvements and The Bridge for Youth's funding application for an Emergency Solutions Grant with the City of Minneapolis.

Sincerely,

East Isles Residents Association Board of Directors

The Board approved a one-month extension of Monica Smith's services on an hourly basis to help with the transition of EIRA financials from Quicken to QuickBooks Online, and for other miscellaneous tasks.

The Board approved a motion to start filing with the State Attorney General's office.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p. m.**

Submitted by: John Louis, Recorder

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