

**East Isles Residents Association
2019 Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Isles Bun, 1424 W 28th Street

Agenda

Social Hour & Refreshments: (6:30-7:00)

Welcome & Announcements: Brad Ash, EIRA President (7:00-7:05)

Community Speakers (7:05-7:25)

Rep. Frank Hornstein took the floor to speak about the work he's been doing during the current legislative session, including getting a Hands Free Driving Bill passed. He thanked the neighborhood for their ongoing support.

Sen. Scott Dibble then spoke, and echoed Rep. Hornstein's thanks to the community. He spoke about his legislative agenda for the last 5 weeks of the current session, and encouraged anyone who has something they'd like to see to email or call his office.

Minneapolis School Board Director for District 4, Bob Walser, introduced himself and said that he is always open to meetings with people in the neighborhood to talk about Minneapolis Public Schools.

Mayor Jacob Frey took the floor to say a few words about the hard work the East Isles Residents Association has been doing. He mentioned the Farmers Market, the Lakeshore Restoration project and a few other projects. The Mayor emphasized that the only way that these projects get done is by involved citizens "rolling up their sleeves".

He also spoke about his greater agenda for Minneapolis, and that since the last time he spoke at the 2018 East Isles Residents Association Annual meeting, he has made great strides in improving and increasing the available affordable

housing in Minneapolis. He also commented on the success of the Final Four tournament that had just wrapped up, saying that he has heard that the results of a survey that was given out to visitors were overwhelmingly positive.

The final community speaker was Parks Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill. He spoke about his efforts, as well as those of the Parks Board, to stop the use of single use plastics in our parks and in our city. He also thanked Debbie Gold and EIRA for their ongoing efforts with the Farmers Market, the first on MPRB land.

EIRA President, Brad Ash, delivered Council Member Lisa Goodman's report since she was out-of-town. The next Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (12:00-1:00) at St. Thomas (Opus Hall #202). Yard waste collection began the week of April 8th and street sweeping will begin soon – be on the lookout for posted street signs. Transportation-related community workshops are happening around the city in April (<http://go.minneapolismn.gov/>). There are still many city commission and board openings, please check City website if interested (<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm>)

President's Report (7:25-7:50)

Brad Ash recapped the 2018 year with reports on the Farmers Market, green initiatives and increased outreach. Please see our website for a recap handout that was distributed at the meeting. Then he discussed upcoming 2019 events including the Earth Day cleanup, ice cream social, wine tasting and Farmers Markets. He expressed 2019 goals should include further improvements in outreach and communications and working with the city as our greater neighborhood area continues to grow.

Finally, President Ash concluded with information about our neighborhood representatives for the Minnesota Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Southwest Service Area Master Plan, Craig Wilson and Neighbourhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), Michael Malone. Craig Wilson has been participating in a series of workshops that just wrapped up and they will begin working on draft plans for the long-term vision of our parks. Meanwhile, NCEC is currently in contentious negotiations with Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) over the process and timeline for Neighborhoods 2020. Many

neighborhoods in our district and across the city have sent letters opposing parts or all of this plan and how it would impact neighborhood funding.

Introduce EIRA Coordinator (7:50 – 7:55)

The new coordinator, Molly Fleming, introduced herself and said a few words. She expressed her excitement about working for East Isles.

Treasurer's Report (7:55 – 8:00)

Amy Sanborn, Treasurer, that EIRA's finances are still doing well. She also reported that this year, due to the volume of sponsorships and profit from the Farmer's Market, our taxes had to be done differently and likely will need to be done in this new way going forward.

NRP Committee (8:00 – 8:05)

Mike Erlandson, Vice President of the Board and NRP Chair, reported on the EIRA Projects from the last year, namely the lakeshore restoration project. He and the NRP committee are working with MPRB to put in a shade structure at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. He also wanted to make sure everyone knew that any community member is welcome to attend an NRP committee meeting and bring their ideas for projects to the committee for consideration.

Zoning & Transportation Committees (8:05 – 8:15)

Andrew Degerstrom, Zoning Chair, reported on the project proposals that the Zoning Committee has heard. They include new multi-family buildings and a single family home. Andrew announced that, pending Board approval in May, the Zoning and Transportation Committees will be combined into a single committee. Anybody who is interested in joining the new committee or sitting in on meetings is invited to do so. Andrew also presented details on two transit projects, the METRO B and E Lines, coming to East Isles in the next several years (www.metrotransit.org/abrt). There will be an open house for both projects at Walker Library on May 22 from 4-6:30 pm.

East Isles Farmers Market (8:15 – 8:25)

Debbie Gold, Board Secretary and Director of the Farmers Market, reported on its rousing success last year and asked neighbors to continue their support by coming to shop. She plans to use lessons learned from last year to make the 2019 Market season even better. This year's season--in addition to more produce and flowers--will feature new and unique vendors such as a licensed, pharmaceutical grade CBD oil vendor, cheese, Kombucha, mushrooms, and homemade ice cream sandwiches vendors as well as fun activities such as Goat Yoga. The market opens on Thursday, June 13 and runs through September 12th.

Action Items (8:25 – 8:45)

- **Amending Bylaws**

Ellen Van Iwaarden presented her memo and new proposed bylaws to the meeting. The new bylaws will allow for East Isles Residents Association to become a 501c3. Other changes included making all language gender neutral, lowering the age of membership to 16, and amending membership requirements. The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the new bylaws.

- **Board Elections**

There were 5 new members interested in running for the board. Andrew Degerstrom, MacKenzie Nelson, John Barnett, Kate Svitavsky and Emma Erdahl. Seven current board members, Julia Curran, John Grochala, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Debbie Gold, Ellen Van Iwaarden and Mike Erlandson were willing to stand for re-election. This resulted in there being one more candidate than slots available. As a result, Kate Svitavsky graciously volunteered to run as a board alternate. John Erlandson who could not attend was also nominated and voted in as a board alternate. John was nominated after the bylaws had been changed to allow board members as young as 16, making him one of the youngest elected neighborhood leaders in the city. A voice vote was held and Degerstrom, Nelson, Barnett, Erdahl, Curran, Grochala, Havig, Morrow, Gold, Van

Iwaarden and M. Erlandson were elected to the board with Svitavsky and J. Erlandson elected as alternates.

Open Forum (8:45-9:00)

Adjourn

The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.