

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
July 10, 2012
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, and Jane Schommer. Alternate Donna Jansen was also present.

President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Announcement: The August and September meetings of the EIRA Board will be held at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St .

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis

- There was an armed robbery on 22nd and Girard, June 30 at 1:30 am. Call Minneapolis Police Department Tips Line at 612-692-TIPS if you have any information.
- Brian Schaffer is the new Principal City Planner for the Southwest Sector working on long range planning and planning policy.
- Uptown Market has closed after four years of operation.
- National Night Out is August 7, register your event for free by July 24th.
- The Zoning and Planning Committee will review proposed changes to the secondhand goods store ordinance on July 12.
- Polling place verification postcards have been mailed.
- City Council rejected the zoning change for the proposed Trader Joe's at 2700 Lyndale.
- CM Tuthill's office is researching information regarding possible uses for the vacant BP property at 2700 Hennepin Ave S.

Announcements

- Henry Jimenez was elected as the District 6 commissioner for the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC).
- A designer has been hired redesigning EIRA's website.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Al Rodriguez presented the Treasurer's Report.

Social Committee

- The Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 16, at Levin Triangle Park (1600 W 26th St) will be a combined East Isles and Park Board event to celebrate the grand re-opening of the park. The event will be from 6-9 pm (ceremony at 6:30 pm).
- EIRA will staff a pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair, August 3-5, volunteers are needed. Contact Amy Sanborn to help at events@eastisles.org.

Zoning Committee

- Smith Triangle (2330 Hennepin Ave) sub-committee continues to meet. Two adolescents attended tonight's meeting to share their views about Smith Triangle Park, and their desire to retain the park and its amenities.
A survey about the park will be included with our annual membership mailing. The survey will include information about the history of the park, the monument and person it honors.

NRP/Staff Report

- East Isles continues to offer low-interest loans for home improvements and grants for home security. Go to www.eastisles.org.
- The new Directors and Officers insurance has been secured. Neighborhood & Community Relations will reimburse EIRA for the premium expense out of their general fund.
- Waiting for confirmation from the City for our 2012-13 CPP application/funding.
- Burglary Prevention Presentation: August 22, 6-8 pm at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave S.

Green Team

- Green Team was awarded a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization for a demonstration rain garden at 2871 Humboldt Ave. Final details on the contract are being resolved. Rich Harrison, a Licensed Landscape Architect will receive \$600 of the \$4000 grant for consulting fees. A conflict of interest disclosure was submitted pursuant to previously adopted policy.
- Neighborhood-wide garage sale is being planned for Saturday, September 8. The Green Team will coordinate promotion of the event.

Board Review

- Take Back the Air proposed a resolution for the EIRA Board to consider regarding wood-burning recreation fires. The Board will revised the resolution and discuss further at the August meeting.
- Representatives from the Met Council will be invited an EIRA meeting to discuss possible transit options for the Midtown Greenway.
- The EIRA Board unanimously adopted three new policies to be in compliance with CPP funding (ADA, employment and grievance policies).
- Richard White will chair the Membership Committee.
- Bylaws need to be revised stating the EIRA is a 501(c)(4) organization.
- Reminder that EIRA member contact information (email addresses, etc.) may not be used for commercial, financial or political purposes.
- The EIRA Board will schedule a strategic planning meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder