

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)**  
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
June 12, 2012  
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Michael Rossini, and Jane Schommer. Alternate Donna Jansen was also present.

President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis**

- Recycling news: the City is now accepting plastics #1-7 and will offer single-sort recycling in 2013. A curb-side recycling information meeting will be held on June 21, 7 pm at Kenwood Park.
- The City is testing Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) on two intersections in Uptown (Hennepin Ave & Lake St and Hennepin Ave & Lagoon). LPI gives pedestrians the walk signal 3-5 seconds before the green signal for traffic.
- Uptown Market is open every Sunday 10 am – 3 pm through September in the Intermedia Arts parking lot at 2822 Lyndale.
- June 15: Nature Valley Grand Prix bicycle race in Uptown.
- CM Tuthill has asked for the proposed ordinance regarding the Temporary Expansion Permit to be postponed for one cycle to allow for more public input.
- The proposed Trader Joes development at 2700 Lyndale will be reviewed at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Zoning and Planning Committee.

**Open Forum**

The Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) will be holding elections on June 28. The two candidates for District 6 attended the meeting to introduce themselves: Henry Jimenez and Bryan Thornton.

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**Social Committee**

The Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 16 at Triangle Park will be a combined East Isles and Park Board event to celebrate the grand re-opening of the park. EIRA will staff a pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair, August 3-5, volunteers are needed. Contact Amy Sanborn to help: @amysanborn18@gmail.com.

**Zoning Committee**

- The EIRA Board unanimously approved the following motion: “EIRA supports the activity of Minneapolis planning department to initiate drafting a Conservation District Ordinance as requested by Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA).”
- Smith Triangle (2330 Hennepin) sub-committee continues to meet. A survey about the park will be included with our annual membership mailing. Input will also be sought from Lowry Hill, Lowry Hill East and the South Hennepin Business Association. Recommendations will be made to the Zoning Committee, then to the EIRA Board.
- The board encouraged the Zoning Committee to offer suggestion regarding possible uses for the vacant BP property at 2700 Hennepin Ave S.

## **NRP/Staff Report**

- Community Energy Services (CES) now has an online option for their energy saving workshop. Go to: [www.mnces.org/mpls](http://www.mnces.org/mpls) for more information
- Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority removed volunteer and dying trees, buckthorn, etc. on their property adjacent to the Midtown Greenway in East Isles. The NRP Committee is pursuing a replanting plan for the area.
- East Isles, Hennepin County and the City are partnering to add seven light poles along the East Isles section of the Midtown Greenway. Final approval of funding is expected by early August.
- Home improvement loans and home security grants are available for residents. More information is at [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org).
- The board approved expenditure for an ad in the July Hill and Lake Press to promote the Ice Cream Social.

## **Green Team**

- The barbecue and movie night on June 11 was a big success with 30+ people attending.
- Green Team applied for a grant for a demonstration rain garden at 2871 Humboldt Ave. If awarded, the EIRA NRP funds will contribute \$500 toward the \$4,000 project. Volunteers will be needed to construct the garden.
- The Ice Cream Social will be a zero waste event.
- Neighborhood-wide garage sale is being planned for Saturday, September 8. The Green Team will coordinate promotion of the event.

## **Board Review**

- The EIRA Board will meet monthly throughout the summer. A separate strategic planning meeting will be scheduled.
- EIRA receives funding from the City for the Community Participation Program (CPP). The current 18-month cycle ends on June 30, 2012 . EIRA's funding for the next 18-month cycle (July 1, 2012-December 31, 2013) is \$52,953 (including \$15K from the NRP Phase II equity fund). New for the next phase: money can be used for projects (Neighborhood Priority Plan); food is no longer an allowable expense. Documents were sent to the EIRA Board prior to the meeting for review. The board unanimously approved the required documents: 2011 Annual Report, application and budget for CPP beginning July 1. The CPP process requires additional policies to be in place. The policies will be reviewed at the July meeting.
- Included in the CPP budget is funding to redesign our website. Requests for proposals were sent to seven web developers. Kevin Fennell, our current webmaster was chosen to redesign the site.
- The board unanimously approved the proposal for a new Directors and Officers insurance policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder