

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
January 3, 2012
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Ginna Portman Amis, Vaughn Emerson, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, Ramon Ramirez Quintero, and Linda Schutz.

Vice President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Dan McLaughlin reported that EIRA is a self declared 501(c)(4) – not a 501(c)(3) as is stated in the bylaws. The bylaws will need to be amended but no action will be taken at this time.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis report:

- Told Development is working on a proposal for 27th St and Lyndale Ave. with Trader Joe's as the potential tenant. The site is not currently zone for that type of business and would require a zoning change to be permitted.
- Mosaic is proposing adding Bar Louie with 250 indoor and 150 outdoor seats.
- The public hearing for Tao Natural Foods will be January 5, 6 p.m. at Kenwood Rec Center. Tao Natural Foods has not been in contact with EIRA about their plans. EIRA will contact them to learn more about their application for a bar and wine license, expansion of exterior sidewalk seating and also interior seating, and changes in hours of operation.
- The Kite Festival will be held on January 21 (one week later than original date of Jan 14 due to warm weather) noon-4 p.m. at Lake Harriet.
- The four-way stop will be added to 24th and Fremont Ave in the next few months.
- CM Tuthill is waiting for information on a potential new development in CIDNA (near the Calhoun Beach Club).

Open Forum

The EIRA Board unanimously approved a motion to form a Nominations Committee to recruit candidates for the EIRA BOD employing a variety of citizen participations outreach and informational methods/efforts/techniques to broadly publicize opportunities to serve on the BOD at the Spring EIRA Members' annual meeting. A budget of up to \$150 was approved for the committee.

The committee will have a minimum of three members, including Chair Linda Schutz, Dan McLaughlin, and if she is agreeable to serve again on this special committee, past EIRA president, Nancy Johnston. Not all 11 EIRA board members are expected to return for another one-year term (May 2012 - April 2013).

Current board members' positions on reelection: four members running for re-election, three will not be seeking reelection, and four undecided/undeclared.

The BOD discussed changing the regular meeting dates since the first Tuesday of the month has several conflicts. Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith to discuss options to present at the February 7th BOD meeting.

REPORTS

EIRA Zoning Committee

Harvey Ettinger reported that the Zoning Committee has been in contact with Mike Warren, 2844 Irving Ave regarding an addition to his duplex. Mr. Warren will meet with the Minneapolis zoning staff then he will meet with EIRA's Zoning Committee.

EIRA received notification that the construction of a new home will begin soon at 2841 Lake of the Isles Parkway. The property owner may be invited to the February BOD meeting to present the plans.

Social Committee

The Ice Skating Social will be held on Sunday, January 22 (Jan. 29th is the back up date) from 1-3 p.m. at the Lake of the Isles Ice Rink. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be available. New this year, the Parade Figure Skating Club will be joining us.

The Social Committee was encouraged to make sure that fire pit regulations are met.

The BOD unanimously approved placing an ad in the January issue of the Hill and Lake Press to promote the social.

Treasurer's Report Al Rodriguez presented the Treasurer's report.

NRP Report

- The NRP Committee and the Green Team are promoting Community Energy Services (CES). A free workshop will be held on Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m., Jefferson Community School at 1200 26th St W. (other dates and times available). The price of the follow up home visit will be increasing in Spring 2012. Attend a workshop and schedule the home energy visit before the end of March to receive the home visit for just \$30.
- The administration of NRP has been transferred to the City of Minneapolis. EIRA's NRP Steering Committee secured contracts for much of the work we have been discussing. We are still pursuing a contract for improvements to the vegetation along the Greenway/Mall area and for boulevard trees.
- The BOD unanimously approved a budget of \$1,000 to produce a mailing to all East Isles residents to announce the NRP programs.
- Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith will meet with an interested resident to explore the formation of a communications committee.

Green Team

The Green Team met with Lowry Hill East, East Calhoun and CARAG to work on multi-unit composting partnership. They are working to identify one or two owners of multi-unit building in East Isles to join in a trial composting project. The next meeting for this project is January 12.

The next meeting of the East Isles Green Team is Monday, January 9.

The Green Team is hosting a screening of the film “No Impact Man” on Monday, January 16, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.

Strategic Planning

Dan McLaughlin reviewed demographic information about East Isles compiled by Wilder Research (October 2011). Dan also shared the ranking of the issues priorities that board members discussed at the November 2011 EIRA BOD meeting (top three issues were: zoning, parks and crime).

At the next BOD meeting, we will discuss the following:

- What we feel are key elements of our vibrant neighborhood and we want to preserve
- What we would like to improve
- What we do not want

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder