

**East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)**  
Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
May 8, 2012  
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Vaughn Emerson, Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, Jane Schommer, and Linda Schutz. Alternate Donna Jansen was also present.

Vice President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

- There have been a number of garage burglaries in East Isles. Bicycles are the target. Tips: record serial number of bikes and keep garage door openers out of sight.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct events (3101 Nicollet Ave S): Precinct Forum, May 10, 6-7 pm; and Open House, May 14, 5-7 pm.
- Open Street is planned for June 10, 10 am – 5 pm on Lyndale Ave., for more information: [www.openstreetsmpls.com](http://www.openstreetsmpls.com).
- The next One Minneapolis One Read book is Spirit Car by Diane Wilson.
- Mayor Rybak nominated Janeé Harteau to serve as the city's next police chief.
- Check out the bicycle safety video on the City's home page: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us)
- Construction has begun on Nicollet Ave between Lake St and 36<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Meet with Meg is June 12 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 3101 Nicollet.
- Contact 911 to report late night noise in Uptown. Also let CM Tuthill know about these livability issues.
- Uptown Theater signed a 20-year lease and will be adding a dining room serving liquor (need to purchase a ticket to access).

**Jay Halvorson, People for Parks**

People for Parks is an independent non-profit organization with the purpose of supporting Minneapolis parks. People for Parks is reaching out to neighborhoods for greater awareness and partnering opportunities for park improvements. [www.peopleforparks.net](http://www.peopleforparks.net)

**Julie Mellum, Barbara Johnson and Sue Romain, Take Back the Air**

Take Back the Air is a volunteer grassroots organization dedicated to education about harmful emissions and the health hazards of wood burning fires. [www.takebacktheair.com](http://www.takebacktheair.com)

**Election of EIRA officers**

The 2012-13 EIRA officers were unanimously elected. Dan McLaughlin, President; Linda Schutz, Vice President; Al Rodriguez, Treasurer; and Richard White, Secretary.

**REPORTS**

**Social Committee**

The EIRA Board unanimously approved a request by Amy Sanborn (Social Committee Chair) to secure the date for the Ice Cream Social (Thursday, August 16) at Triangle Park with a budget of \$2,200.

**Zoning Committee**

Co-chair Harvey Ettinger reported on the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Zoning Committee.

- The committee met with JJ's Coffee + Wine Bistro to review their plans for their new business at 1806 W Lake St. The committee voted unanimously to support JJ's application. The EIRA Board voted unanimously to adopted the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

- The committee also met with Holiday (2448 Hennepin Ave) to consider their request to expand their hours to 4 am – 2am daily. The Zoning Committee does not oppose the request. The EIRA Board voted unanimously to adopted the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.
- A sub-committee was formed regarding Smith Triangle. The sub-committee met on May 7 to review the history of the park and statue and to begin considering options. The sub-committee will do outreach to other neighborhoods and to East Isles residents. A survey is be considered to accompany the annual membership mailing.
- A sub-committee was formed to consider what type of development would be appropriate for the vacant BP site at 2700 Hennepin.

### **NRP/Staff Report**

- The NRP Steering Committee meets the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m. at Grace. Michael Rossini volunteered to join the committee as the EIRA Board liaison.
- The EIRA Board approved funding for an ad in the May Hill and Lake Press.
- CPP expenses were reviewed. The EIRA Board unanimously approved a motion to reallocate funds as needed.

### **Board Review**

- The EIRA Board unanimously approved expenditures for the 2012 membership campaign.
- Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith will work on a draft of the CPP application for review at the June EIRA Board meeting.
- Carla Pardue (elector) and Donna Jansen (alternate) will represent East Isles at the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission elections in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.  
Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder