

**East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 7 pm
Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Lee Todd (President), Ryan Brown, Sarah Buchlaw, Anja Curiskis, Kari Krautbauer, Paul Lussenhop, Adam Olson, Louis Schulz-Welo, Luke Varien

Staff present:

Andrew Degerstrom, Coordinator

1) Welcome

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) Announcements

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom gave the following announcements:

- 2021 collection of leaves and bundled brush ends week of November 15.
- Inspector Blackwell of the MPD 5th Precinct and her task force continue to monitor hot rodding and street racing behavior; working to preempt violators without vehicle changes. Inspector Blackwell has been working with the Intergovernmental Relations team to strengthen penalties for street racing/hot rodding, specifically escalating to vehicle forfeiture for multiple offenders.
- Office of Violence Prevention is gauging interest for in-person training for 12-25 Ward 10 residents; 6 hour training over 2 days (3 hours each day). The training is targeted to build skills around prevention in mental health crisis and wellness recovery featuring scenario-based actors.
- Rerouting of Metro Transit bus routes through Uptown on Friday and Saturday nights ended on October 31.
- City staff's recommended design for Hennepin Avenue reconstruction between Douglas and Lake will be released on November 15.

3) Staff Report

a. Electronic Votes Outside of Board Meeting

The following actions were taken via e-mail vote since the last Board meeting in September:

Motion to adopt resolution approving \$229 + shipping/taxes for the purchase of a cell phone and initial 12-month plan. *Motion carried with 12 ayes and 0 nays.*

Motion to adopt resolution approving Equitable Engagement Fund Application. *Motion carried with 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.*

Motion to adopt resolution approving purchase a \$500 gift to Monica in recognition for her years of service including a \$300 gift card for a night at the Hewing Hotel and \$200 cash gift for dinner/drinks at a restaurant of her choice downtown. *Motion carried with 12 ayes and 0 nays.*

b. NRP Phase III Plan Modification

Pursuant to NCR requirements, Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom presented a proposed plan modification request to East Bde Maka Ska's NRP Phase III Plan for approval.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 3b:

Motion to adopt resolution approving a plan modification request to reallocate funds between existing strategies in East Bde Maka Ska's NRP Phase III Plan. The proposed modifications would shift funds as follows:

2.1.4. Neighborhoods Respond to COVID-19 (\$1,575.46)

1.1.4. 2017-21 Engagement Efforts \$1,575.46

Further resolved that upon execution of this plan modification, the East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association would like to subsequently add the reallocated funds to its existing NRP Funding Agreement C-41895. *Motion by Brown, seconded by Lussenhop. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

c. Other Items

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom presented the following other items:

- Board members are required to submit an annual Conflict of Interest Certification. Andrew will figure out how to collect completed certifications from Board members considering that the Board is still meeting virtually.
- Andrew recommended that East Bde Maka Ska consolidate its bank accounts into a single checking account, citing the fact that QuickBooks will be able to segregate restricted and unrestricted funds without the need for separate checking accounts.

- Andrew recommended that East Bde Maka Ska purchase a DocuSign subscription to assist in the collection of signatures, and to specifically use in the payment authorization process.
- Andrew asked that each Board member consider when they would feel comfortable returning to in-person meetings.

4) Committee Reports

a. Naming Implementation Committee

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom gave an update on the logo design contest, reporting that the Board should be able to decide on next steps at next month's meeting.

b. Green Team

The Green Team is looking for a new Chair.

c. Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

The Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee is looking for a new Chair.

d. Livability Committee

Livability Committee Co-Chair Lee Todd reported on a letter he received from Adam Arvidson at the Park Board regarding the Bde Maka Ska Refectory. Specifically, in the letter, Mr. Arvidson stated that as part of the Capital Improvement Plan that was just presented to the Board of Commissioners, he proposed directing the entirety of available park dedication funds in East Bde Maka Ska to the Bde Maka Ska Refectory in 2022, going against East Bde Maka Ska's recommendation that approximately half of the available park dedication funds be directed towards the Loon-Lake Trolley Path project.

e. Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Chair Ryan Brown presented amended and restated bylaws to the Board for approval. The new bylaws are one of the final steps in order for East Bde Maka Ska to meet eligibility requirements for continued City funding under Neighborhoods 2020. During discussion, there was interest in reexamining the process around voting at the annual meeting, but Board members were ok with the process included in the new bylaws for the time being. Board member Sarah Buchlaw agreed to take the lead on looking into that issue.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 4e:

Motion to adopt resolution approving amended and restated bylaws for the East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association. *Motion by Buchlaw, seconded by Schulz-Welo. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

5) Appointments to Fill Board Vacancies

After the Annual Meeting in October, there was still four vacant seats on the Board. A call for applications to fill those seats was included in the e-newsletter. There has been 3 applicants so far: Bobbie Keller, Caren Dewar, and Dane Van Slooten. There was discussion amongst the Board questioning what information we ask for from applicants, and concern that the three applicants were not present. Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom took partial responsibility for the applicants not being in attendance as he gave them very short notice that their applications were being considered.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 5:

Motion to adopt resolution appointing the following people to fill vacant Board seats with terms expiring in 2023: Bobbie Keller, Caren Dewar, Dane Van Slooten. *Motion by Brown, seconded by Curiskis. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 1 nay.*

Board members Ryan Brown and Louis Schulz-Welo announced their resignations from the Board after this meeting, as both are moving out of the neighborhood. As a result, after this meeting, there will be four vacant board seats, two with terms expiring in 2022, one with a term expiring in 2023.

6) Discussion of Neighborhoods Day

The Board discussed the possibility of participating in the citywide Neighborhoods Day. The purpose is to promote participation in neighborhood associations citywide and would require East Bde Maka Ska to move its Annual Meeting and Board elections to coincide with Neighborhoods Day. The Board decided to keep the possibility of participation open in the future, but not to participate this upcoming year.

7) Officer Elections

Outgoing President Lee Todd presided over the elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary:

Paul Lussenhop was nominated for President by Lee Todd. *Paul Lussenhop was elected President with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

To give Board members more time to consider whether to serve as an officer, and to give the newly appointed Board members an opportunity to be considered as well, the elections for Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be postponed until the December meeting.

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Degerstrom