

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

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Board members present:**

Paul Lussenhop (President), Adam Olson (Treasurer), Kari Krautbauer (Secretary), Sarah Buchlaw, Anja Curiskis, Caren Dewar, Bobbie Keller, Lee Todd, Dane Van Slooten

**Staff present:**

Andrew Degerstrom, Coordinator

**Guests present:**

Tesha Christensen, Southwest Connector

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**1) Welcome & Introductions**

President Paul Lussenhop called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2) Tesha Christensen, Southwest Connector**

Tesha Christensen, owner and publisher of the Southwest Connector, joined the meeting to talk about the new paper and her vision for a partnership with neighborhood associations. The Southwest Connector is happy to print columns from neighborhood associations. The Southwest Connector will also be offering advertising discounts to neighborhood associations.

**3) Announcements**

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom announced that Minneapolis Public Works will be hosting a virtual open house on their recommended layout for the Hennepin Ave Reconstruction on Thursday, January 13, at 4:30 p.m.

**4) President's Report**

President Paul Lussenhop gave the following report:

The Vice President position is still vacant. As it's not a required position, it will remain vacant unless someone wants to volunteer for the role.

## 5) Staff Report

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom gave the following staff report:

### a. Bylaw Amendment

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom recommended a minor amendment to East Bde Maka Ska's Bylaws. The amendment would remove language stating that expenditures must be within budget unless the budget is revised with Board approval, and replaces it with language to refer to the Financial Management Policies & Procedures.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 5a:

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022R-01:** Resolved that East Bde Maka Ska amend its Bylaws, attached as Exhibit A. *Motion by Todd, seconded by Lussenhop. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

### b. Bank Accounts

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom recommended that East Bde Maka Ska consolidate its two checking accounts. The original intent behind having two checking accounts was to segregate City funds from East Bde Maka Ska's own funds. However, QuickBooks can segregate funds without the need for separate checking accounts, and a single checking account is easier from a bookkeeping standpoint.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 5b:

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022R-02:** Resolved that East Bde Maka Ska approve the closure of one of its checking accounts at Bridgewater Bank and that the funds be transferred to the checking account that will remain open. *Motion by Olson, seconded by Todd. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

## 6) Committee Reports

### a. Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee Chair Paul Lussenhop announced that the next committee meeting will be on January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### b. Culture, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom announced that the next committee meeting will be on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. The committee did not meet in December.

### c. Livability Committee

Lowry Hill East has started a snow shoveling group. The purpose is to have volunteers shovel sidewalks at problematic intersections and properties that need a little more attention to maintain pedestrian safety during the winter. There is interest in doing something similar in East Bde Maka Ska. The consensus was that the Livability Committee should take this project on.

After its meeting in December, the Livability Committee drafted comments regarding the City's traffic calming proposal for consideration by the Board to be submitted as part of the City's official comment period. After Board discussion, there was not consensus about including comments regarding the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction that were part of the Committee's recommended comments. Instead, the topic of the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction would be referred back to the Livability Committee to see if East Bde Maka Ska should adopt a standalone position.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 6c:

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022R-03:** Resolved that East Bde Maka Ska submit a letter to the City of Minneapolis regarding its traffic calming proposal, attached as Exhibit B. *Motion by Lussenhop, second by Todd. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

### 7) Logo Contest Update

Paul Lussenhop, Kari Krautbauer, Andrew Degerstrom, and Monica Smith met to discuss the voting process for the name change process to understand the issues that arose. It was the recommendation that East Bde Maka Ska use SurveyMonkey for the upcoming logo vote, as it can track IP addresses. East Bde Maka Ska will purchase a 1-month SurveyMonkey subscription for this purpose. After further discussion, it was decided that the vote will take place starting at the beginning of February and lasting for approximately 3 weeks, and that East Bde Maka Ska should attempt to have the logo vote promoted in both Southwest Voices and Southwest Connector.

### 8) Southwest Voices Donation Agreement

Coordinator presented the proposed donation agreement between Southwest Voices and the East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association. As part of the agreement, Southwest Voices would donate to East Bde Maka Ska a percentage of their membership subscription revenue from memberships purchased by East Bde Maka Ska residents. East Bde Maka Ska may promote the memberships, but is not obligated to do so.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 8:

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022R-04:** Resolved that East Bde Maka Ska approve the donation agreement with Southwest Voices, attached as Exhibit C. *Motion by Lussenhop, seconded by Olson. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.*

## 9) Adjournment

The Board had a general discussion with reactions to the beginning of publication for both Southwest Voices and the Southwest Connector. Coordinator Andrew Degerstrom explained that there is a donation agreement with Southwest Voices where they will make a donation to East Bde Maka Ska on a monthly basis based on the number of membership registrations from the East Bde Maka Ska neighborhood. The Board will need to vote to approve before formally entering into the donation agreement.

## 10) Adjourn

President Paul Lussenhop adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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*Minutes submitted by Andrew Degerstrom*

## **Proposed amendment to the East Bde Maka Ska Bylaws**

(this amendment is in connection with the adoption of Financial Management Policies and Procedures)

### VIII. Management Provisions

#### C. Annual Budget & Financial Information

The Board will consider programmatic goals and financial objectives in planning for the annual budget. The Board must review and adopt the budget annually. During the financial year, expenditures must be within budget, unless **approved as required by the financial policies and procedures** ~~the budget is revised with Board approval. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board.~~ Financial reports are required to be submitted to and reviewed by the full Board no less than quarterly. At minimum, the Board will regularly review the Corporation's: income statement, balance sheet, and budget to actual reports. At minimum, the Board will review annually, the annual financial report, any audit reports, and IRS 990 information return.

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January 6, 2022

Jennifer Lowry  
Public Works Traffic and Parking Services  
City of Minneapolis – Border Maintenance Facility  
300 Border Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Re: Traffic Calming Proposal

Dear Ms. Lowry,

The Livability Committee of East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood organization met to discuss the current draft of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming proposal from the City of Minneapolis. First, we were pleased to see this initiative being taken. We are encouraged that the proposed process puts neighborhood organizations into the initiation process; and we are also pleased to see that individuals without a strong neighborhood association still have a path forward to participate.

Our discussion focused on elements which would affect our neighborhood.

1. Traffic calming is all about safety. We would voice a concern regarding the attention to what drivers, pedestrians and bikers are able to see prior to entering an intersection. Several intersections in our neighborhood (along 31st and also nearby as vehicles turn onto or cross Lagoon from James or Irving) were specifically called out as dangerous because cars are parked blocking driver vision.

Even in areas where the 30 ft near the corner signs are posted, cars are parked in the area and rarely if ever are given a ticket. One person noted that in St Paul, this is less a problem simply because cars are aggressively ticketed. Beyond enforcement, it would be useful to explore something (bump outs?) that can be done structurally to ameliorate this issue while also providing traffic calming at such intersections.

2. A couple years ago, our neighbors invested in speed bumps on Humboldt Avenue South between 35th and 36th streets. This was both to address speeding on the block, discourage commuter from traffic cutting through the neighborhood and to try and slow down straight-shots going north and south between Lake and 36th. While this has had a significant impact, it does not address the remainder of Humboldt. The draft map excludes Humboldt as eligible for traffic calming. **We would want to see Humboldt included the**

**plan (Appendix A)** as other traffic calming may be appropriate toward the north end of this street due to its proximity to the core of Uptown.

3. The addition of the traffic calming installed on Humboldt has also brought our attention to the impact traffic calming on one street can have on adjacent streets. Often, they may simply shift the issues to an adjacent street. The process should address not only the specific street in the request, but the impact on neighboring streets and whether the issue is more broad than one (or two) streets. This could be integrated into a question on the application. Traffic calming should not just move the issue to an adjacent street, but should consider the overall impact of the area.

For both this type of calming solution as well as the effects on adjacent streets having data upon which to make decisions is an important step. We would encourage attention in the plan to developing cost effective data gathering to drive decisions on all traffic calming approaches.

- ~~4. Finally a more general comment which does impact our neighborhood even though the work being proposed is north of us on Hennepin from Lake to Franklin. The concept of putting bike lanes on commercial corridors such as this one, needs to be rethought. Some commercial streets are not wide enough to accommodate all the needs of street parking, bike lanes, mass transit and the pedestrian environment.~~

~~Alternate opportunities for accommodating bike traffic should be thoroughly considered before making this a priority over parking. As evidenced on Bryant Avenue South and other sharrows in the city, mixing bikes and automobile traffic is also a traffic calming tool to consider.~~

~~Choosing bike lanes over parking is a questionable option on Hennepin Avenue and is a topic that needs to look broadly as to the effect to the surrounding streets; in this particular instance other opportunities could be developed on Bryant and Humboldt or Irving with east-west connectors at most of the streets that cross these streets. The economic impact, the pedestrian safety, even the safety of bikers all argue for a different approach.~~

~~To us it is fairly simple. Move the bike lanes onto the adjacent neighborhood streets. The idea of biking on Hennepin as a good solution is not embraced by most of the people who bike. The neighborhood streets and major bike corridors such as the greenway and grand rounds (even Bryant Avenue S) currently are the preferred place most recreational bikers and commuter bikers use.~~

~~Riding on streets packed with cars, pedestrians, and busses is unpleasant and bikers will seek alternatives. Many of us who live in East Bde Maka Ska choose Humboldt or Irving as a much safer alternative than the recently installed lanes on Hennepin.~~

~~We should be investing in more of these major bike corridors rather than cramming bike lanes on major commercial corridors and in the process negatively impacting the very small~~

~~businesses which support the surrounding communities and make a corridor commercially successful.~~

Sincerely,

Paul Lussenhop  
President, East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association





In support of Southwest Minneapolis Neighborhood Associations\*, Southwest Voices pledges and promises to pay 8.3% of gross membership fees received from members of each organization's respective neighborhood.

Southwest Voices will include in the membership registration process a required field that contains a choice list to indicate a preferred neighborhood, electing among the choices named in the section at the bottom of the document.

Southwest Voices will pay out funds to each neighborhood based on the number of members allocated to each neighborhood. Payments will be sent by check or direct deposit on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The funds pledged are unrestricted to the respective neighborhood associations.

Southwest Voices understands that the neighborhood associations will use this recurring pledge in making commitments for expenditures, and in its communications and fundraising efforts regarding member participation in the paper.

Each neighborhood association may use the name Southwest Voices in approved donor recognition materials.

Either party may opt out of this agreement with a 30-day notice. The agreement is ongoing but will be revisited annually at which point it may be confirmed or modified.

Neighborhood Association signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Southwest Voices signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* - Includes Tangletown, Kingfield, Lyndale, West Maka Ska, East Bde Maka Ska, East Harriet, Lynnhurst, Fulton, Cedar Isles Dean, Kenwood, Stevens Square, Windom, South Uptown, Kenny, Armatage, Lowry Hill East / The Wedge, Whittier, East Isles, Lowry Hill, and Linden Hills.