

East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023, 7–9 pm

Online only—[join via Zoom](#)

1. Welcome - Zoom Ground Rules, Ice Breaker: Thang Holt, President 7:00pm

Attendance: Thang, Adam, Bobbie, Tim, Ben, Dane, Kari, Molly, Harry

2. Reports 7:10pm

a. President's Report: Thang Holt, President

b. Staff Report: Cuyler Dinegan, Coordinator

- **501c3 status update: Mission Guardian is at work on our 1023**—it'll soon be finalized by their attorney, Jen Birkin, and I've been assured the project will wrap by end of May.
- **Working on a joint-app for NCR's Collaboration & Shared Resources Fund with East Isles NA**, which could fund up to \$15K toward a shared fundraising consultant, and infrastructure costs like a storage unit, softwares, etc. I'll be passing the app to Tim soon for a pass at it, thanks to Tim for pitching in on that.
- **Neighborhood Priorities Survey closed April 30, had over 140 responses!** Outcomes confirm that public safety, green issues, and community-building are resident priorities we should be working on, and will be taken into account in our work and communications going forward.

c. Treasurer's Report: Adam Olson, Treasurer

- \$24,650 balance, expenses have been routine other than our final 501c3 charge
- Extra \$6,000 in NNF/EEF, is restricted to specific spending (admin, events, non-fundraising)
- 501c3 by November at the latest, ideally sooner but up to IRS

d. Logo

- Hoping to have Board members interview with Slalom to get fuller background on East Bde Maka Ska neighborhood.
- Bobbie: We should have an answer ready for when neighbors ask why we're doing this, explaining the nature of the redesign.
- Renters? Kari and Molly know some folks, will reach out to them.

e. Committee Updates

■ NRP Committee

- Hasn't met recently, keep thinking due to public safety concerns we need more information; think there should be Board level discussion (if not decision) on pivoting NRP funds toward Buy Back Program
- Tim: I agree with editorial comments, wonder what neighborhood lift is involved creating this new bucket

- Moving money would require neighborhood vote, don't believe creating a new bucket would require one
- The longer the money sits, the more likely it is to be clawed back
- Harry: I've been wondering about the other uses we talked about that could last longer - MPRB efforts, etc.
- Thang: There's a wish to something SOMETHING in the neighborhood right now, an urgency around that. We do owe the neighborhood a response as to 'why not' spend all of NRP on MPD Buy Back.
 - Creating park spaces that gets people out is shown to improve safety on the streets too
 - Tim: Monthly updates, let them know how much is being used for Security Grants, encourage folks to use them
 - Can also highlight PayPal, welcome resources, could use money toward Buy Back
 - "Our NRP doesn't have Buy Back in it's scope..."
 - Kari: We have Safety Sub-Committee Thursday's, will reiterate these sentiments there; there will also be a brainstorming exercise, will add your ideas with stickies

■ Livability Committee

- **Safety:** 50~ folks we ideated with about safety initiatives that could be formed, created sub-Committee email list; decision-making matrix going forward
 - This Thurs. May 25, 7:30-8:30 @ Lund's Community Rm
- **James Ave Apt update:** Had presented pre-pandemic; 12-unit building, 3 stories (looks like 2), looks like a good use of space, however no parking
 - https://static1.squarespace.com/static/50f4bd71e4b0c7661ad34ced/t/64628aa346943504ca5e94ff/1684179621610/JAMES+AVE+APTS_for+neighborhood_05-15-23.pdf
 - No variances, nothing to vote on here, just presented to get us on board with work that will happen in neighborhood
 - Tim: Any info provided on stormwater control? Environmental issues are something we're looking at - they're turning a small lot into a large building
 - Kari: Nothing water-specific in presentation - native plants being used, bicycle storage for all apts
 - Could include in newsletter when/if work starts
- **MPRB - Property at 34th/Irving:** Mcichael Schroeder (MPRB) talked about acquiring the burnt house lot and installing an overlook park (would be a Regional Park); MET Council supports 75% of appraised value, MPRB fundraises 25% (which we could donate to, as a neighborhood)
 - By May 24th they'll approve (or not) the purchase order
 - June approval of purchase order (MPRB)
 - July/Aug close on property, would speed up funding on actual park
 - Park Concept:
 - https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/4_Park_Concepts_Regional-Potential_200210.pdf
 - Tim: We need to make sure this is a park that people actually want to go to, not just become an encampment park

■ Social & Engagement Committee

1. May Events

Earth Day Cleanup in April drew 38 residents despite freezing temps and

snow, and our Trolley Neighborhood Social May 8 had a nice turnout too, thanks to Anja for planning and staffing these!

We had 2 events this past weekend—we partnered on a Personal Safety Workshop with South Uptown Neighborhood Association this past Saturday, which was well-attended - folks learned awareness and self-defense tactics from instructor Mary Brandl, I'll be sharing her takeaways in our next newsletter, website, etc. And our Sail Bde Maka Ska event, which filled up—20 folks on 3 boats, which went out yesterday morning on a serene Bde Maka Ska. I got some great pics and will post a thank you tomorrow!

2. June Events

Next up is our Ice Cream Neighborhood Social: Tues. June 6, 5:30–7:30 at La La Homemade Ice Cream & Luncheonette (Hennepin & 32nd)

- We've purchased ~50 free scoops, Anja will hand out scoop tokens to the first 50 who arrive
- They also serve a full menu, mark your calendars!

3. New Business 8:10pm

- **Thang:** Thank you all so much for what you already do! With some changes going through Leadership, I'm hoping some of you will step into sharing leadership on events to create a more successful atmosphere, planning.
 - We're down a VP, Thang would love to connect with someone on that front
 - We will be down a Secretary
 - Anja is co-Chairing Social & Engagement Committee, we do need someone on the Board to join them
 - Forward/text/email Thang if you want to step into role or know someone who does
- **Adam:** Would be good to show folks (who came to Public Safety Forum) that we're addressing safety, even in little ways. My plan:
 - Close out radon testing program and move \$5,000 in funds to home security grant program.
 - Increase home security grant reimbursement from \$250 to \$350 for households with income less than \$90k per/year (by self-attestation).
 - Purchase 48 personal security alarms (the kind recommended by Inspector Blackwell) for distribution to neighbors who want them at events. Estimated total cost: \$130.
 - Tim: Provide these to Safety Sub-Committee, could empower them to feel like we care what they think
 - Also some blocks that have income below \$90K - would Board consider a group purchase for alley light/cam purchases? Not just about YOUR house/doorbell, but what safeway we can enhance for all on the block
 - Caren: Some folks are confused by what to buy. What if we shared out Top 3 to buy?

- **Thang:** Motion to approve April meeting minutes? Kari first, Bobbie seconds. Unopposed.

4. Adjourn 8:20pm

We invite and encourage participation by all. If you require an accommodation to participate or access documents, please contact us at least 5 days in advance by email or 612-584-9260. Or contact MN Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529, or contact 7-1-1.