

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2013 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith and approved by the ECCO Board by electronic vote prior to publication.

Board Members Present: Sarah Sponheim, President; Harry Savage, Co-VP; Linda Todd, Co-VP; Glen Christianson, Treasurer; Andrew Bornhoft; Anja Curiskis; Kate Davenport; Susie Goldstein; Liz Heyman; Lara Norkus-Crampton; Jim Smith; and Heather Wulfsberg.

Board Member Absent: Emily Balogh

Guest: 10th Ward Council Member Meg Tuthill

ECCO Board President Sarah Sponheim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Todd requested that the ECCO Board submit a letter to the Park Board regarding the distressed trees on the 31st St median.

The ECCO Board approved a motion to appoint Harry Savage (replacing Glen Christianson) to represent ECCO on the Midtown Greenway Coalition board with Andrew Bornhoft serving as the alternate.

Ward 10 City Council Member Meg Tuthill

- The One Minneapolis One Read book is "A Choice of Weapons" by Gordon Parks.
- A community meeting will be held on September 12, 7-8 pm at Bryant Square Park, 3100 Bryant Ave S to discuss proposed zoning changes related to density for the following zoning designations: R5, R6, C1, C2, C3 and OR1. Contact CM Tuthill with feedback about the proposed changes.
- There are 71 openings on City boards and commissions. For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings.
- Minneapolis is offering \$25 trees to homeowners who lost trees during the June 21st storm. Order period: September 9-20 (while supplies last). For details, go to www.treetrust.org.
- The next Meet with Meg is September 16, 6 pm at Bryant Square Park featuring Velma Korbel, Civil Rights Director for the City of Minneapolis.
- Public Works is focusing on sidewalk repair from the June 21st storm. The striping on 31st St and the construction of the 36th St bikeway have been postponed until Spring 2014.
- The City has given the developers of 1800 Lake (Lake & Knox) until September 27 to provide a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) asked for an amendment to ECCO's grievance policy. The ECCO Board approved the removal of the last sentence of the policy that stated: "The person filing the appeal agrees to follow the NCR grievance procedure and accept their decision."

- The NRP tree treatment program has been successful this year. The program deadline for treatment this year is November 1st. The program balance is \$983. Monica recommended that the ECCO Board vote to move \$1981 from the expired NRP energy audit program to the tree treatment program. NCR requires 21-day notice for the action. The ECCO Board will take an electronic vote on September 26.
- Community Participation Program funding for the next three years has been approved. ECCO will receive the same allocation as the current three-year cycle. Expenditures for the current program were reviewed. Monica and Sarah will work on the application for the next cycle and present to the ECCO Board for approval at the November 7th meeting. Some funds will be reserved for new community priorities and some of the administrative expenses will be paid with NRP funds.
- The annual meeting will include a panel discussion format for elected officials and a presentation by MSP FairSkies about proposed increased airplane traffic over SW Minneapolis neighborhoods. The board will try to get pizzas donated for the meeting, but a food budget of \$300 was approved as a contingency.

President's Report, Sarah Sponheim

- The Whittier neighborhood is organizing a Ward 10 candidate forum in late October. ECCO will help sponsor the event.
- Monica Smith's contract is up for renewal in mid-September. A review process is required prior to approving a new contract. The current contract was extended until September 30. The ECCO Board voted to renew Monica's contract as written, contingent on the completion of a written and verbal review to be conducted by Sarah Sponheim, President and Harry Savage, VP, with Monica Smith.

Committee Reports

Green Team

- Uptown Green Team meeting is September 11, 7 pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and will feature solar expert Brian Ross.
- Dr. Paul Connett will speak about the health hazards of garbage burning on September 17, 7 pm at Mayflower Church, 106 E Diamond Lake Rd.
- A household hazardous waste collection event will be held on September 21, 10 am – 4 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave S.
- Volunteers are needed to staff waste stations at the Greek Festival.
- Minneapolis has seen a 58% increase in recycling rates since one-sort has been implemented citywide.

Livability Committee

- The committee did not meet in August.
- Next meeting is September 24, 7 pm at St. Mary's. The architects of a proposed project at Lake and James (NE corner) will be invited to present.

Communications

Work continues on the new website with a goal of launching the site in time for the Annual Meeting.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

The Midtown Greenway Coalition and most of the neighborhoods along the Greenway are advocating for a single-track streetcar on the Greenway. Metro Transit engineers are studying a double-track option. The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee is September 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Colin Powell Center, 2924 Fourth Ave. S. Individuals will be allowed to make brief statements.

Uptown Neighborhood News (UNN)

The UNN hired a new ad rep.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.