

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for November 7, 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; Andrew Bornhoft; Anja Curiskis; Susie Goldstein; Liz Heyman; Lara Norkus-Crampton; Jim Smith; and David Tompkins.

Board Member Absent: Emily Balogh, Kate Davenport, and Heather Wulfsberg.

Guests: 10th Ward Council Member Meg Tuthill and Kay Andersen, resident.

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

Ward 10 City Council Member Meg Tuthill

- The City continues to work with the owner of 1800 Lake (Lake & Knox) for a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon. The temporary solution for this winter will be to run a pipe across the ice to a lesser-used area of Lake Calhoun (at the owner's expense). The property owner believes that they have a new permanent solution to present to the City for approval.
- 2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall.
- CM Tuthill thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the neighborhood. This is her last meeting as the Ward 10 Council Member.

Kay Andersen, resident and former ECCO Board member, attended the meeting to suggest that the board should have a yearly review of the ECCO bylaws and to preface each visit from a presenter/developer with the reminder that the ECCO Board is an independent, non-partisan organization. The board will review the bylaws at the December meeting.

Officer Elections

The following officers were elected: Linda Todd, President; Andrew Bornhoft, Vice-President; and Susie Goldstein, Treasurer. The Secretary position remains open.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- Board members sold 99 tickets for the Wine Tasting Fundraiser, netting \$2,480 for ECCO.
- The board approved a draft of the application for the next three-year cycle of the Community Participation Program (CPP). The allocation for 2014 is \$24,412 of which \$10K will be reserved for a Neighborhood Priority Plan. An overall ECCO budget for 2014 was also approved. The majority of the expenses for staff will be paid by ECCO's NRP funds.
- In June 2013, the ECCO Board approved an annual report filing to the MN Attorney General. The board voted to change position and not submit the report because the AG's office lists ECCO as exempt from filing.

- ECCO will host a Holiday Caroling Party on Wednesday, December 18. Meet at St. Mary's at 6:30 pm. We will carol from 7-8 and end the evening with socializing and refreshments at the home of Judy and Michael Shields.

President's Report, Sarah Sponheim

- Sarah and Monica represented ECCO at the 10th Ward Get-Together hosted by Council Member Tuthill on October 21. The event allowed neighborhoods to showcase their work and share ideas.
- ECCO and other Ward 10 neighborhoods organized a forum for Ward 10 City Council candidates on October 22.
- The Uptown Association (UA) is accepting applications for new board members. The UA is also asking for neighborhood input for specific topics, questions or concerns that we would like to see addressed by a panel of new elected officials and stakeholders in our community at its January Annual Meeting. Sarah will solicit suggestions via email to be sent to the UA by the November 20th deadline.

Committee Reports

Livability Committee

The FAA is proposing implementing a new navigation system at MSP airport that will result in a significant increase in flights departing over Uptown (135 a day vs. the current 20-30).

Individual action is needed to: attend a Metropolitan Airports Commission meeting on November 20, 1:30 pm at MAC's General Offices Building, 6040 28th Ave S; send comments to elected officials; and to sign a petition opposing the proposal at www.MSPFairSkies.org.

The ECCO Board authorized the Livability Committee to go forward with the following recommendations:

- Send a e-blast to our distribution list with information about the proposal and include a sample letter that individuals can send to elected officials.
- Designate a representative to serve on MSPFairSkies.
- Send letters from the board to our federal elected officials, the Park Board and to the Uptown Association.

Next committee meeting is November 19, 7 pm at St. Mary's. The agenda will include continued discussion about the proposed mixed-use development at Lake and James (NE corner) and Southwest LRT.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

The Midtown Greenway Coalition is concerned about large sections of double-track rail being proposed for the Greenway in the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis. The Greenway Coalition prefers a single-track design.

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee is November 13.

The final chance for public input on the analysis will be at two Open Houses, 6-8 pm on

November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S *and* November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

Metro Transit staff will give a presentation to the ECCO Board at the December 5th meeting.

Uptown Neighborhood News (UNN)

The UNN is looking for more writers and another ad sales rep. They continue to operate with a “comfortable deficit.”

Communications

The redesigned website (www.eastcalhoun.org) was launched in early October. In one month, the site had 570 page views. Ideas for content are encouraged. A link to the Uptown Neighborhood News will be added.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church.