

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2014 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Board Members Present: Linda Todd, President; Andrew Bornhoft, Vice-President; Susie Goldstein, Treasurer; Emily Balogh; Kate Davenport; Paul Harstad; Harry Savage; David Tompkins; and Heather Wulfsberg.

Board Member Absent: Anja Curiskis, Liz Heyman and Lara Norkus-Crampton.

Guest: resident Ben Jilek

ECCO Board President Linda Todd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Sarah Sponheim and Jim Smith have resigned from the ECCO Board. Notes were sent to both Sarah and Jim thanking them for their dedication and service to the neighborhood. Board alternate Paul Harstad was elevated to board member. The board is seeking candidates for one open board seat.

Treasurer's Report, Susie Goldstein

Wine Tasting revenue from the door sales was \$1,104 bringing ECCO's total revenue from the event to \$3,609. We are awaiting the final grant payment for the raingarden project. ECCO's 2014 budget will be reviewed at the February board meeting.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- Community meetings for the Southwest LRT project will be held on January 7, 5-7:30 at Kenwood Community Center and January 9, 5-7:30 pm at St Louis Park Rec Center.
- The expenses for the CPP funding cycle ending 12/31/13 were reviewed. All of the funds were spent. ECCO's NPP funds reserved for the 36th St bikeway have been committed but not yet paid. Linda Todd will follow up with city planners on the status of the project.
- The annual report for the 2013 CPP program is due March 14th. A draft will be reviewed at the February board meeting.
- The ECCO Board signed thank you notes to Council Member Meg Tuthill and her staff and voted to include gift cards to area restaurants. The board also approved sending a thank you gift to Sarah Sponheim for her service as ECCO President and Chair of the Green Team.
- The Uptown Association's annual meeting is January 28th. ECCO will have an information table at the Expo portion of the event. Several board members are interested in attending the meeting. The board voted to use CPP funds to subsidize the ticket price for interested board members (ECCO will pay \$20 of the ticket price, and board members will be responsible for the balance).
- Neighborhood and Community Relations is hosting the 2nd Annual Community Connections Conference on Saturday, March 22nd from 8 am – 4:30 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is free. Registration will open mid-February.
- Home Security Grant program: the board will discuss possible changes to the program at the February meeting.
- The December 18th caroling party was a wonderful event. Special thanks to Judy and Michael Shields for opening their home for the post-caroling party.

Committee Reports

Livability Committee, Kate Davenport

The December meeting included a presentation by the architect for a new single family home to be built at 3336 Humboldt Ave and a discussion about Southwest Light Rail Transit.

Heather Wulfsberg will co-chair the Livability Committee along with Kate Davenport.

The committee has changed their regular meeting date to the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, January 20, 7 pm at St. Mary's. The agenda will include a presentation by Lake & Irving (1513 W Lake St) to discuss their application for Class C1 entertainment license (to allow for live entertainment of up to 5 musicians).

Green Team, David Tompkins

Sarah Sponheim resigned as the chair of the Green Team. David Tompkins will meet with Sarah to discuss ideas for the future of team. The Green Team will not meet in January.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Harry Savage

Meet Mayor Betsy Hodges at a transportation rally at noon on January 3rd on the Midtown Greenway at 5th Ave.

President's Report, Linda Todd

- RNAV: In December, the ECCO Board electronically approved sending letters to Senators Klobuchar and Franken. There has been no response. Regarding communication with residents: Linda will email a draft to board members for electronic approval. Information will go to residents in an eblast and to the Uptown Neighborhood News.
- The Board discussed the idea of joining the Uptown Association but decided against it at this time.

Focus of 2014 Board Activity

The Board brainstormed ideas for areas of focus for 2014. Ideas included: impacts to the local ecosystem, transportation, livability issues (noise, parking, crime) and RNAV. The Livability Committee will work on prioritizing the ideas and present a plan to the ECCO Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2014, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.