

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2015 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Tompkins and approved by the ECCO Board by electronic vote prior to publication.

Board members present: Susie Goldstein, President; Kate Davenport; Anna Flaig; Paul Harstad; Klaus Obergfell; Mark Rosenfeld; David Tompkins; and Caroline Vaaler.

Board members absent: Harry Savage, Vice-President; Abby Armstrong, Treasurer; Ben Jilek, Secretary; Anja Curiskis; and Steve Latham.

Guest: Council Member Lisa Bender, Ward 10

President Susie Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Staff Report, provided by Susie Goldstein

- No news on the Lakes Calhoun/Harriet Community Advisory Committee.
- Multimodal Transportation Study: to study connections around the proposed West Lake Station for Southwest LRT (the study area extends to East Calhoun Parkway). A walking tour is scheduled for April 21.
- Wine Tasting Fundraiser: will likely take place in fall; Great Clips will take part, Pat Fleetham is approaching local restaurant sponsorship.
- Solar Energy Community Meeting: Anja Curiskis and Kathy Scoggin will attend. City of Minneapolis and Metro Clean Energy Resource Team will host the meeting.
- Minneapolis Parks Forum, with League of Women Voters: panel to talk about parks and protecting the public interest April 7, 7-8:30 pm Armatage Park Community Center

Council Member Lisa Bender, Ward 10

- No news on plans for Suburban World Theater.
- As of March 30th, the groundwater pumping was shut off at 1800 Lake.
- Target Center: Lisa voted against the Target Center's request for renovation funds.
- State of the City address was today: Lisa highlights workers' rights, paid sick time, enforcing wage theft laws.
- Parking reform: reducing required parking in areas where good public transportation; long conversation about this, like going from 1 unit to 1 spot, perhaps 2 units per 1 spot.
- Initiatives on housing affordability: Lisa working on this
- Composting: first phase this fall, next phase following spring
- Waste Management Tour on April 28, 3-4:30. 16 spots available please RSVP.

Treasurer's Report

Susie Goldstein presented the Treasurer's Report. The ECCO Board voted to approve Klaus Obergfell as the new Treasurer.

Committee Reports

Communications

The Uptown Neighborhood News (UNN) will have a May issue but the situation is still precarious.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Paul Harstad

- May 2: Arbor Day, plantings near Nicollet, snacks and beverages, spots for 40 people to help
- June 20: Greenway Glow, with art installation no longer associated with the Northern Sparks event
- July 25: Tour de Fat Tire

Livability Committee, Kate Davenport

- The ECCO Board electronically voted no opposition to CPM development at 1710 W. Lake, but asked to hold the line on setbacks, look into organics and recycling infrastructure.
- The Healthy Communities Assessment Tool is an online tool that provides information on more than 40 physical, social, and economic conditions of community health. Users can examine how individual neighborhoods perform on each factor. <https://hci-minneapolis.icfwebservices.com>

Green Team, David Tompkins

- Cherry Tree Workshop: Date changed to April 9, 7-8 p.m. Cherry tree pickup and tree planting on the April 11-12.
- Earth Day Cleanup April 25, 9:30-noon at Lake Calhoun. Pizza lunch for volunteers.
- Pollinator Program May 16, 10-noon at St. Mary's.

Social, Mark Rosenfeld

- Happy Hour April 13, 5-6:30 pm Lake & Irving --will then ask someone to sponsor the event by paying for the food, or share with a neighbor and they should invite their friends and neighbors. May 11: next one, aim every second Monday

President's Report, Susie Goldstein

- Task Force Update - next meeting April 6th 6:30-8pm
 - Radon program: subsidize test kits and/or abatement
 - Nonprofits Assistance Fund: we would lend it to them for a short time but it is also working; also to wait for Park Board to do CAC for Lakes Harriet and Calhoun study and then we could partner with them.
- Community Connections Conference report - Placemaking - murals, parklet ideas.
- Uptown Community Engagement Meeting May 28, please identify community issues that affect life in Uptown
- Learning Labs... All are invited to attend RSVP to NCR@minneapolismn.gov:
 - April 29, Effectively Shaping Urban Development
 - May 27, Tips for Neighborhood Organizing
 - June 30, Financial Management
- Donation request – The ECCO Board approved a donation of \$500 to Minnesota Pops Orchestra.

- Super Sale update and discussion: June 6, 9-3. Discussion about having St. Mary's open for people to sell items, crafters, etc. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the effort.

New Business

- Mark Rosenfeld recommended that the ECCO bylaws should be updated to remove gender specific pronouns and to include a voice vote (vs. paper ballots) for ECCO Board members at the annual meeting. A vote will be taken at a future meeting.
- The public is invited to community advisory meeting at Walker Art Center for sculpture garden repair, making more ADA compliant, April 14-15, see project webpage at www.minneapolisparks.org.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7 pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.