

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2016 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: President Susie Goldstein, Vice President Brittany Edwards, Abby Armstrong, Nathan Campeau, Alex Cleberg, Rachel Hoben, Mark Rosenfeld, Mary Sabatke, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board member absent: Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Secretary Ben Jilek, Gary Farland, and Paul Harstad.

Guests: Council Member Lisa Bender; Roger Messner, ECCO's representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition; and Sally Spence, ECCO Green Team Chair.

President Susie Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Lisa Bender, Ward 10

- The Planning Commission approved Wells Fargo's second request for a sign variance.
- CM Bender is working on expanding the Pedestrian Overlay District.
- Ben Somogyi is leaving the Ward 10 office. Ron Harris has been hired as the new Policy Aide.
- A flyer about aggressive panhandling was distributed. Here is the link: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/report/police_crime-reporting_aggressivepanhandling
- Minneapolis is seeing an increase in gang activity.
- Regarding density in Uptown: guiding documents are the City's Comprehensive Plan, Uptown Small Area Plan and the legal framework is the zoning code.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan is being revised (this happens every 10 years; the plan needs to be completed in 2018). CM Bender is leading the process and is working to clarify growth along transit corridors. The demand for housing is increasing so the City needs to respond to the demand.
- The City Council recently approved an additional \$33 million for parks and streets over the next 20 years.
- The paid sick time ordinance is moving forward with support from the council. A public hearing will be held on May 18, 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. The final vote is expected on May 27.
- CM Bender approved Lucia's request to convert parking meters to 15-minute loading zone.

President's Report, Susie Goldstein

ECCO needs to select a representative to serve as ECCO's elector for the NCEC District 6 election on Thursday, June 16.

ECCO's Task Force is recommending that the ECCO Board approve a loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund to support affordable housing in Minneapolis. ECCO would provide a \$35,000 loan (term is 3 years; interest rate of 1.5%).

Funding sources:	Amount
Neighborhood Priority originally designated for 36 th St bikeway	\$8,990.14
Neighborhood Priority reserve funds (2014)	\$10,000.00
NRP Phase II – program income from housing loan program	\$16,009.86
Total loan amount	\$35,000.00
Possible service 2% fee from City	\$700.00

The City requires a 21-day notice to the community before a vote is taken to use funds reserved for a neighborhood priority. The ECCO Board will be asked to approve this recommendation at the June 2nd meeting.

The Task Force has completed its work and will be disbanded.

CPP funds were reviewed. On June 2nd, the ECCO Board will be asked to vote to shift \$10,000 from “not designated” to be used for CPP expenses.

Loon Lake Trolley Path: the board is considering organizing an event to mulch the trail.

The Park Board is hosting an Open House and Program Fair on Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. – Noon.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- The Loppet Foundation sent a thank you letter acknowledging ECCO’s donation.
- The Super Sale is Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Flyers with a registration form will be delivered.
- The Street Party is Saturday, June 4. The evening begins with the puppet show at 5 pm, followed by a potluck dinner, then games and music. Sparkit (the game/music trailer) is an allowable CPP expense.
- The ECCO Board approved the following purchases: \$100 for new table clothes, \$75 for grabbers (for trash pick up at events and Earth Day), and for compostable products for the street party.
- The Burglary Prevention Workshop is Thursday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. Meet in the garage of 3144 Irving Ave.
- Calhoun/Harriet CAC: The final meeting of the CAC is Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. The focus of the meeting is to prioritize improvement projects for \$3 million in 2017. The CAC has recommended that the name Lake Calhoun should be changed to Bde Maka Ska. A public comment period will be announced later this summer.
- The ECCO Board approved a motion to hire Hermey the Clown for the Labor Day Celebration (\$320).
- NCR issued a draft of the 2017-19 CPP guidelines for a 45-day review and comment period. The ECCO Board will discuss a response at its June meeting.
- The Minneapolis Health Department has release a new grant to support community-driven solutions for health.

Treasurer’s Report

ECCO’s financials remain strong.

Committee Reports

Social

The next Happy Hour event is Monday, May 9, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving. The committee is working on a proposal to increase attendance (drawing for prizes such as Nice Ride passes).

Livability Committee

The 1721 West Lake project (Lake and Knox) is being reworked and has been delayed.

The next meeting is Monday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of the Uptown Small Area Plan (USAP) and creating a questionnaire for developers.

Greater Uptown Community Partnership

The group is working to identify a project.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

The group is lobbying for removal of the stop signs for bikes/peds on the Greenway at Irving Ave and Humboldt Ave.

The Greenway Glow fundraiser is Saturday, June 18. Roger Messner has registered a team and looking for team members to join him. Register at www.midtowngreenway.org and join the group "Uptown Night Bikes".

A Progressive Dinner is being planned for September 18th. The first stop will be in ECCO.

Midtown Greenway Coalition is asking all neighborhoods along the Greenway to contribute \$500. The coalition will be asked to complete ECCO's donation request form.

The coalition is providing input on a proposed development at 2900 Pleasant Ave and the I-35W construction project.

Green Team

The Earth Day Clean Up on April 23rd went well.

Lake Street Energy Challenge will have an information table at the June 4th Street Party.

The Green Team is planning a zero waste event. Details to come.

Communications

ECCO's summer events postcard will go out in mid-May.

Events will be posted on our Facebook page and NextDoor.

New Business

Lake & Irving Restaurant notified ECCO that they are applying for a permit for an outdoor event in their parking lot during the North Star Bike Festival, Friday, June 17, 4:00-10:00 p.m. featuring music, beer and live music.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is the Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.