

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for September 1, 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, Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Abby Armstrong, Gary Farland, Paul Harstad, Mark Rosenfeld, Mary Sabatke, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board member absent: Nathan Campeau and Alex Cleberg.

Guests: Daniel Elias, Minneapolis Park & Recreation and residents Ben Nicla and Roger Messner.

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

Announcements

- The 2016 Minneapolis Housing Resource Guide is available at minneapolismn.gov/inspections/resources.
- Organics recycling training sessions: Tuesday, September 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave S and Thursday, October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Windom Park Northeast, 2251 Hayes St. For more information, minneapolismn.gov/organics.
- Home Energy Squad visits are offered for \$70 (free for income-qualified residents). The price goes up to \$100 in 2017. To schedule: mncee.org/hes-mpls

Calhoun-Harriet Trail and Access Improvements Project, Dan Elias, Park Board

The Park Board is working on plans to implement short-term priorities identified in the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan (construction in 2017). Priorities include trail rehabilitation, access improvements and bike/ped improvements at two areas of congestion. Open Houses are: Tuesday, October 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead, 3900 Bryant Ave S to review analysis and design concepts and Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead to review preferred concepts.

For more information, go to minneapolisparcs.org/currentprojects.

Ward 10 report

- Ballot initiatives: The MN Supreme Court ruled that that ballot initiatives on minimum wage and police liability insurance should not be place on the ballot.
- The Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit project on I-35W received needed funding from the Counties Transit Improvement Board to keep the project moving forward.
- Public hearings for two Ward 10 rezoning proposals for Ward 10 will be held at the City Planning Commission meeting on November 1
 - Expanding the Pedestrian Overlay District for Hennepin Ave, Lyndale Ave and Lake St.
 - Zoning changes in Lowry Hill East.
- The Fremont Ave bridge over the Midtown Greenway has been closed indefinitely to motor vehicle traffic due to safety concerns.

President's Report, Susie Goldstein

- Board members completed a survey initiated by the City to collect demographic information about volunteers serving on neighborhood boards.
- The Park Board is conducting a facility and grounds study of the Calhoun Refectory building (currently operated by The Tin Fish). The second of two open houses is Thursday, September 8, Noon-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Refectory, 3000 E Calhoun Pkwy.
- The Wine Tasting Fundraiser will not be held this October; we are working on a date for early spring.
- ECCO's Annual Meeting is Thursday, October 6. New board members are needed.
- The Minneapolis Bike Tour is Sunday, September 18.
- The board will discuss implementing a new neighbor welcome packet.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- The Labor Day Celebration is Monday, September 5 at St. Mary's.
- We are still working on evaluating insurance policies for our general liability insurance.
- The application for the 2017-19 Community Participation Program (CPP) is due on November 18. The current board may be asked to approve the application electronically since the board elections will be held in October and the new board will be unfamiliar with the program.

Staff Contract

The ECCO Board approved the renewal of the contract with Monica Smith for one year.

Committee Reports

Social

The next Happy Hour event is Monday, September 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving. Committee members will door-knock new homeowners to invite them to the event. The insurance agent does not recommend offering babysitting for the Happy Hour events for liability reasons.

Gary Farland will explore options for a community square dance.

Activity Committee

The Trolley Path mulch event will be held on Saturday, October 15 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Loon Lake Trolley Path.

Friends of the Walker Library

The jewelry sale in August raised \$900 for library programs. The Friends also implemented a donation-based book cart that is raising funds for the library.

Communications

The fall event mailing will go out by mid-month.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

The Progressive Dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 18. The first stop is in ECCO at 3040 James Ave S. Registration is \$45 at midtowngreenway.org.

Livability Committee

The committee met on August 15 and discussed electricity outages that occurred in late July. La La Homemade Ice Cream is now open at 3146 Hennepin.

The next meeting is Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Greater Uptown Community Partnership

Ben Nicla volunteered to serve as ECCO representative to this group since Rachel Hoben moved out of the neighborhood.

Green Team

There is an interest in working on aquatic invasive species and lead testing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting is the ECCO Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Pizza and Socializing; the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.