

ECCO MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, December 1, 2016, 7pm

Minutes taken by Ericka Palmer

Board members present: President Ralph Knox, Secretary Ericka Palmer, Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Bobbie Keller, Marya Morstad, Caroline Vaaler, Alex Cleberg

Board members absent: Mary Sabatke, Nathan Campeau, Gary Farland, Luke Schaan, Vice President Ben Nicla

Guests:

ECCO residents: Susie Goldstein

Other guests: Lisa Bender

REPORT: LISA BENDER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Topics discussed:

- Addressing uptick in hate-related activities
- Sanctuary City status
- Budget process
- Community policing
- Addressing domestic violence
- Pedestrian Overlay District adopted
- 'Meeting in a box' kit created by CPED
- DAPL protests, council association to Wells Fargo
- Calhoun Parkway development

COMMITTEE/EVENT REPORTS

Wine Tasting Event— Susie

A committee of neighborhood representatives will have their first meeting in January, with the hope to have the event in the spring.

Livability report— Susie Goldstein

- 3020 East Calhoun Parkway update— By Dec 5 we hope to get the packet of information we requested from developer with a week to review. Some input by outside neighborhood people about potential precedent for lakefront development.
- Solhem on Holmes— 3009- 3013 Holmes— Public hearing tentatively on the 9th of January. Bobbie will write a letter for the livability committee to send a letter. The ECCO Board will electronically vote on the letter.

Communications report —Caroline Vaaler

May do a quick postcard in January regarding any potential solar initiative.

Otherwise, will wait to promote the wine event.

Social — Alex Cleberg

The November Happy Hour went well, about 15 people came.

The next Happy Hour is Monday, December 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving.

Holiday Caroling— Bobbie Keller

The caroling will take place on Tuesday, December 13. Gather at St. Mary's at 6:30 pm. Caroling will be from 7:00-8:00 pm followed by a social gathering.

Midtown Greenway Coalition report - Roger Messner, absent

Great Uptown Community Partnership report — Ben Nicla, absent

Green Team — Sally Spence and Chuck Bennett, absent

Solar

— Email update regarding solar was sent to board members in advance of the meeting for review.

— Concerns were noted about supporting one vendor. East Isles has engaged in a contract with one vendor— suggested we should invite them to talk with the Green Team or the board. Will be put on agenda in January.

STAFF REPORT – Monica Smith

NRP Contract Extension

Includes home security grant, home barrel grant, radon grant needs to be extended for up to 2 years. Approved.

Ideas generated by residents at Labor Day and annual meeting

Ideas were compiled and shared. The ECCO Board will discuss further in January.

Calhoun/Harriet Improvements

A preferred plan was created and will be distributed to board. Will be adding a bike/pedestrian crossing from East Calhoun Parkway/Tin Fish area crossing Lake Street. Nice Ride station will move. Lake Street bridge bike/ped path- they will be taking out one lane of traffic as Lake Street curves around the lake after Thomas Ave and then expand back to three lanes once past the bridge. Hopefully this will slow traffic to an otherwise speedy area.

CPP Budget — Funding from city

We will be starting a new three-year cycle in January. Projected carryover to 2017 is \$4,095.

Radon Grant

An amount for \$387.50 was approved for a neighbor who used the radon grant.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Klaus Obergfell

Nothing new to report.

Yard Signs - Sheila Eldred, absent – tabled until next month

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ralph Knox

Need 1 additional board member and alternatives

Gift card for Susie Goldstein as a thank you for her service.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Crime Prevention Event— 5th precinct community room Feb 21st, 6:30pm.

Meeting concluded at 9:11pm.