

ECCO MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7pm
Minutes taken by Ericka Palmer

Board members present: Outgoing President Susie Goldstein, Incoming President Ralph Knox, Vice President Ben Nicla, Secretary Ericka Palmer, Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Nathan Campeau, Alex Celberg, Gary Farland, Bobbie Keller, Marya Morstad, Mary Sabatke, and Luke Schaan

Board member absent: Caroline Vaaler

Guests:

ECCO residents: Kay Anderson, Chuck Bennett, Sally Spence, Cynthia Stokes, Lee Todd, and Jenny & Jonas Walter

Other guests: Lindsey Wallace from Lisa Bender's office, Harvey Ettinger, Arlene Fried, Mary Harlow and Michael Wilson

REPORT: LISA BENDER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Lindsey Wallace— Lisa Bender representative

- Budget time on council

Lindsey shared variety of items and expenditures Bender is supporting ranging from bike infrastructure to police/fire dept expenditures and public health.

- CM Bender is hosting a Ward 10 Community Meeting on Safety and Policing

Thursday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cavalry Baptist Church, 2608 Blaisdell Ave S

- CPM Development, 3017, 3021, 3025 East Calhoun Pkwy

Have not submitted any applications to the city yet.

Only seen the Southwest Journal article about it.

No position yet.

- Lawsuit about paid sick time ordinance

No update yet. Injunction is scheduled for a hearing early December

- Pedestrian Overlay District expansion

Some business owners were wary, but most were for it.

Did get approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Outgoing President Susie Goldstein

East Calhoun Parkway Condo Development

Address of proposed CPM development: 3017, 3021, 3025 East Calhoun Pkwy

Known concerns:

- Height within Shoreland Overlay District
- Water table (developers say it will not impact)
- Building Materials and exterior
- Zoning
- Construction- materials, impact on alley
- Impervious surfaces
- Requirements by MPLS for alley width
- Alley impact- space, potential damages, light pollution, and safety

The developer saw a draft of the letter in ECCO's e-newsletter and they are working on the requests and issues.

Livability Committee Letter: Next steps

- Several neighbors and a few outside ECCO attended for this portion of the meeting, mostly to note their ongoing concerns.
- Based on comments and feedback, we will rewrite the letter, take out all subjective comments on feelings or desired outcomes, and only ask for the information needed. As this is an iterative process and the initial meeting did not provide adequate information, this letter only serves to highlight first impression concerns and request for specific information.
- The letter will be redrafted by Susie Goldstein, sent out to board members for approval or amendments and sent to the development stakeholders.
- The next Livability Committee meeting is Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. The developers will

return with more information. After that point, the board will be better positioned to potentially make its recommendation on the development, or request additional information.

Committee Chair assignments

Responsibilities of chairs:

- 1 week before your meeting, get your agenda to Monica, send out to committee members
- Confirm your own speakers
- If any handouts/links, you are responsible for those, providing all materials
- Run meetings, as needed
- Report to board

Members signed up for their committee(s) via a clipboard.

Alex Cleberg is new social committee chair; Sally Spence and Chuck Bennett are Co-Chairs of the Green Team.

Donation Request

Cynthia Stokes, ECCO resident and member of Minneapolis Pops Orchestra requested a \$500 donation.

Donation comes from unrestricted funds

Approved

\$800 of our budgeted donations for the year used out of the \$1000 allocated

Calhoun Trail and Access Improvements Open House

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead, 3900 Bryant Ave S.

This is the second of two open houses. Preferred concepts will be revealed.

GREEN TEAM REPORT (CO-CHAIRS SALLY SPENCER AND CHUCK BENNETT)

Ideas

- Zero Waste
- Energy Squad

- Might expand Earth Day
- Look into pet/environment friendly winter deicing products

Solar

- Chuck met with someone from Alliance for Sustainability about community solar
- The window of opportunity for individual sign ups for solar is closing.
- Alliance for Sustainability has a partnership with MN Community Solar, have 1000 slots for families to sign up in next 6-7 months
- Good traction with Lake Street Energy Challenge
- Suggests an informational event in January for the community to make people aware.
- Concerns were noted about promoting one developer

Sally and Chuck will research and draft further suggestions for the December meeting.

STAFF REPORT – Monica Smith

2017 Budget for Unrestricted Expenditures

The 2017 budget for unrestricted expenditures (i.e. food and fun) was approved at \$4170. Specific line item expenditures will be approved at an upcoming meeting.

NRP Contract Extension

Tabled to December

Personal Safety Workshop report

The event was held on October 26 and hosted with three other neighborhoods at Bryant Square Park. 40 people attended. Used CPP money for speaker and education. Would like to do it twice a year.

Open Streets (Lake Street)

- 2017 will likely be from Elliott Ave to Minnehaha Ave
- Organizers would like to talk with the board in 2017 about the idea of doing a full Lake Street event in 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT — KLAUS OBERGFELL

Nothing to report since the recent annual meeting presentation
Check will go out in 2016 to Minneapolis Pops

COMMITTEE/EVENT REPORTS

Social: Alex is new chair

November 14th is next Happy Hour at Lake & Irving, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Holiday Caroling event (Mary Sabatke)- December 13th, gather at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m.

It was suggested that process documents be created for ECCO events to build structure and sustainability in leadership of these events.

Midtown Greenway Coalition report:

Roger Messner was not in attendance, but he let Susie know he is enjoying his work there and it is going well. New traffic stripes on the Greenway are latest development.

Communications report (Caroline Vaaler chair)

Caroline not present, nothing to report

Event update: Trolley Path Mulching — Nathan Campeau —

13 volunteers. Dunn Bros donated hot water for hot chocolate.

Great Uptown Community Partnership report — Ben Nicla —

Issues with parking has been main issue discussed

- Invited police inspector for 5th precinct to talk about preventable crime

- Wants to fund signage to point people to parking ramps

Livability report— Susie Goldstein

- Resurfaced Development proposal: 1721 West Lake Street—
Corner of Knox and Lake Street across from Edgewater - CPM — more coming

- James Nash from Xcel energy — issues with grid outages will be addressed this summer

- New development proposal: 3453 Hennepin on CARAG side— Asking for zoning change from R2B to R3. Two letters from neighbors in our ECCO have sent letters because of concerns about parking, etc. CARAG had a meeting about it last night. The developer has not applied for anything with the city yet. Developer has met with CARAG— their land use committee (similar to ECCO’s livability committee) recommended the project to move forward. Anyone in the community who shows up at their next meeting can vote, which could potential alter the development’s future.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

President - Ralph Knox
Vice President - Ben Nicla
Secretary - Ericka Palmer
Treasurer - Klaus Obergfell

NEW BUSINESS

Calhoun Square will host a holiday tree lot. Proceeds will benefit ECCO and three other Uptown neighborhoods. The tree lot opens on Friday, November 25. A tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 26, 4:00 p.m. on Girard (between Calhoun Square and the parking ramp).

Board photo.

Meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m.