

ECCO MEETING MINUTES — Thursday April 6, 2017

7pm

Minutes taken by Ericka Palmer

Board members present: President Ralph Knox, Secretary Ericka Palmer, Gary Farland, Bobbie Keller, Marya Morstad and Mary Sabatke

Board members absent: Vice President Luke Schaan, Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Nathan Campeau, Alex Cleberg and Caroline Vaaler

Guests: Lindsey Wallace, Council Member Lisa Bender's office

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Representative: Lindsey Wallace

Topics discussed:

- Minimum wage — the city has had more than a dozen listening sessions through the end of March. City staff is synthesizing the feedback to give a recommendation to the City Council.
- Community Connections Conference was held on April 1.
- Hennepin Reconstruction — CM Bender received ECCO's letter. A possible public engagement meeting is tentatively planned for April 27. The city will have a preferred concept to discuss by that meeting.
- Planned bikeways in Ward 10 — a Ward 10 bike advisory group will be formed to give advice on routes including the location of new lanes, usage, etc. April 24, 6-8pm at Whittier Park.

COMMITTEE/EVENT REPORTS

Livability

- Hennepin Avenue South Reconstruction project — the ECCO Board approved the Livability letter to Lisa Bender.
- Next Livability meeting is April 17, 7pm.

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting

- Tentative date — October 26, 6-9pm at St. Mary's.

Communications

- Postcard mailing (early May) to promote the June 3 events. Deadline to include other committee news is April 10 .

Social

- Happy Hour, April 10, 5-6:30pm at Lake & Irving restaurant
- June 3 block party and Super Sale

Green Team

- Solar program — The informational meeting March 16 and had a small turnout. Changes have been made to the contracting process; clarity surrounding the short-term contract was found to be lacking.

Friend of Walker Library

- Friday, June 2 — Walk in Lakewood Cemetery to identify famous women buried there.
- Donations are welcomed for the book cart.
- Big Sale — Supports programming for the library and includes jewelry, scarves, etc.
- Friends of Walker Library are paying for public art displays done by neighborhood artists.

STAFF REPORT – Monica Smith (absent)

TREASURER'S REPORT — Klaus Obergfell (absent)

- Nothing new to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ralph Knox

- Earth Day Clean Up — Saturday, April 22, 9:30am - noon
- Southwest Communities “Futures of Neighborhoods” Conversation — Monday, May 8. Dinner at 6pm, program 6:30-8:30 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- “All are Welcome” signs will hopefully arrive by the next ECCO Happy Hour on April 10.
- ECCO continue to look for representatives for the Midtown Greenway Coalition as well as the Greater Uptown Community Partnership.
- Two ECCO Board member vacancies need to be filled; there have been a couple of potential candidates identified.
- Public Art permits are now available (for utility boxes, etc.). Will be brought up at the next meeting. Could be a good opportunity.

Meeting concluded at 8:19 pm.