

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2018 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Ralph Knox, Vice President Gary Farland, Treasurer Luke Schaan, Secretary Bobbie Keller, Mary Sabatke, Lee Todd, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board members absent: Tim Haas, Marya Morstad, Rhoda Reighard, Amy Rutherford, Judy Shields, and Jenny/Jonas Walter.

ECCO residents: Board Alternate Dane Stimart, Ryan Brown, Carol Dines, and Bob Hentges.

### **Announcements**

- The Community Connections Conference is Saturday, February 10, 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at the Convention Center.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officially approved the name change of Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska in January 2018.
- The ECCO Board meeting in April has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 12.
- The City of Minneapolis commissioned a Pedestrian Crash Study, which analyzed more than 3,000 pedestrian-motorist crash records over 10 years from 2007-2016. Go to [minneapolismn.gov/pedestrian/data/WCMSP-206913](http://minneapolismn.gov/pedestrian/data/WCMSP-206913) to read the report.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Committee Chair Assignments**

- Susie Goldstein has resigned as the Chair of the Livability Committee. Special thanks to Susie for her service to the neighborhood. A new committee Chair will be appointed.
- Dane Stimart volunteered to be the site coordinator for the Earth Day Clean Up on April 21.
- The Chair of the Green Team is also an open position.

#### **Livability Committee**

Sons of Norway project:

- The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Sons of Norway project.
- The two letters opposing the project submitted by the ECCO Board were not included in the public record prior to the Planning Commission public hearing. The postcards mailed in by a number of residents opposing the project were not included in the public record either.
- The ECCO Board approved a motion to have Ralph Knox communicate with the City to raise an objection that the ECCO Board's letters and the postcards were not included in the public record and ask that all of the communication regarding the project be included in the public record going forward.
- In late January 2018, the ECCO Board electronically approved the following motion: The ECCO Board will allocate \$450 from the unrestricted funds to file an appeal on the Sons of Norway project decision by the Minneapolis Planning Commission. The ECCO Board supports the appeal, financially and officially.
- ECCO's appeal will be heard by the Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council on February 15. Lara Norkus-Crampton has filed the appeal on behalf of ECCO.

### **NRP, Gary Farland**

- The workshop for lead and radon testing will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at St. Mary's. Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The workshop will feature speakers from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minneapolis Water Works.
- The board approved a motion to approve \$230 out of NRP funds for printing and delivering of a flyer to promote the workshop.
- The East Isles neighborhood is spending about \$25K to refresh the warming house at Lake of the Isles ice rink. CIDNA contributed an additional \$1K. An amendment (Plan Modification) to ECCO's NRP plan was previously sent to the ECCO Board to consider expanding the scope of the plan to provide funding for the project.
- The ECCO Board approved the following language change for the NRP Phase II plan:  
Phase II, Strategy 4.1.4.1.  
~~Lake Calhoun Park Improvements~~  
Partner with Minneapolis Park Board and other organizations to enhance public areas in and around East Calhoun and the Chain of Lakes as it relates to the master plan for Lake Calhoun, support the enhancement of the Loon Lake Trolley Path, and offer additional recycling opportunities on the east side of Lake Calhoun.
- The ECCO Board approved the NRP Committee's recommendation to contribute \$2,162 toward the warming house project. Funds would come from NRP Phase II, Park Improvements strategy, which currently has a balance of \$13,674.

### **Social Committee**

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

### **Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke**

- Target gave a \$100 gift card that was donated to the Children and Youth librarian.
- The book cart is going well.
- ECCO resident Kay Christianson will have a photography exhibit at the library in April.
- The Friends are planning for the annual jewelry sale in August.

### **Midtown Greenway Coalition**

No report.

### **Staff Report, Monica Smith**

- ECCO and CARAG are planning a Personal Safety Workshop on Saturday, March 24, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. at Calhoun Square.
- The board approved the proposed 2018 unrestricted budget with income of \$3,500 (from Wine Tasting Fundraiser) and \$4,810 of expenses.
- The board approved a request from the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra for a \$500 donation.
- The 2017 CPP annual report is due to the City in late March. The report will be approved by the ECCO Board at the March 1 meeting. The board discussed ideas to include for 2017 highlights.

**Board Actions**

Ralph Knox opened the discussion of board priorities for 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, March 1, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.