Neighborhood Name Review
Community Meetings
May 2019
AGENDA:
• Introduction
• Neighborhood History
• Lake Name Change History
• What’s Next
• We Want to Hear from You!
Thank you for hundreds of volunteer hours!

• NNRC Members:
  • Ralph Knox (chair)
  • Ryan Brown
  • Nathan Campeau
  • Anne Chase
  • Anja Curiskis
  • Terry Harris
  • Debra Jessen
  • Marya Morstad

• Others:
  • ECCO Board
  • Caroline Vaaler
  • St. Mary’s

• Nick Muellerleile
  • Tracy Nordstrom
  • Lara Norkus-Crampton
  • Tim Prinsen
  • Monica Smith
  • Heather Wulfsberg
  • Harvey Zuckman

• YOU!!!
Introduction
• ECCO Board authorized this committee to look into whether or not to change the neighborhood name
• How do you feel about our neighborhood’s current name?
Neighborhood History

• Cloud Man Village - Heyata Otunwe (Eatonville)
• Lake renamed Lake Calhoun around 1830 after John C. Calhoun
• 1834 Pond brothers built a cabin in ECCO
• Late 1830s Dakota left Cloud Man Village
• 1861 Henry David Thoreau lived on east side of the lake surveying local plants and animals
Neighborhood History

- As Minneapolis expanded, our neighborhood held a hotel and pavilion and stately mansions
- Late 1800s/early 1900s neighborhood was platted
- Streetcar “suburb”
Neighborhood History

• Neighborhood called “East Calhoun Homeowners Organization” or ECHO -1950s
• In 1970s renamed “East Calhoun Community Organization” or ECCO
• ECCO and CARAG published “East Calhoun News”, forerunner of Uptown Neighborhood News
• ECCO has served the neighborhood in many and evolving ways
What’s our current name?

• ECCO is known by a few names:
  • East Calhoun Community Organization
    • Legal name of neighborhood organization
  • East Calhoun
    • Next Door, AirBNB
  • ECCO
    • City map, Google
Name Change?

• We are here as residents to discuss whether or not to change the neighborhood name

• ECCO’s process / discussions are completely separate from other name change processes around the lake and businesses

• Our decision does not require any other entity to change their name or not
Lake Name Change History

• Advocacy work by members of the Native American community

• 2015 MPRB added “Bde Maka Ska” to the signs around the lake, keeping “Calhoun”
Lake Name Change History

- May 3, 2017 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board voted to recommend changing name to Bde Maka Ska
- November 28, 2017 - Hennepin County Board voted to approve the name Bde Maka Ska
- January 18, 2018 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approved the change
- June 21, 2018 - US Board on Geographic Names approved the change
- April 2019 – MN Court of Appeals invalidates name change
Lake Name Change History

- ECCO residents decide ECCO’s name
- Since issue was raised in 2015:
  - Some neighborhood organizations and businesses have changed their name to remove “Calhoun”
  - Some have not made a change
What’s Next: After the Meetings

• Vote (soon) on whether or not to change the name of our neighborhood

• If vote is to keep name, the name review process concludes

• If vote is to change, then we’ll solicit more ideas for names and have further voting to select a new name

• Potential ramifications of name change:
  • New branding
  • New web address
  • New signage
We want to hear from you (and we want you to hear from each other!)
• What do you think about our neighborhood’s current name?
• Should the neighborhood change its name?
Discussion Ground Rules

- Speak, listen, and disagree respectfully
- Discussion should be about the neighborhood name
- Please weigh in either verbally or on a comment card, not both
- Each speaker will have up to 90 seconds
- Order of speakers and comment cards will be:
  - Residents will speak first
  - Then residents’ cards will be read
  - Then residents will be allowed to speak a second time, if time allows
  - Then guests will be allowed to speak, if time allows
  - Finally, guest cards will be read, if time allows
- Comments will be summarized on flip chart and published online