

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
January 10, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
New Hope Methodist Church
Also: Public Meeting w/Miki Esposito (Director, City of Lincoln Public Works Dept. @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Cec Brady, Doug Gibbs, Paul Johnson, Roy Maurer, Teri Ourada-Hubka
A quorum (quorum = 7) was present for voting

Also Present: LPD Captain Marty Fehringer & Simon Hovis (FarmHouse)

Minutes – M. Belka

November minutes not reviewed by all present prior to meeting – to be approved in February

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer – no report submitted – to be approved in February

LPD Report – LPD Captain Marty Fehringer

- Low crime rate this month
 - ✓ 2 larcenies yesterday from autos – 1 included a handgun stolen from unlocked car – very worrisome
 - ✓ 7 incidents in prior 30 days, including license plates taken
 - ✓ Shoplift/dog (taken by daughter)/cash (taken by roommate)
 - ✓ Assault @ apt. complex – all now evicted, per landlord, who was very cooperative
- Overall crime rate -4.8% / accidents down 144%
 - ✓ Part 1 crimes (burglary, larceny, assault w/weapon) -9.1%; overall Lincoln incidents -5%
 - ✓ Overall closed/clearance rate is 27.5% (improvement)
 - ✓ "9PM Routine" social media reminders via twitter, etc., in order to help eliminate crimes of opportunity – very successful. These are nightly reminders, mirrored from a program started in Ft. Richie, FL. It has been in operation in Lincoln for 1 year, w/good results.
 - ✓ Auto theft +34% - warming up cars/keys in ignition/***LOOKING FOR GUNS!
- Gallup poll results – Quality Audit Surveys of victims of crime, those who have dealt with LPD
 - ✓ Overall professionalism Lincoln = 94.3% rating NE Lincoln = 94.7%
 - ✓ I feel safe in my neighborhood Lincoln = 78.5% rating NE Lincoln = 81.3% Note: SE Lincoln = 83.9%
 - ✓ Overall prof. of officer 90.6% NE Lincoln = 92.4% (highest in Lincoln!)
 - ✓ Capt. Fehringer will continue to watch these numbers with interest – welcomes the measurement, so they can improve
- NE group has 3 new Sergeants (of 7) – Sgt. Cooper returned, also Sgts. James & Kuhlman
 - ✓ NE was first team to fill up
 - ✓ 19 cadets – highest in 50 years
- MoPac Trail
 - ✓ Assault case from last Fall remains open – LPD still proactively investigating
 - ✓ Brush has been cleaned out – Park maintenance was a bit slow in getting this done
 - ✓ Trees on 40th Street mentioned – again Parks & Recreation should be maintaining

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – M. Belka

- Getting organized for upcoming deliveries
- Need to get Spring Newsletter out prior to "Big Event" Easter Egg Hunt (4/20), and Neighborhood Clean-up (date TBD)

Neighborhood Clean-up – P. Johnson reported for P. Pierson

- No shredding last year – grants down this year – hoping to include it if possible

Web-Site – D. Shea – P. Johnson provided updates

- P. Johnson is updating e-mail list – trying to make it more inclusive – and correct – in order to reach both members and non-member residents with announcements, etc.
- 170 on list so far

Membership – P. Pearson w/help from R. Maurer

- Memberships continue to come in – renewal letter was not sent this time

Yard of the Month – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz – no report

Rental Committee

- P. Johnson indicated that he received City Attorney call RE alleged "discrimination" from a property owner @ 4230 Starr. It was determined that no one from ECCO was involved.

Fraternities

- Simon Hovis – Farmhouse
 - ✓ Return from break this week – several bicycles stolen from bike rack over break – reported serial #s to LPD – suggestion to check Craig's List – often for sale there! House is not completely empty – thefts took place during the day
 - ✓ Fraternity received the national conference award for highest GPA (3.595 – 6% above all-UNL male average)

- ✓ Housemother = Coralee Crittsmier
- ✓ Need new ECCO representative – will advise, as soon as elections/changes take place

Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable – P. Johnson – no report

Old Business

- North 33rd & Cornhusker Hwy. Project updates

New Business

- UPCO (Uni Place neighborhood Assn.) – proposed coordination on some issues/projects
 - ✓ Parking. As soon as we have received proposal, would be good to share, as things move forward
 - ✓ Areas of commonality – Candidate forum they are holding, for example (1/17)
 - ✓ E-mail lists – also Hartley & Clinton?
- GivePulse – UNL Community Partner Program
 - ✓ Outreach for surrounding communities – enlist student help – for example, helping to canvas door-to-door to help update our e-mail list, etc. Discussion ensued as to whether or not this particular idea would work – giving out information, safety concerns for people canvassing, etc.

Pending Business

- Historical Records retention

Meeting was adjourned.

Open ECCO neighborhood forum meeting held immediately following Board meeting, w/Miki Esposito, Director, City of Lincoln Public Works Department – requested by Ms. Esposito as a follow-up to questions from October ECCO Annual Meeting

Calendar of Events

- January 27 – UPCO Candidate forum – 2PM – 5200 Francis Street
- February 9 – Neighborworks' Neighborhood Forum – 8:30 – 11:30 AM – Candlewood Church @ 27th & R Streets
- April 20 – ECCO Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt – sponsored by East Campus Starrs – Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 AM

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday February 14 (changed to Thursday February 21) @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka