

**Draft -Unapproved
East Campus Community Organization
Board Meeting – December Minutes
December 8, 2011**

Call to order by Ann Bleed at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Brian Striman, Cindy Stuefer-Powell, Mary Eisenhart, Richard Voeltz, Leland Jacobs, Roy Maurer, Wes Trout, Rebecca Carr, Patti Pierson, Ann Bleed

Members introduced themselves by name as requested by the President.

Agenda Item: Additions or Changes to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda
Agenda approved [with a slight change in order of discussion.](#)

Agenda Item: Review and Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2011 Meeting of the Board
Discussion of the minutes entailed a number of questions, including:

1. Would putting the draft of the board minutes on the website constitute any problems?
2. How detailed should the minutes be considering the number of simultaneous conversations during the discussions?
3. How long should the secretary have to write up the minutes, and should they go out as a draft to the board members?

Minutes: Discussion

Concerning the first question, R. Carr argued for the approval of the minutes before they would be put on the website. The proposed procedure would be for the secretary to send the draft of the minutes to the Google group 3-4 days after the board meeting. The board members have 2 days to get changes to the secretary, who will have a deadline of the next Wednesday by midnight to send the minutes to the webmaster for inserting the board minutes online. If after this there is anything that seems to be controversial, the webmaster is to pull the minutes offline. This point was broached by R. Maurer. The minutes would then be reexamined, vetted and then put back online, or if pending, post a message on the website explaining that the minutes are pending approval by the board.

Also A. Bleed suggested that the secretary [attach the](#) committee reports to the board minutes.

Agenda Item: Review and Approval of the Treasurers Report

Cindy Stuefer-Powell inadvertently forgot the information to give to the Treasurer, Roy Maurer. She apologized and will deliver the information to R. Maurer. C. Stuefer-Powell did state that all of the checks that she had, were deposited and members were added to the Excel member list that was sent to R. Maurer, M. Eisenhart, and A. Bleed. R. Maurer questioned if all of the names on the list had paid. C. Stuefer-Powell stated that there may have been one or two that had been placed on the list because they had been a member, but were not sure if they had paid this year. Being a transition year for the membership committee, they were given the benefit of the doubt.

Agenda Item: President's Report

Resignations: Ann Bleed then announced that Matt Fuller had resigned from the board.

Meeting with Farmhouse Fraternity: [The discussion with the fraternity was very positive. Allan Donsig, a neighbor, and representatives of ECCO and the fraternity all shared their concerns.](#) The fraternities were upset that questions went to UNL before problem had been discussed with them and the neighbors were upset some of the behavior from the fraternities. All agreed we needed to work on improving the communication between the neighborhood and the fraternity. The fraternities would like the questions [or concerns](#) to [be discussed first](#) with their public relation officers and [then if necessary with the fraternity advisors.](#) [B. Striman will put the fraternity contact information on the website.](#) There will be a meeting next month with all 4 fraternities [in the area and the ECCO and Clinton neighborhood associations](#) to develop a global communication policy. (More details in President's report.)

Meeting with Shawn Ryba from Neighborworks: Shawn Ryba of Neighborworks discussed with A. Bleed loans to help buy houses. One of the stipulations would be for the borrower to take an educational class on home improvement and maintenance. This would include leadership training. L. Jacobs and acquaintances have experience with this program. Loans can be for up to \$25000, with a 0% interest rate. A. Bleed suggested having Shawn Ryba come and talk to the board about this program. She also requested that L. Jacobs share his experiences. (More details in President's report)

Concerning the North East Lincoln Partnership: From President's Report.

A. Bleed spoke with Nick Hernandez, President of the Havelock Neighborhood Association, about the North East Lincoln Partnership. He explained that what he was doing was sponsoring a series of workshop for people to learn leadership and other relationship and personal skills. For example last Saturday Havelock hosted a workshop on Positive Health as a Public Value. [A. Bleed](#) asked if he were focusing on planning and zoning issues and he said no. [She](#) suggested that meeting together as Northeast Lincoln neighborhoods [to discuss whether or](#) not to work [together](#) on such issues could be beneficial. He agreed.

Also A. Bleed visited with Brad Brian concerning the City Impact's [upcoming application to build the Future Impact Center near Peter Pan Park.](#) [The application will be on the Planning Commission's agenda in January.](#) [B. Bryan will be invited to next month's board meeting.](#)

Agenda Item: Committee Reports

[The President suggested that there should not be any votes on whether or not to receive the committee reports, which along with the President's report, would be attached to the board minutes. However, the committee representative may make a motion to request board approval for actions the committee would like to take on behalf of ECCO.](#)

Communication – Brian Striman

B. Striman [provided both a committee report and a description of the charge for the Communication Committee.](#) The format that B. Striman used [for his charge document](#) was [informally adopted as a prototype for other](#) committee [charges.](#) R. Carr [suggested we need to figure out how best to](#) save information [and suggestions.](#) She did not feel that [saving a string of e-mails](#) was [helpful.](#)

L. Jacobs related that in the Lincoln Public School System the idea of using Google documents was useful; A. Bleed stated that if the information is on a document than it lessens the worry of

not being able to refer back to the document. B. Striman also said that Amy Hampton would be serving as co-master of the Web site. The web-masters will coordinate with the President to figure out how best to respond to messages sent to the web-site. R. Carr would like to see more calendar communication on the website using a Google calendar.

Newsletter – C. Stuefer-Powell agreed to send B. Striman newsletter material for the website. B. Striman stated the excellent job that Matt Fuller did with the website and discussed the benefits of the choice of the Fatcow site.

Membership - M. Eisenhart and Pattie Pierson

In their last meeting they developed goals to increase the current membership 40 households by 2012.

More details on what the membership committee plans to do, steps are listed in their report.

P. Pierson used the MS Excel to list members either by name or address. She also used the membership information to produce a map to show the current paid member demographics.

Communication and activities projects: Wes Trout

No formal report was provided but the Board discussed a few possible activities. It was suggested that ECCO give new home owners in the neighborhood receive a free membership as part of a “Welcome to the Neighborhood” packet.

Spring Clean-up - C. Stuefer-Powell asked that the fee discount for members remain in place i.e. that paid members can have up to \$50 in fees waived for the spring cleanup.

R. Maurer requested that the membership be paid within a certain time period.

R. Carr requested that each activity should have a list of things to do; C. Stuefer-Powell said that the lists are in place for the neighborhood activities and she would provide the Spring Clean-up list to W. Trout. She will provide this list to W. Trout.

C. Stuefer-Powell will email W. Trout the Spring Clean-up to do list.

R. Maurer asked to be on the projects committee in order to be able to develop an annual budget for ECCO to work on budget for events. C. Stuefer-Powell will provide R. Maurer with the information that she has concerning events.

W. Trout would like to be able to gather ideas using our website. These ideas could then be sent to W. Trout in order to compile list of things for the board to consider. W. Trout would discuss ideas at the Activities committee meetings and set priorities for which activities to pursue. Will not be able to do everything but will be able to pick out some and work on the objectives and cost to present to the board. These activities would then go to the Board for discussion and approval. A. Bleed suggested that Peter Bleed would help if there were to be an “Antique” aspect to a neighborhood Art Garden walk.

At this point Matt Perlinger from the Farm House joined the meeting.

Yard of month – R. Carr

Suggested that a house near 35th and X is lit up nicely for Christmas and she would like to place the Yard of the Month, there. The Board discussed whether or not the Board needed to approve the Yard of the Month Committee chair’s decision. It was decided that this decision did not need a vote of approval from the Board. R. Carr will take night and day pictures for the website.

Historic preservation - C. Loope

The Historic Preservation Committee met on Dec. 2nd. C. Loope, Nancy Armstrong-Johnson and L. Sutton, met December 2. They developed a long list of objectives but chose a few priority items to work on in the near term. Developing a plan for the street trees in the neighborhood is a

top priority. There is a federal program that is designed to nurture and replace street trees. We may not be able to get the neighborhood back to its original state, but we need to be proactive because the national statistics now show that only one street tree may survive for 10 that are removed.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Board Policies - A. Bleed suggested that the president elect should have the responsibility to review record retention documents, as well as the treasurer. R. Carr suggested a data exchange to send changes to be adopted next meeting.

M. Eisenhart is still in the process of looking into information for a proper insurance quote; please add to next meetings old business.

Fraternity Liaison as Non voting member on the Board:

Matt Perlinger said that he would not want to be a general fraternity representative; he would be comfortable representing Farm House. R. Voeltz made a motion that a Fraternity representative be added to the Board as a non voting member. W. Trout seconded motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

University Liaison

W. Trout moved and R. Voeltz seconded a motion to invite a UNL official to be an non-voting member of the ECCO board. Discussions followed of the pros and cons of a university official becoming a member of the board. The vote was 5 to 4 in favor of adding UNL non voting representative on the board.

Neighborhood Watch – A. Bleed explained that the city program works on a block-by block basis with notices being sent to residents by e-mail. R. Voeltz, who has experience with this program, says once it gets started on one block, there is a domino effect and other blocks join the program. R. Voeltz agreed to look into the program further and report back to the Board at our next meeting. As a side note, the vandalism at the Farm House's was discussed. Matt Perlinger told the board that the Fraternity is considering installing better security equipment.

Contact with Wyuka:

A. Bleed indicated she had not yet spoken with Wyuka but would do so in the near future concerning being involved with Future Visioning. Letting them know that the ECCO board is interested in being keep in the loop of any possible changes in the future.

Visioning and Strategic Planning: A. Bleed would like a committee vision meeting with the board and extended membership that would look at, brainstorm objectives, neighborhood 's unique strengths and weaknesses and work with the planning dept to get statics and zoning map series of area to help us. She would like to do overlays of the zoning district codes and etc. motion made by (Who remembers who made this motion?) Motion seconded by R. Carr.

New Business - Resignations: Ann Bleed than announced that since Matt Fuller had resigned from the board we were now short two members and could add up to three. She asked for names in order to appoint replacements.

C. Stuefer-Powell said that Tom Madsen had expressed an interest to be on the board.

R. Voeltz agreed that T. Madsen would be a good addition. If the board will be voting on anything that may cause a conflict of interest to T. Madsen, then we would follow the "Conflict of Interest" statement (attached to the minutes for reference).

R. Carr suggested Anne Tyler (stated that she was very energetic and organized but may be too busy). R. Carr suggested Carrie Decker. C. Loope (member at large) suggested Amy Hampton. M. Eisenhart also suggested Tracy (only name given) and A. Bleed suggested Richard Graham. A. Bleed stated that the bylaws allow the president to appoint new members with approval of the board, and then new members can automatically stand for election at the Annual meeting.

Bleed mentioned a change in the zoning code regarding parking lots for fraternities and sororities was on the Planning Commission agenda. L. Jacobsen stated that there are zoning concerns with the planning dept. There is a zone potential change dealing with fraternities, with regard to parking.

At the end of the meeting R. Voeltz brought up that the Warren Methodist Church would like to use our membership list in order to send out announcements of upcoming events. C. Stuefer-Powell stated that it would be an invasion of privacy to our members since we have not asked them if we could share their information. M. Eisenhart said that it would be an invasion of HIPAA, (*The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*). R. Carr suggested that the church events could be placed on the ECCO website calendar. There could also be a neighborhood event resources link with the church's web-site. Contact B. Striman for policies.

A. Bleed – A thank you to M. Eisenhart for setting up the phone line.

W. Trout – a quick comment for an activity committee project. Concerning the street converted to a garden that was mentioned in November do we need to appoint a committee to handle it or should it be a board project. A. Bleed wanted to wait until more research is done on the project then it should come to the board for a motion.

Next Meeting will be Jan. 12th, 2012.

Adjourned 8:40 pm, Dec. 12th, 2011