

ECCO board meeting minutes

March 13, 2014

Present: Mary Eisenhart, Roy Maurer, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Rebecca Carr, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Richard Voeltz, Ann Bleed, Danielle Shea, Patti Pierson

Minutes from February were approved

Treasurer's report was approved

Communications – Ann volunteered to take over. Main tasks are to pull together articles for Rebecca for the newsletter, get the newsletter to the UNL print shop, and then to Sally for delivery.

Website – Fixed some technical things and rearranged. Plan to make changes to/remove some of the forms that are currently being directed to multiple recipient emails.

Membership – Patti reported that she's made additions to the excel file and it's up to date. She's also created a separate excel sheet to note individuals who are interested in getting involved in ECCO events.

Yard of the Month – Rebecca is working on the sign. We will print at least four, and plan to start recognizing two yards per month.

Garden Tour

Saturday, June 7th 9am to 1pm

Mini-talks will be held in Mary's/Roy and Denny's yards by Master Gardeners Macomber, and Linda Krutz. (Tree care, planting containers, annuals to brighten your yard, perennial basics)

Rebecca will forward contact information for KZUM Master Gardener program to Roy. KZUM may provide additional class instructors and publicity for event.

Paul Johnson made contacts so we can use Varner Hall as a tour site. Mary will ask Ray Gephart about using his path from 38th to Varner. Paul will ask about using parking space at Varner Hall during tour, and for a short description of the garden to be included in the tour information pamphlet.

Tour site participants: Shirley Anderson at 37th and W, Sue Dawson at 38th and W, Janet Buck at 41st and Y, Paul Johnson at 41st and Holdrege. Mary will ask Susan Nichols, and Lynn Frankowski and Mark Lynott if they will join the tour.

Spring Clean Up

Saturday April 26th 8am to 1pm

Patti will ask HyVee about donation coffee and donuts

Patti will ask for volunteers, and help with trucks for pick-ups; starting with the list of volunteers from membership info.

Mary will ask the fraternities about helping with the clean up.

Patti attended the Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful grant meeting. Fifteen neighborhoods attended. Others are also separating their spring clean up events from UNL's Big Event

because the Event has been moved earlier in the spring. KLLCB is also offering a neighborhood mini-grant that could be used for a fall clean up / trash pick up / or other activities.

Lincoln plans to establish a year-round facility for hazardous waste collection in 2015.

Parking

Mary has a meeting set for Thursday March 20th at 10am with Christine Jackson at UNL administration building.

Intent is to restart discussion of parking issues around UNL campuses, especially in consideration of UNL's plans to increase enrollment by 5-6000 students through 2020.

Permit parking has looked like a viable option from past discussions. Cost would need to be developed with the City. UNL has previously indicated that they would provide enforcement for permits; this was LPD's only concern.

The potential of adding a parking permit for UNL students as part of student fees would probably need to go the Regents. UNL estimates there are 800 empty spaces on campus every day and would like to see them utilized as a means of alleviating parking issues in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mary would like to include Clinton and Malone neighborhoods in discussion. A resolution will likely need to satisfy the areas between 27th and 48th; Vine to Leighton to avoid redistributing the problem.

A questionnaire will need to go out through the neighborhood to learn how residents want to address the problem. It will likely take a street-by-street approach which fits within Lincoln's current methods for addressing parking issues.

Traffic light update – MoPac and 33rd

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon is planned for installation in the spring/summer of 2014.

RRFB will be the first of its kind in Lincoln, but anticipate that others will go in to replace standard lights along trail if it's well received.

Valentino's application for liquor license

Ann learned Valentino's application was going to City Council. Mary wrote a letter of support from ECCO noting unanimous support during discussion at last year's annual meeting.

License has been approved by City Council. Mike Messinio let Ann know that ECCO's support swayed the Council.

Newsletter

Deliver weekend of April 11-12

Rebecca will format by April 5

Articles need to be to Ann by March 26th; ready for Rebecca March 28th

President's note / Spring Cleanup / Garden Tour / Starr's Easter Egg Hunt / Update on Valentino's – Idylwild Park / MoPac & 33rd light / Peter Pan Park "Party in the Park" / YOTM seeking nominations

New business

Request from East Campus Starr's for \$50 donation to support Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 19th.
Ann motioned; Patti 2nd; approved.

Peter Pan Park “Party in the Park”

Mary and Cara Bentrup attended first planning meeting.

Event to be held Friday May 9th, 6-8pm.

Event initiated by CLC; supported by Hartley school president (Jeff Rust), Clinton and Hartley neighborhoods, NeighborWorks and City Impact.

Approaching City to see if they will be able to cover insurance.

Plan for food trucks, music, games. Include bike trail.