

## **ECCO Annual Meeting**

October 9, 2014

### **5:30 Dinner**

- Pizza & plates provided by Valentino's
- Sodas provided by Tom Madsen and Madsen's Bowling & Billiards

### **6:30 Annual Meeting of ECCO Members**

- Call to Order – M. Eisenhart
- Introduce current Board Members – present: Mary Eisenhart, Roy Maurer, Richard Voeltz, Tom Madsen, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Patti Pierson, Paul Johnson, Rebecca Carr, Scot DeWitt, Danielle Shea
- Report on Last Year's Activities – Brief written report provided – areas included in report are below – M. Eisenhart
  - Thanks to all Board members and neighborhood volunteers who've contributed to events over the year.
  - Garden Tour note cards fundraiser – available for sale at meeting. Hope Anderson has donated her photographs of the Garden Tour. Claudia Lindley organized production of cards, and donated for printing. All proceeds will go toward the retree project.
  - WRK Project – completion of Phase I; WRK organized tour of space in November. Phase II in progress.
  - Idylwild/Valentino's Park & Idylwild Drive improvements are underway. Trolley is in place, rubber pad is on its way; corner pillars to go in.
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> & MoPac Trail – Yellow flashing light. City is interested in our feedback. Some noted that the lights slow drivers down during rush hour and allows crossing with less wait time. Some find it confusing. Yellow has always meant slow down (not stop), and there's concern that trail users/children will think they can go without looking because they've pushed a button.
  - Re-Tree Nebraska update – spring activities planned – let us know if you need a tree! We have access to two grants this year which may allow us to plant trees that would not be categorized as street trees.
  - AGR Parking lot lighting update – There was a meeting in June. AGR would like to increase lighting to allow for security cameras; neighbors do not want more light. Infrared light would work with the proposed camera system. Neighbors have suggested other means of risk management; pointed out ongoing monitoring costs of cameras. Issue is on hold until next spring.
  - Spring Clean-up. Successful event coordinated by Patti Pierson. Held separate from the Big Event this year in order to schedule clean up to coincide with people getting out into their yards. Big Event has moved earlier so it occurs before UNL has finals.
  - Easter Egg Hunt – East Campus Starr's event. ECCO donated again to support the Easter Egg Hunt that is put on by the Starr's. There were over 100 children in the park! And the treats they all get to take home are really appreciated.
  - Peter Pan Party in the Park – ECCO, along with Clinton and Hartley neighborhoods were invited to help organize the Peter Pan Party by the Community Learning Center coordinators. The City waived fees for use of the park in support of the event. Valentino's and Lolo's donated food. Great turnout, and great way to take back the park.

- Discover ECCO – Garden Tour – fund-raiser for Re-Tree project. We raised about \$1500. We had a beautiful day as the rain ended just before the tour. The tour coincided with the Lincoln Garden Club tour this year, which was not as intended, but turned out nicely for both groups. Our tour was planned for the first Saturday in June; the LGC tour was planned for the Saturday before Father's Day; this year those coincided.
  - Fourth of July Parade. We had a great event coordinated by Paul Johnson. Lots of volunteers and prize contributions from neighboring businesses.
  - Yard of the Month update. We have new signs, and are getting started again. We will also recognize holiday lights and seasonal decorations this year.
  - Parking update. We've had some discussion with the University, but no clear plans as yet.
  - Farmhouse fraternity project. Farmhouse Association needs to update their building, and would like to rebuild a new structure. Details below.
- Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer. We are keeping a positive sum of dues and fundraising over our expenses for activities. ECCO has some savings that would allow us to maintain if we didn't have as much income, but the board has been working to mitigate our expenses as they come.
  - Set Annual Dues – Propose that they remain the same – increased for 2014/2015 from \$20 to \$25. New members will be charged \$25 per year starting in January. Motion to maintain \$25 per year: first, Gary Gerkin; second: Don Post; passed
  - Elect New Board Members – Written slate will fill our maximum of 15 Board members.  
Passed by voice vote.
    - Don Post
    - Adam Morfeld
  - Re-elect Board Members whose 3-year term is expiring – passed by voice vote.
    - Mary Eisenhart
    - Tom Madsen
    - Roy Maurer
    - Patti Pierson
    - Danielle Shea

## **7:00 New Business**

- Presentation by Steve Wirth – Farmhouse re-construction project  
Current building needs updating to heating and cooling; electrical and data wiring; changing expectations of incoming residents for space layout; structural issues. Project plans include a new building to go up on the east end of current property. Would increase occupancy from current 80 members. Construction plan includes maintaining residents in current building while future structure is put in place. Concept drawings provided.
- Q&A from ECCO members regarding this project  
Neighbors pleased that FarmHouse plans to stay in the neighborhood but expressed concerns over building location, parking situation during transition, encroachment into

view of historic district and R2 low density housing, and modern concept design being out of place.

Suggestions include keeping building on current location. This gives FH the site lines of the drive up Idylwild; maintains the turn required to get into the parking area and reduces speeds; keeps the building out of the sight lines of the historic district; distances the building from single-family housing and maintains it in line with higher density apartments at the west of property.

ECCO would likely support reducing the set backs at the south of the property to the trail that would allow expanding the building to the south on the west end of the property.