

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
February 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.
New Hope Methodist Church (formerly Warren Methodist)

Call to Order – M. Eisenhart

Board Members Present: Ann Bleed, Rebecca Carr, Mary Eisenhart, Paul Johnson, Patti Pierson, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Danielle Shea, Richard Voeltz, Vicki Wood

Also Present: Capt. Jon Sundermeier (LPD – NE team), ECCO Fraternity members Ethan Wilke (AGR), Eric Wemhoff (FH), Tanner Hannappel (FH), Andrew Ambriz (AGS), Cale Pallas (AGS),

Approval of Minutes – postponed until March 10 meeting

Approval of Treasurer's Report – postponed until March 10 meeting

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – A. Bleed & S. Ruggia-Haden

- All articles in to R. Carr by March 20th
 - ✓ East Campus Starrs' Easter Egg Hunt = April 4
 - ✓ Hartley School Marquee/Lighthouse Art Project
 - ✓ Updates on Idylwild Park & Boulevard upgrades
 - ✓ Crime prevention reminders
 - Jon Sundermeier
 - Tips from the general public
 - ✓ Discover ECCO Garden Tour = Saturday, June 6 from 9-1 PM
Potential gardens include: Donna Champoux, Mary Anderson
- Advertisements

Web-Site – D. Shea

Membership – M. Eisenhart & P. Pearson

Yard of the Month – R. Carr

- December – did not place signs for lighting "yards of the month" – will make sure this is done in 2015
- ECCO has good supply of signs now
- A. Morfeld had volunteered to help identify yards for the awards this year, to help Rebecca.

Rental Committee – A. Bleed

Old Business

- FarmHouse fraternity update – M. Eisenhart + others
 - Ryan Drvol – Farmhouse Fraternity report – fully functioning – close on a final ruling from the University
 - ✓ Next 1-2 weeks tops
 - Wanting to move on and get back to the normal realm of things, including sober social events
 - Looking for philanthropy projects, multiple service hours, for instance neighborhood clean-up
 - Suggested that FH contact Adam Rhoades – coordinator w/Keep Lincoln/Lancaster County Beautiful. May be able to write a simple grant to help the ECCO neighborhood
 - R. Carr suggested that the fraternity contact Hartley School Principal Jeff Rust, to determine whether there may be some projects the fraternity members could help with
 - ✓ House re-building campaign/project is on hold
 - Tanner Hannappel – UNL "Big Event" update – April 18
 - ✓ Motion made by R. Carr Rebecca to move ECCO Neighborhood Clean-up from April 25, to April 18, to coincide with the "Big Event". Seconded by Paul Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Note: Big Event runs 9-12 PM. Clean-up runs from 9-1 PM.
- Mayor's office & Mayor's Roundtable update – P. Johnson

- ✓ Lincoln Policy Network
 - Priorities put together 2-3 years ago + modifications/updates
 - Survey - #1 in the past was streets/sidewalks – now it's neighborhood promotion and preservation
 - Infrastructure
 - Crime/quality of life
 - Some neighborhoods already looked at it, supported it, etc.
 - Copy provided by Paul – need to vote to support it at our March meeting
 - Additional info – “Let's Grow” local foods and gardening; events occurring to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon
- Candidates Forum reminder – A. Bleed
- Hy-Vee Closing Update – Meeting w/new owners (also own the car wash across the street)
 - ✓ Fairly complicated – nothing will happen quickly – 3-year lease in place, where no other grocery store can be located at the current site
 - ✓ Suggested a letter from UPCO and ECCO supporting their efforts. It is adjacent to our neighborhood, and we do frequent the shopping center. There would be in interest in having a store there.
 - ✓ Motion by A. Bleed to create a general letter of support from ECCO for re-developing to have a grocery store in the shopping center. Seconded by P. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Bleed to write the letter on behalf of ECCO
- A. Bleed mentioned that she had heard that buildings “just west of the Valentino's project” would be demolished by UNL, and an “open space” created. Some felt this was married student housing, near 43rd & Holdrege (already slated for demolition).

[Note: M. Eisenhart checked after the meeting w/Chris Jackson of UNL, who confirmed that the old married student housing apartments would be demolished, and open space created for the time being. In addition, both Burr and Fedde Halls (East campus dorms) are slated for demolition soon. A new residence-style dorm and parking will be built at a different spot on East Campus.]
- Parking update – M. Eisenhart
 - ✓ Meeting scheduled 2/23 @ 3:30 PM w/Chris Jackson @ M. Eisenhart's home – any other Board members (or participants present) are welcome to attend
 - ✓ Eric Wemhoff asked for more detail about what that would mean – M. Eisenhart provided a brief outline of the very preliminary “pilot program” Chris Jackson had suggested at the last meeting a year ago.
 - ✓ Eric mentioned that he had researched the current UNL parking income - \$12M annually. Permits cost \$400 per year.
 - ✓ Inter-campus bus was discussed briefly – standing room only – used by students and faculty. Suggestion that this be free, if parking pass was purchased.
 - ✓ Capt. Jon Sundermeier indicated that LPD and the NE team wants to be connected to the team and solution for parking. Need to educate folks in general about current parking regulations – 5' from driveways, etc. Board mentioned the nice job that Parking Officer “Linda” currently does for neighborhood.

New Business

- Capt. Jon Sundermeier wanted to mention a few things, as this was his first meeting w/ECCO Board
 - ✓ LPD and NE team in particular wants to be connected to the neighborhood
 - ✓ Will provide what we need for the upcoming Newsletter, including
 - Calling 911 to access police services
 - Calling Jon directly to talk about a problem
 - Different ways to access LPD
 - Home invasions are rarely random
 - Perhaps a special “meet and greet” about Crime Stoppers, etc.
 - ✓ Indicated that their minimum staffing is 5; 6 in the evenings
 - ✓ He wants a proactive – not a reactive approach whenever possible
- Cultiva coffee shop opening shortly, in Valentino's building
- East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt
 - ✓ Motion made by R. Carr to provide \$50 to East Campus Starrs to support the hunt. Seconded by R. Voeltz. Motion passed unanimously. M. Eisenhart to direct Treasurer R. Maurer to forward check to Treasurer of Starrs (Lois Wies)
- Review 2015 Calendar of events
 - ✓ Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by East Campus Starrs) – April 4
 - ✓ Spring Clean-up – April 18
 - ✓ Peter Pan Party – May 8

- ✓ Fund-raiser – Garden Tour – June 6
- ✓ 4th of July Parade – July 4
- ✓ Streets Alive 2015 – September 20 – More information to come – includes Clinton and ECCO neighborhoods this year – featuring MoPac Trail
- Garden Tour discussion – brought up by R. Carr
 - ✓ Have someone discuss/present safety considerations as regards vegetation/gardening
 - ✓ Eliminating the “North-South” divide in Lincoln – perhaps having a “meet-up” with south-side neighborhood(s) – citing Cindy Lange-Kubick’s recent article

Meeting was adjourned.

Pending Business

Election of President-Elect
Historical Records

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 12 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard

Respectfully submitted by M. Eisenhart (on behalf of A. Morfeld)