

ECCO Annual Meeting
October 8, 2015
New Hope United Methodist Church

Dinner 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mary

Valentino's Idylwild Park Update

City of Lincoln – Mark Canby- Parks Planner Wynn Hjermsted – Urban Development

Project started in 2012

Park is about completed, waiting on signage

Idylwild drive is to be resurfaced in the spring 2016.

4 elements of project- resurface, curb, lighting, landscaping

Resurfacing & landscaping being coordinated

Planning on installing ornamental lighting & removal of power poles & lines

Exploring signage that fits the neighborhood history

Questions:

- 1) Stone curbs – Suggestion that curbs should be preserved as curbing; not moved to another place.
- 2) Neighborhood participation in design process – City normally comes up with basic design & then gets input from neighborhood
- 3) Water for median landscaping? – no answer since the plans have not been developed yet. Would need easement to supply any water or electricity to park or median
- 4) Historical Photos – Suggest incorporating photos in design
- 5) Street resurfacing – Does it include replacement of driveway approaches? Discussion of widening approaches.

Introduction of current board members

President's Report

- 1) Fraternity representatives now attend board meetings
- 2) Thanks to neighbors that help with neighborhood projects
- 3) Discussed with City about neighborhood taking care of Idylwild median w/City paying for the upkeep.
- 4) Thanks for neighborhood events/activities
 - a. Patti Pierson for coordinating Spring Cleanup
 - b. 4th of July Parade
 - c. Garden Tour greeting cards
- 5) Drug dealer working in the neighborhood was identified by neighbors & reported to NE Police district. Police apprehended dealer.
- 6) Rich Hubka acknowledged for serving on Northeast Advisory Board & attending meetings
- 7) Problem Properties
 - a. Rokeby family has purchased several problem properties
 - b. Thanked Rokeby's
 - c. Properties being maintained or redeveloped as single-family residences

- 8) Board members working on information packet for Landlords & tenants explaining rental property rules. Neighbors encouraged to watch properties
- 9) Farmhouse Fraternity
 - a. Fraternity back in UNL system as accredited location after completing community service hours.
 - b. Working again on building project
- 10) Thanks to Danielle for website, emails to ECCO and ECCO blasts

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Treasurer out of town
- 2) Copies of the Annual Budget on tables for review.
- 3) Called for discussion & questions
 - a. Question – General Liability Insurance – Insurance for ECCO Board members & general liability for events
- 4) Budget approved by voice vote.
- 5) Annual Dues -
 - a. Board recommends that membership dues remain at \$25 for the next year.
 - b. Dues to remain at \$25/yr carried by voice vote

Election of Board Members

- 1) Board meets monthly most months of the year
- 2) Newsletter published & distributed 3-4 times per year
- 3) Projects & Committees described earlier in the meeting.
- 4) Nomination of new members
- 5) Aaron Bowen & Robert Bienhoff introduced as previously nominated new Board members
- 6) Floor nominations requested
 - a. John Hitt (3841 Dudley) nominated & accepted nomination
 - b. Lance Hall nominated & declined nomination
- 7) Election of entire slate carried by voice vote.

Old Business – no old business

New Business

- 1) Neighborhood Feedback form handed out to all members when entering meeting explained by Rebecca Carr
- 2) Adrienne Poppe from Cedar's Foster Care program had a table at the meeting. Adrienne introduced
- 3) John Hitt –
 - a. Problem seeing traffic on 40th Street due to cars parked along the street
 - b. Street lights that are leaning & need to be reset along 38th, 39th, Dudley, Orchard streets
- 4) Farmhouse Project

- a. Lot at 39th & Apple purchased to keep property from Farmhouse & to be maintained as residential property.
- b. Board planning on keeping in contact with Farmhouse Alumni board to help with project planning. Have more information about regulations & are ready to work with FH board.

5) Parking

- a. Board has been working on parking problem for over 5 years
- b. Would like to start pilot project with City and UNL to work on parking problem
- c. Current ordinances says that parking times & rules are determined by majority of street residents every 300 ft along that street
- d. City of Lincoln does not have any legal rules in place that would allow parking permit project for a neighborhood area.
- e. Many of the existing signs need to be replaced or repaired so that current zones are accurately defined.
- f. Proposed Parking Pilot Program was to be financed by UNL. UNL would supply permit hang tags, pay for enforcement
- g. Comments
 - i. Cars parked in no parking areas are not being ticketed. Suggest reporting violators to police.
 - ii. UNL staff have to pay for parking on campus & do not receive bus passes with parking permit to allow for travel between East & City campuses
 - iii. Cost is \$200 - \$500 per semester to park on campus
 - iv. Vehicles cannot legally park within 25 ft of corner, 5 ft of driveway, 15 ft of fire hydrant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm