

**MINUTES**  
**ECCO Board Meeting**  
**November 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.**  
**New Hope Methodist Church**

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Robert Bienhoff, John Hitt, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Roy Maurer, Patti Pierson, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Pat Schock, Danielle Shea, Donette Thayer

A quorum (8 = quorum) was present

Also Present: ECCO Fraternity member Tate Emanuel (FH)

Approval of Minutes – postponed

Approval of Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer

- ¾ of membership have already renewed, thanks to early mailing of membership renewal information –this approach is working well
- Anonymous donor for Annual meeting – actually made money

No report from LPD

**Committee Reports**

*Communications/Newsletter Delivery* – S. Ruggia-Haden

- Next newsletter planned for April 1 – potential articles/info
  - ✓ East Campus Starrs' Easter Egg Hunt = April 15
  - ✓ Annual Neighborhood Cleanup
  - ✓ Updates on Boulevard upgrades/completion
  - ✓ Article from LPD Captain Jon Sundermeier
  - ✓ Discover ECCO Plans
- Delivery – need 3 more folks – Donette Thayer will handle Ann Bleed's 3 routes
- Advertisements?

*Web-Site* – D. Shea

- Mostly up-to-date
- Need to determine all missing meeting Minutes and update, so they can be posted. A. Morfeld & M. Belka

*Membership* – P. Pearson w/help from R. Maurer

- 87 or so renewed so far
- Let's consider knocking on doors when the weather is better, to encourage non-members to consider joining ECCO

*Yard of the Month* – R. Carr

- No report
- Rebecca has indicated someone else should take over – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz to handle

*Rental Committee* – P. Schock

- A. Bleed has provided a synopsis of her thoughts for the future, especially w/regard to Rentals
- Pat Schock agreed to help, now that Ann Bleed has moved – other committee members can help as well
- ECCO Brochures
- Completed – in PDF format
- Reprinted – no real changes – ready for use/distribution

*Annual Neighborhood Clean-up* – P. Pierson

- Patti to handle preparation/grant – usually done in February
- Set for Saturday April 22 – the Saturday after Easter
- Include the Goodwill pickup if possible again this year – that increased the overall participation last year
- Side note: Permanent Hazardous Waste drop-off location being built on North 48<sup>th</sup> – periodic collections may continue – but Lincoln will finally have a permanent location

**Fraternity Report – FarmHouse – Tate Emanuel for Jeff Beckmeyer, who is graduating in December**

- 78 members currently

- Held annual Rake & Bake joint project w/AGR – Idylwild clean-up for neighborhood residents
- FH project is progressing – dumpster placement hearing coming up
  - ✓ Need to see plans – none submitted thus far
- John Radil will be new FH representative

#### **Old Business**

- Mayor's office & Mayor's Roundtable update – P. Johnson
  - ✓ City Theatre policy discussed – vote upcoming to have bigger theatres in outlying areas – not just downtown
    - Board chose to take no official position on this issue – doesn't really affect ECCO
  - ✓ Off-sale Alcohol – reducing buffer to residential areas from 100' to 50'
    - M. Belka made motion to support Lincoln Policy Network's position opposing this change – seconded by T. Madsen
    - Motion passed unanimously – letter to be written opposing this change before Planning Commission and City Council
- Parking update – R. Maurer
  - ✓ Suggested that we may be able to mitigate the street crossing issues on Holdrege, if the parking issue could be resolved (at last)
  - ✓ M. Belka to contact our City Council representative Cyndi Lamm to determine if she would be willing to propose an ordinance for trying a Pilot Program as proposed 10/2015

#### **New Business**

- No Garden Tour this year – Discover ECCO ideas discussed for potential alternate project for fund-raising and/or neighborhood engagement/involvement
  - Planting and/or clean-up of new Boulevards and Valentino's/Idylwild Park discussed as potential activities to be further developed

Meeting was adjourned.

#### **Pending Business**

Election of President-Elect  
Historical Records

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 12 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45<sup>th</sup> & Orchard

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka