

**MINUTES**  
**ECCO Board Meeting**  
**January 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.**  
**New Hope Methodist Church**

**Call to Order** – R. Maurer

**Board Members Present:** Mary Belka, Robert Bienhoff, Rebecca Carr, John Hitt, Roy Maurer, Patti Pierson, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Danielle Shea, Donette Thayer

A quorum (quorum = 8) was present for voting

Also Present: ECCO Fraternity member Jon Freese (FH) attending for John Radil; and Kim Shelley from Lincoln Library system

**Minutes** - November 2016 – M. Belka

- Approved

**Treasurer's Report** – R. Maurer

- Postponed due to computer issues – no significant changes

**LPD Report**

- New officer attending – Sgt. Cooper
- Officers rotate every 5 years – new rotation for Sgt. Cooper, most recently working in NW Lincoln. Either he, Sgt. Hruza, or Capt. Jon Sundermeier will attend our meetings.
- R. Bienhoff asked LPD to check on vacant house on 39<sup>th</sup> St. – Appears the door is open again – Sgt. Cooper will check into it.
- R. Maurer asked what occurred 1/8 @ 31<sup>st</sup> & Holdrege. Sgt. Cooper reported that this was a domestic issue – man w/PTSD and “authority issues”. All weapons have been removed; the family was a help in mitigating things as well. Individual referred to appropriate help – hoping this will become resolved over time.

**Committee Reports**

*Communications/Newsletter Delivery* – S. Ruggia-Haden & R. Carr

- Next newsletter planned for April 1 delivery – potential articles/info need to be to Rebecca Carr by 3/24
  - ✓ 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 – 3 additional individuals have offered to help, including Deb Eisloeffel. R. Maurer will forward info to S. Ruggia-Haden

*Neighborhood Clean-up* – P. Pierson

- 2016 grant (finally) paid by City – Patti to prepare for 2017 Clean-up grant
- Saturday April 22 from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM
- Patti to make arrangements w/church, Goodwill pick-up, etc. (may have Goodwill challenge in place again this year)

*Web-Site* – D. Shea

- ECCO resident Deb Eisloeffel has suggested that the ECCO Facebook page be opened up for posting/communication – and offered to develop rules and help with maintaining it properly. She indicated that the Woods Park Neighborhood Ass'n. had done this, and found it to be a great way to connect neighbors and share information.
- R. Carr also suggested that Molly Nance, another new ECCO resident, be encouraged to help with this endeavor, as she is very “Facebook-connected/savvy”.
- Our Facebook page is currently “ECCO-branded” – this will need to be reviewed/discussed, for proper approach for the future. It will require monitoring – if Deb and/or Molly wish to do this, should be a nice addition for ECCO.
- Danielle will connect w/Deb and Molly – and continue to handle Admin for Facebook account

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

- No report – no new members

*Yard of the Month* – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz

- No report

- R. Carr indicated there was only 1 sign left; at next meeting, need to authorize purchase of additional signs, to go into the spring season. Usually like to pick two yards per month. Motion needed @ March meeting.

*Rental Committee – P. Schock*

- No report – R Carr indicated that P. Schock's Yahoo account was hacked – she has a new e-mail address (already incorporated into ECCO Board e-mail). Contact R. Carr for Pat's new e-mail address

**Fraternity Report – FarmHouse – John Freese for John Radil**

- Gave update on FarmHouse project - said that Jeff Beckmeyer & Architect Jeff Monzou would provide plans – they are forthcoming
- D. She indicated that FH Committee met 12/7 as well

**Old Business**

- FarmHouse project – already updated and discussed under FarmHouse Fraternity Report
- Holdrege Street Pedestrian Crossings
  - ✓ Per President P. Johnson, Public Works Director Miki Esposito has been asked about the project, and for a contact person. She said, "The latest on this particular installation is that the RRFB will be placed @ Holdrege Street and Idylwild Drive and is scheduled for Spring 2017 to comply w/construction standards." Webpage is <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/traffic/rrfb/> Pres. Johnson plans to ask the Project Manager to present to the ECCO Board in February.
  - ✓ This information/update was sent to neighbor who wrote in to ask about the project.
  - ✓ Questions were asked regarding the other crossings with issues – 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, and 42<sup>nd</sup>. Currently marked crossings at 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ✓ Discussion of Parking issue incorporated w/this discussion – the fact that reducing the number of people crossing could have a significant effect on the need for additional markings/lights at crossings.
  - ✓ M. Belka reported that she has contacted Cyndi Lamm to arrange for an appointment – object is to determine if an ordinance can be introduced/passed by the City Council to enable a Pilot Program to be introduced, to alleviate parking pressure on ECCO neighborhood – and introduce permit parking for residents M-F from 8-4 PM. No response yet from Cyndi Lamm – M. Belka will keep the Board apprised.
- Sale of Off Premises Alcohol Municipal Code Change
  - ✓ ECCO Board opposition letters sent to Planning Commission (11/18) and City Council (1/6). Replies received from Carl Eskridge & Cyndi Lamm

**New Business**

- None

Meeting was adjourned.

**Pending Business**

Election of President-Elect  
Historical Records

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

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 9 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45<sup>th</sup> & Orchard

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka