

Minutes
ECCO Board Meeting
November 30, 2017
New Hope Methodist Church

Call to Order – Paul Johnson

Board Members Present: Paul Johnson, Robert Beinhoff, John Hitt, Patti Pierson, Rebecca Carr, Tom Madsen, Cec Brady, Danielle Shea (quorum of 8 was present for voting)
Additional attendees: LPD Captain Marty Fehringer

Approval of Minutes - September 2017: Motion by Cec, Second by Rebecca; approved

LPD report from Captain Fehringer:

In the past 30 days there have been 6 larcenies from cars (two involved broken windows which is an escalation from most instances), and 3 auto thefts (one motorcycle, one vehicle with the key left in the ignition, one work van with equipment of substantial value). Except for the motorcycle, the auto thefts were recovered.

LPD is planning to launch a social media campaign under the hashtag #9pmRoutine as a reminder to add basic home security measures to your nightly routine (check that the car is locked, the garage door is down, the house is locked...). The campaign was started north of Tampa, Florida, and has seen success there in a 30% drop in thefts from auto.

LPD is going through the bid process to place staff in districts. The Northeast district has had 5 of the 7 sergeants bid to stay, maintaining their experience in the area. Officers will bid next Sunday (December 3rd). Five Officers have been lost from the Northeast district to lateral transfers into Omaha; overall the Lincoln Police Department is looking to hire 21 officers this year (this is double of most years; these new hires will have a year of training before they will be contributing to the workload). The bid placements take effect in January, as does the restructuring of districts. However, the Northeast District territory remains unchanged.

Election of Officers for the ECCO Board:

President – Paul Johnson
President Elect – Cec Brady
Treasurer – Roy Maurer
Secretary – Mary Belka
Rebecca motions to nominate the slate, Tom seconds, approved

Rails to Trails Zoning Change was presented by George Wesselhoft at the September 14th meeting. The changes primarily change zoning to reflect current land use (changes from industrial to residential where there are currently houses, from industrial to business where there are currently businesses). The motivation for the change is to remove Industrial designations that were put in place around the railroad that are no longer desirable land use in the area. Rebecca noted that the only change that is not obviously beneficial are a few cases of R-2 changing to R-4 which allows higher density residences, but in each case in our neighborhood these plots are already occupied by R-4 housing. Motion for ECCO to provide a letter in support of the rezoning to the planning commission by Cec, second by Rebecca, approved.

Email vote ratification

We held a vote by email regarding ECCO's position on the proposal to change the ordinance on alcohol sales; the board voted to oppose the proposal.

Motion to ratify the email vote by Cec, second by Patti, approved.

Perimeter signs

As discussed at the annual meeting, we need to have a better idea of what the signs would look like (as well as cost and proposed placement) and there is not a clear consensus that the signs are needed.

Cec mentioned an article supporting the benefits of neighborhood signage and identification that she plans to share.

YOTM:

Plan to select a light display for December.

Calendar of events:

AGS will have a blood drive on Monday Dec 4th. Danielle will send an ECCO Blast.

Next meeting:

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Submitted by D. Shea