

**MINUTES**  
**ECCO Board Meeting**  
**February 8, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**New Hope Methodist Church**

**Call to Order** – P. Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Aaron Bowen, Rebecca Carr, John Hitt, Paul Johnson, Roy Maurer, Sally Ruggia-Haden, A quorum (quorum = 8) was present for voting

Also Present: LPD Captain Fehringer, FarmHouse representative Clay Rathman, AGR representative Kaden Olson

**Minutes** – M. Belka

- October & November 2017 Minutes; and January 2018 Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report** – January 2018 – R. Maurer

- Approved

**LPD Report** – LPD Captain Fehringer

- All-time low of “Part 1” crimes (8 non-violent) – mostly larcenies (shoplifting from QuikShop + thefts from unlocked vehicles)
- New program “#9pmroutine” – text/social media program begun in Pasco County, FL – reminder to lock cars/garage doors/house doors
  - ✓ 32% annual reduction after 1 year in FL
  - ✓ Looking to increase positive interaction w/the public
  - ✓ Statistics for 1<sup>st</sup> five months of fiscal year in North Lincoln
    - Auto theft + 43% (stolen while warming in cold weather + keys left in cars)
    - Shoplifting + 32% (more retailers cracking down/reporting – 50% cleared, due to videos/Crimestoppers, etc.)
    - Assault w/weapon + 11%
    - 27.3% clearance of all crimes – above 24% citywide average
    - New officers 1/1
    - Area includes “O” Street itself + north side/Helicopter w/State Patrol – trying to combat street racing

**33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker Project Report – Initial meeting 2/7** – M. Belka

- Kick-off and overview of project to revamp intersection at 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker; combining vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and trains; including area stretching from Holdrege to Superior; 27<sup>th</sup> – 48<sup>th</sup> Streets; including RR crossings @ 33<sup>rd</sup> & Adams and 44<sup>th</sup> Street
- Preliminary Engineering phase completed – in keeping w/long-range transportation plan. Kris Humphrey – RTSD (RR Transportation Safety District) Project Mgr. This is a lengthy project – we are in the planning stage. Total project = 7-9 years
  - ✓ PEL = 1 yr./Planning = 3 to 4 yrs/Environmental Assessment Study = 2 years/Impact Stmt = up to 5 yrs.
  - ✓ Engineering stages several yrs. off
- MOU (memo of understanding) – all parties committed
- 65 trains daily/20k vehicles/>1,300,000 rate for consideration for funding – one of the highest usage rates in NE. Funding usually starts when the rate reaches 50k.
- Physical constraints – skewed street angles + Dead Man’s Run & Salt Creek floodplains; parks; and hazardous waste sites
- 2 alternatives being considered – neither is necessarily “final” – started w/30 – now whittled down to 2
  - ✓ They meet transportation needs – now looking at property and planning requirements
- Paul Barnes – Planning Dept.
  - ✓ Subarea corridor enhancement planning
  - ✓ Planning process = Discover/Engage/Envision – Narrow/Plan/Implement
  - ✓ Zoning, Multimodal & Economic development opportunities, and Public input
  - ✓ **February 22 – Public Informational Meeting RE the Project**
  - ✓ Cornhusker = “Entryway Corridor” = improving “curb appeal/1<sup>st</sup> impression” coming into Lincoln
    - I-80 to 56<sup>th</sup> Street; 56<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street = study area – design/character of Cornhusker Hwy.
    - Streetscape/landscaping, including artwork, lighting, signage – aesthetics/a sense of space
- Olson Consulting Team – goals/expectations for the area – looking for input – planning to continue through 2018
  - ✓ February 22 Open House – 5-7 PM @ 3901 N. 27<sup>th</sup> – Center for People in Need
  - ✓ April = Subarea Plan Charrette (3-day workshop)
  - ✓ May = Corridor Enhancement Charrette
  - ✓ After = another planned Public
- Contact Information
  - ✓ [www.33rdcornhusker.com](http://www.33rdcornhusker.com)
  - ✓ [emolloy@benesch.com](mailto:emolloy@benesch.com) 402-479-2282
  - ✓ Twitter & FB @n33rdcornhusker
- ? from R. Carr – concerned RE increase in number of cars, based on what is done to intersection @ 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker – “downstream” / unintended consequences
  - ✓ Need to include information in the upcoming Newsletter

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Need to get newsletters to Sally by March 21
- Articles to Rebecca by March 2
  - ✓ Rebecca will contact LPD Capt. Fehringer
  - ✓ Patti Pierson – Neighborhood Cleanup? Paul to contact her RE grant, date (April 21?), shredding, etc.
  - ✓ 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker project info?
  - ✓ Tree-planting project info
  - ✓ East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday March 31)

*Neighborhood Clean-up* – P. Pierson

- P. Johnson provided info RE Keep Lancaster County Beautiful – shredding event grants – upcoming meeting for more information. Should we include as part of the Neighborhood Clean-up project in April? Paul to contact Patti

*Web-Site* – D. Thayer

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

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

*Rental Committee* – P. Schock

## **Fraternity Reports**

- FarmHouse – Clay Rathman
  - ✓ Building project on schedule
  - ✓ Big Event participation
  - ✓ Dance Marathon – their charitable event
- AGR – Kaden Olson
  - ✓ Hog dinner coming up
  - ✓ Philanthropy projects – including highway clean-up

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Garden Show in 2018 – to help fund Tree Planting project? – D. Shea
  - ✓ Mary to contact Danielle to discuss
  - ✓ Robert brought up flyers @ Cultiva, Campbell's, Earl May, Finke's, Caw Valley, to generate more interest

Meeting was adjourned.

Pending Business

- Historical Records retention

### **Calendar of Events**

- March 31 – East Campus Starrs – Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 AM @ McAdams Park – 44<sup>th</sup> & Y Streets
- TBD in April – ECCO Neighborhood Clean-up
- TBD in June – ECCO Neighborhood Garden Tour

**Next Meeting – Thursday, March 8 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45<sup>th</sup> & Orchard**

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka