

**MINUTES**  
**ECCO Board Meeting**  
**September 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**New Hope Methodist Church**

**Call to Order** – P. Johnson

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

Also Present: LPD Captain Fehringer; Beth Marhusen from Connection Point; Clay (FarmHouse) and Kaden (AGR)

**Minutes** – M. Belka

- June Minutes submitted by C. Brady – approved

**Treasurer's Report** – R. Maurer

- Question RE Insurance – amount seemed to be ½ what it should be – M. Belka to double-check that all is in order
- Approved

**LPD Report** – LPD Captain Marty Fehringer

- Several reports of upholstered furniture being deposited on neighborhood properties. One resident's camera caught AGS members depositing furniture on yard – fraternity members doing neighborhood cleanup today
- MoPac Trail sexual assault – still an open case – no additional crimes reported – some issues near Mahoney Park last year
  - ✓ Officers on bicycles till cold weather hits, to help add some security
- Very little crime in the past month – total of 8 incidents
  - ✓ Motorcycle taken from apt. complex; assault; 5 larcenies
- Upcoming East Campus concert 9/27 – LPD will have a presence, including monitoring any parking issues
- Bike Rodeos w/Brownell Elementary / Lincoln Advocacy Center / Lincoln Lutheran
- Halloween @ Event Center 10/22 – bigger with food trucks, face-painting (find out more on social media)
- "Project Lifesaver" – launching program w/Autism Family Network, to try to locate "wanderers" – voluntary program providing GPS wristbands that can be registered through the network – low cost – good battery life
  - ✓ Hoping to expand to other conditions
  - ✓ Received a grant to purchase equipment – has been expanded to Papillon/Bellevue/Lincoln – officers have been trained
- Holdrege/Vine/"O" = Motorcycle racing – 180 tickets / many misdemeanor tickets
  - ✓ Also an issue for Meadowlane

**Committee Reports**

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

- Available 9/27 @ the latest for delivery prior to Annual Meeting
- Be sure to deliver copies to fraternities

*Neighborhood Clean-up* – P. Pierson

- Treasurer R. Maurer is not certain about reimbursement – report was submitted online – no check yet received

*Web-Site* – D. Shea

- g-mail issue exists – cannot be fixed

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

- R. Maurer getting membership letters out to neighbors in advance of meeting (worked well last few years – will continue)
- Reminder to speak w/new neighbors about ECCO – the more memberships we have, the more good works/services we can provide

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

- Offered to Donna Champoux – she declined – what about the Rokeby's?

*Rental Committee* – P. Schock

- P. Johnson indicated that "Tuck House" on corner of 41<sup>st</sup> & Holdrege had just been sold, unfortunately, as a rental
- Discussion RE proper methods of reporting violations (too many unrelated people, etc.) to Building & Safety – online uploading best

*Fraternities*

- Kaden – AGR – They are increasing presence on social media – showing community involvement
  - ✓ Some water damage – had 70 residents move in – short about 5 beds
- Clay – FarmHouse –
  - ✓ "Scoops for Schools" – project for Lighthouse, providing cookies, ice cream sandwiches
  - ✓ 88 moved into new house
  - ✓ Social media – Facebook/Instagram

*Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable* – P. Johnson

- Mention of Downtown Master Plan – little else to report

**Connection Point Report** – Beth Marhusen

- Clinton neighborhood near 33<sup>rd</sup> & Starr – purchased the church in June

- Services include food pantry, English conversation group, picnic in Idylwild Park
- Shout-out to Fraternity members who have been volunteering

#### **Old Business**

- Annual Meeting – Thursday, October 11
  - ✓ Board member candidates – President P. Johnson asked about filling any empty Board positions
    - Aaron & John up for re-election
    - John Hitt indicated he would not be seek re-election
    - M. Belka offered to speak with Eric Hunter (new neighbor on 37<sup>th</sup> Street who expressed an interest)
  - ✓ Food & Beverage – R. Maurer indicated that all food costs are covered – M. Belka will order from Val's – T. Madsen to provide drinks
  - ✓ Speakers – City of Lincoln Public Works & City of Lincoln Legal RE Permit Parking ordinance progress
    - Cyndi Lamm had requested a timeslot – but agenda is already too full. P. Johnson to speak w/her about November meeting instead
  - ✓ 4:30 PM room setup
  - ✓ 5:30 PM dinner
  - ✓ 6:00 PM Business Meeting – moved up, to keep meeting from lasting too long, yet allow time for Q&A
  - ✓ Speakers/Q&A
  - ✓ Room Clean-up

#### **New Business**

- Homecoming Concert Thursday, 9/27 – update – R. Carr
  - ✓ Working to keep noise and issues to a minimum – goal is zero sound complaints
- MoPac Trail brush clean-up & increasing visibility – correspondence from Mike Comstock w/Lincoln Parks & Recreation
  - ✓ Resolved – no longer a problem
  - ✓ Trails Volunteers did clean-up 2 weeks ago – send a Thank you?
  - ✓ 40<sup>th</sup> approaching from the south cross-walk

#### **Pending Business**

- Historical Records retention
- Election of President-elect

Meeting was adjourned.

#### **Calendar of Events**

- Wednesday, September 20 @ 7 PM – Recycling Education Focus Group – Gere Library @ 56<sup>th</sup> & Normal Blvd.
- Thursday, September 21 – UML East Campus Homecoming Concert – East Campus Mall
- Sunday, September 23 – Streets Alive – Belmont neighborhood
- Thursday October 11 – ECCO Annual Meeting – starting w/dinner @ 5:30 PM

**Next Meeting – Thursday, October 11 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45<sup>th</sup> & Orchard**

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka