

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

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Cec Brady, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Teri Ourada-Hubka, Patti Pierson
A quorum (quorum = 7) was present for voting

Also Present: Clay (FarmHouse) and Kaden (AGR)

Minutes – M. Belka

- September approved as corrected (removing “pending business” note RE President-Elect – this has been done)
- October (Annual Meeting) Minutes – approved

Treasurer’s Report – R. Maurer – no report

LPD Report – LPD Captain Marty Fehringer (via e-mail)

- Officers Sgt. Todd Beam & Officer Cassandra Nissan receiving ARC award for developing program for ARC clients to meet LPD officers, and develop expectations when coming into contact w/a policy officer.
- Slightly elevated crime rate for ECCO this past month
 - ✓ 3 residential burglaries – one kicked-in door w/stolen beer; two w/no forced entry – bike & bike pump stolen from one location – no loss on the other
 - ✓ 1 commercial burglary – entry made through unlocked door – speakers & microphone were stolen
 - ✓ 4 larcenies from vehicles – tire stolen; license plates stolen; remaining two were from unlocked vehicles – backpack containing watch & clothing stolen + title to vehicle and unsecured handgun taken. Note: This happens too often!!
 - 9 additional larcenies – most were crimes of opportunity from unlocked vehicles, homes, etc. Gas drive-off from convenience store
 - Bike stolen from apartment complex
 - Known suspect stole a saw, end tables, and silverware set from a residence
 - Alcohol shoplifted
 - Stack of tires stolen from outside the garage of a home
 - Bike stolen from porch of a home
 - Guest stole a video game system from a home
 - Yard decoration stolen
 - Medications and a gun stolen from red-tagged home – difficult to ascertain when this occurred – could have been at least 1 year up to the time it was reported to police – there are no suspects.
 - ✓ Most were crimes of opportunity from unlocked vehicles, homes, etc. Two crimes concerning guns are concerning. The gun stolen from the car was a victim who did not live in the NE Team area – drove car to business in our area, left vehicle unlocked – gun was stolen. They did get a fingerprint off the vehicle, but it came back to a friend of the victim – there are no suspects at this time.
 - ✓ Sexual assault on MoPac is still open – no suspects.
 - ✓ Question from C. Brady regarding car-jacking @ 12:30 AM @ 42nd & Holdrege this week. Was not yet on crime listing – had just occurred when Captain Fehringer wrote his report. This is very concerning – car was found, crashed/damaged/abandoned – was taken at gunpoint.

Committee Reports

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

- M. Belka to take over as Chair
- R. Carr will continue to help w/layout, though no longer on the Board
- Need to get Spring Newsletter out prior to “Big Event”, Easter Egg Hunt, and Neighborhood Clean-up (once date is in place)

Neighborhood Clean-up – P. Pierson – no report

- Need to determine date for our event – UNL “Big Event” is 4/6; Easter Egg Hunt is 4/19

Web-Site – D. Shea – no report

- P. Johnson mentioned log-in for Board Members to view By-laws, lists, and documents, etc. – will forward to Board members
- ECCO Facebook managed by ECCO members Molly Nance and Donnette Thayer

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

- R. Maurer to provide updated membership list – may need to contact members to flesh out contact info, especially e-mails, to be sure as many members as possible, are contacted via e-mail/blast when necessary

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

- Recommendation for yard w/Christmas/holiday lights & decorations – let committee know – can provide “winter” yard sign

Rental Committee

- P. Johnson provided additional details – “Tuck” house actually sold to AGS alum – long-range “plan” is to tear down for future AGS complex/parking. Currently a rental.

Fraternities

- Both fraternities will elect new officers; new representatives will be attending ECCO meetings. Thanks Kaden & Clay for serving.
- Kaden – AGR – Study room converted to two bedrooms – currently have 73 residents w/5 open beds
- Clay – FarmHouse – Completed philanthropic event – neighborhood “Rake & Bake” last week

Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable – P. Johnson – no report

Old Business

- Permit Parking ordinance update – M. Belka – no change/report

New Business

- Miki Esposito will return for January meeting to give more information RE Annual Meeting feedback – wanted to clear up any issues, and keep lines of communication open
- Neighborhood social event? Suggestions & thoughts
 - ✓ Bowling night event @ Madsen’s – a Tuesday would be best – Thursdays are very full for bowling – may be able to have pool tables available
 - ✓ Summer event – perhaps August?
 - ✓ T. Madsen & P. Johnson to discuss further – come up with potential February event @ Madsen’s
- Neighborhood Association definition for TIF notification – agreed that P. Johnson should return the document with ECCO Board feedback – definition criteria are acceptable to us; suggestion that certified mail not really needed – mail/e-mail should be sufficient

Pending Business

- Historical Records retention

Meeting was adjourned.

Calendar of Events

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday January 10 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka