

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
August 8, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
New Hope United Methodist Church

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Cec Brady, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Roy Maurer, Teri Ourada-Hubka, , Patti Pierson, Sally Ruggia-Haden

Also present:

- LPD Captain Martin Fehringer
- Richard Sutton – Resident
- Tanner White – Resident – Fall Festival proposal representative (for Tricia White)

Minutes – M. Belka

- June & July - approved

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer

- June & July – approved
- Membership drive – most notices are sent September/October

LPD Report – Capt. Martin Fehringer

- Note: speaker – Councilman James Michael Bowers @ Anderson Library 8/15/2019
- Total crimes – 18 including 10 larcenies from autos – nearly all in one night – arrested 2 kids (16 and 14) – one lives right in the neighborhood. Again, 1 bad night accounted for most of the numbers – otherwise a good month for the summer – would still like to see some improvement. Focus has shifted from O Street to school vicinities, w/start of school year.
 - ✓ Note to self – don't be on juvenile probation w/an ankle bracelet
 - ✓ Way too many of these lately throughout Lincoln (SE, NE, both sides of 48th Street – a couple of different groups/individuals – one is 16 – trying to determine what his involvement is)
 - ✓ All were unlocked – 1 locked, but a PU bed – billfolds, cash, shoes, clothes in a gym bag, wireless ear buds, etc. – crimes of opportunity
- 5 others - 3 shoplifts – iPhone – bike from bike rack – apartments @ 47th – cut the lock and took it as well
- 7 vandalisms – windows shattered – GPS should show if they were involved
- 1 auto theft – hit & run accident – plate number – 2015 Silverado – unlocked w/keys – likely not a true auto theft
- 2 sexual assaults – both known to the individuals (husband, boyfriend)
- Sergeant retired – radio system manager for the City – 9/15 they will be at full strength
- Marty will provide article for upcoming newsletter

Tree Project Update – Richard Sutton

- 2013 volunteers planted 60 trees in first round – most are still alive
- 2018 was the last round – at Richard's request, individuals were asked to contact/set up meeting/site check/delivered trees – problem was limitations in the spring – would like to get everyone lined up in the fall for spring delivery – will have more control over spring species diversity
- Attractive possibility would be to get people to come to the annual meeting (3 after the ECCO blast) – would like to include in the newsletter / if you have a spot – come and we can do selection. \$1,100 from garden tour = 8-10 trees – bag-grown, mostly native trees – inexpensive, grow quickly, high survival rate. Set up a table for the Annual Meeting – first come, first serve. Target North 40th Street from Vine to Holdrege – setting up an appointment is difficult – a lot of planting area along 40th and Vine for them. Commercial area south of MoPac – between 46th & 48th – Stanley et al – contacting them to organize the businesses to do their own tree planting. Perhaps contact Jane Raybouldt – facilitate and line up trees. Works best if people plant tree themselves – perhaps we can help the businesses?
- Q: Idylwild – a few dead ones – noted that proposal was provided some time ago to have Robert Bienhoff maintain ECCO Blvd. + parks - no answer
A: Parks Dept. in charge – Valentino's has provided \$60k in escrow for care of Blvd. and park for 15 years
- Q: What about Lower NRD? Chelsea Johnson offered some trees – not sure they are the size we need – too small?
A: Sticky wicket from 2013 – City has their own specifications RE rights-of-way
 - ✓ Wish City Council would get on top of the tree planting and allocate the proper money – very frustrated!!!
 - ✓ Ashes are already coming down – it's starting to hit – we need to be ready!
 - ✓ Would like to see our fundraising be an annual event – include donations from ECCO businesses?
 - ✓ What about Realtors selling properties in the neighborhood? People are more amenable when someone is new to the neighborhood – to promote it
- Getting good survival – bracing for removal when the Ashes start coming down – P. Johnson to forward info from NRD to Richard
 - ✓ Had matching grant money also, that might be available – we can ask.....
- Table/List/Sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting
 - ✓ Cec – perhaps also talking with them about the Parking proposal

Fall Festival Proposal – Tanner White (for wife Tricia White)

- ECCO Resident – 1110 Idylwild – across from the park – 4- and 16-months old sons – moved here 3-4 years ago
 - ✓ Welcomed into the community w/the 4th of July Parade – loves the community and collaboration
 - ✓ Both are teachers and like to “give back” – Tricia thought a Fall Festival would be a fun opportunity for the community and bring people together
- Objective: 3 options presented – Special Event option chosen by the Board
 - ✓ Idylwild Park
 - ✓ Need permit if goods/services are sold – food trucks – some will pay
 - ✓ Need Certificate of insurance for City
- Specifics
 - ✓ October date – “Fall into ECCO” – suggestion for name
 - ✓ Volunteers have booths – in and out of the community – similar to “Discover ECCO” several years ago
 - ✓ Tricia’s niece – Julia Messineo – Delta Gamma – already has 3 booths committed
 - ✓ Games, hot apple cider bar, both for the Tree Project, Screening for Depression, etc., Fire Truck
- Would want to include in Newsletter – article to P. Johnson by 9/13
- M. Belka to contact insurance agency to double-check coverage
- Motion by M. Belka to support the Fall Festival to a maximum of \$200 – seconded – passed unanimously
- Committee to be headed up by Tricia White – let her know if you want to volunteer on the committee

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – M. Belka

- P. Johnson needs articles/announcements by 9/13 – including Fall Festival & Annual Meetings

Neighborhood Clean-up – P. Pierson

- Haven’t received the final check yet – also found an additional donation – will forward to Roy

Website – D. Shea – no report

Membership – P. Pierson w/help from R. Maurer – no report

Yard of the Month – R. Bienhoff

- T. Madsen through August

Rental/Property Committee

Fraternities – no report

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

Old Business

- Planning for Annual Meeting – October 10
 - ✓ Board elections – 4 expirations this year – all wish to continue + election of Rachel Aylon (appointed to Richard Voeltz’s empty seat – no longer able to serve)
 - Tanner White? He will think about it!
 - ✓ Speaker – newly elected council member

New Business

- Lend a Hand project – Nebraska Wesleyan – 8/24 – picking up trash in neighborhood
 - ✓ Need volunteers to organize them and get folks pointed in the right direction
- Holdrege Street restriping
- Historical streetlights painting – inquiry from resident
 - ✓ E-mailed LES – on the list to be painted this year
 - ✓ Neighbors volunteered – on a 5-year rotation at the time – tried to get it done, but a liability issue if volunteers
- Census Solutions Workshop 9/12/2019 from 10-noon @ the Center for People in Need
 - ✓ Looking for the “Complete Count Committee” folks to help w/Census
 - ✓ Welcome to attend if you want – P. Johnson will forward the e-mail blast
- T. Ourada-Hubka – comments RE Project updating/gathering Historic District houses info/stories, etc.
 - ✓ Starrs & Apple Corps members working on project – published, then sold in the past

Parking Project Report from Committee

- Discussion RE signage during pilot period – need clarification RE current restrictions – M. Belka to check w/Wayne Mixdorf & Jeff Kirkpatrick, and e-mail the Board with the result
- Motion to approve the application by ECCO for the Pilot Permit Parking Program by M. Belka – seconded – passed unanimously (with 7 Board members – quorum – still in attendance)

Pending Business

- Historical Records retention

Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday September 12 @ 7:00 PM @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard Streets

Calendar of Events 2019

- September 13 – Newsletter Articles Due
- September 27-29 – Fall Newsletter Delivery
- October 6 – ECCO Fall Festival @ Valentino's/Idylwild Park
- October 10 – ECCO Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka