

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
April 8, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Via Zoom

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Robert Bienhoff, Janet Buck, Dennis Diestler, Doug Gibbs, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Roy Maurer, Ken Nickerson, Teri Ourada-Hubka

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Also present: LPD Sergeant Angela Sands
Jack Regan (FarmHouse fraternity representative)

Minutes – M. Belka

- February & March 2021 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer

- To be submitted for next meeting

LPD Report – Sgt. Angela Sands

- Neighbors app/website – “Ring” owns it / posting RE crimes
 - ✓ Surveillance videos – LPD is a member – they review it
 - ✓ Looking for trends/times – matching up w/crimes
- Violent calls in progress/active traffic/accidents
 - ✓ Most common areas – 48th & R (R-O –& R-Vine)
 - ✓ Outside of ECCO – but nearby
 - ✓ Speeding on Vine – “selective” radar, looking for speeders – especially @ 48th & Vine – trying to exercise “proactive visibility” – has already helped to reduce number of speeders
- Noise issues on “O” Street – mufflers/racing – citations, but people keep on cruising
- Larceny from autos / valuables / lock / no firearms
- Street parking
- Frauds – online dating/fake dating – a lot of money extracted from victims
- Speeding issues – hard to catch, as LPD cannot be everywhere, and the move fast
 - ✓ Q to Holdrege = “racetrack” from Dairy Store Drive to 48th Street
 - ✓ Q to Apple
 - ✓ 40th – Holdrege to Vine

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – M. Belka

- Articles due by 4/9 – delivery slated for April 22-24

Neighborhood Clean-up – T. Madsen

- Date/Time/Place: Saturday May 1 from 9AM to 1 PM @ Lutheran Church parking lot – 42nd & Vine Streets
- Grant application is in - \$469 – just above cost of rollofts, per P. Johnson
- Rollofts – 2-3 planned – can pick up and provide additional, if needed during the event
- \$250 per hour for shredding w/“Recycling Enterprises” (we could still cancel)
 - ✓ How about 1 hour?
 - ✓ Last time, there was no charge from Paper Tiger
 - ✓ Do we make a charge?
 - ✓ There are many opportunities for people to take care of it – do we really need to offer it?
 - ✓ **Motion: That we offer 1 hour of shredding from 10-11 AM @ the event. Seconded. Passed unanimously**
 - ✓ Be sure to clarify shredding schedule in newsletter article
- Goodwill – lined up to pick up @ 1PM, immediately after the event
- Still have not heard from insurance agent RE verifying coverage for event – should not be a problem. M. Belka to notify P. Johnson, to confirm.

Website – Donnette Thayer

- What do we want it to do? Should it be Facebook-related? No – many people aren't on FB
 - ✓ Informational/upcoming events + joining ECCO – membership info + List of Board members
 - ✓ Including info@eastcampus.org in newsletter
 - ✓ Include PayPal link for membership info

Membership – R. Maurer

Yard of the Month – T. Ourada-Hubka

- Teri needs the signs
- E-mail any candidates to her for consideration

Rental/Property Committee

- Continuing problems – 3715 Holdrege update – slumlord owns home now a tri-plex – shanty lean-to has been added to garage
 - ✓ Somewhat better – finally cleaned out – resident returned to prison – problem girlfriend is gone
 - ✓ Electrical cords still not remedied – at least fewer cars, and no fighting
 - ✓ Squeaky wheel with the City (Building & Safety) – finally got some action

Neighborhood Roundtable – P. Johnson

Fraternity Report

- FarmHouse – Jack Regan
 - ✓ 1 more month in semester – no news to report
 - ✓ Philanthropy projects – none till fall on helping, due to COVID
 - ✓ Elections in January – new presentative = Riley Knest (President)
- AGS – P. Johnson
 - ✓ Still renovating new building – slow going in converting apartment building to fraternity
 - ✓ Is there a buyer yet for the former location @ 40th & Holdrege? Paul to check into it – original presentation from AGS group had indicated that there was a potential buyer.

Old Business

- Permit Parking Project – M. Belka
 - ✓ Should be able to bring back into focus, with things beginning to open up post-COVID
 - ✓ Anyone interested in speaking with neighbors as we resume obtaining signatures?
- ECCO Website – P. Johnson – covered in Committee report above
- Document electronic storage – R. Maurer
 - ✓ Storage site set up w/Tech Soup
 - ✓ Can someone else deal with IRS?
 - ✓ Danielle has items to scan
 - ✓ Is there a copy of the 501(c)(3) documentation letter from IRS?

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – Thursday May 13 @ 6:30 PM

- Note: President P. Johnson will consider resuming in-person Board meetings as things progress – outdoor meeting tentatively planned – watch for his e-mail RE May meeting. If held in-person, will be at New Hope Methodist Church @ 45th & Orchard Streets. Otherwise, will be Zoom. May be a combination of in-person and online