

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
August 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
In person @ New Hope Methodist Church & via Zoom

Call to Order – P. Johnson

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

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Also present: LPD Capt. Mayde McGuire

Minutes – M. Belka

- April 2021 & May 2021 to be reviewed by Board members for approval at next meeting

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer

- Approved – Treasurer requested that all Board members review budget for discussion – submission for Annual Meeting approval

LPD Report – LPD Captain Mayde McGuire – See attached Excel spreadsheet report of incidents

- Lease is up October – option to buy or move somewhere else – new space, sharing w/911 center @ 5201 “R” Street. Old State Farm call center, north of HyVee gas station
- Moving likely 7/2022
- Southern border could move to A Street eventually (from current O Street border)
- Adding a NE Lincoln substation at some point as well
- Crime report
 - ✓ Catalytic converters – new legislation coming from City Council to try to curb it – not one person – many people are doing this. Similar to copper issue of several years ago – salvage value is high – heavy, precious metals (iridium, platinum, etc.)
 - ✓ Honda Civics from the ‘90s – usually “drifting around” painted a different color. If you see an abandoned one, call LPD – why? They have an auxiliary key – takes 5 seconds to remove it – then use to steal others.
 - ✓ Lock your cars

Q – Are we still doing the 9pm check (close your garage, lock your doors notification)? Capt. McGuire asked if it was well-received – she will look into it – sounds like it would be good to do again. In the winter, 50% of cars stolen, are running in a driveway.

- New chief August 30 – already approved, but will be sworn in then
 - ✓ Fresh ideas, all ranks seem happy about it – a qualified candidate
 - ✓ While everyone feels ready for something different, she will likely make no changes for a while – most hope sooner than later!
- Officer/community work – same everywhere, regardless of venue – similar problems, slightly different laws – dealing w/people

Q – Any new officers in our area? MoPac Trail issues – new officers need to be oriented/know about it, in order to find people more easily.

Each year, officers bid for assignments – sometimes you don’t get a chance to learn the topography of a new area. Working an area over several years creates better knowledge. Knowing the hiking/biking trails is a plus.

- We are looking for opportunities to collaborate w/communities/community associations, “Pop w/a Cop” events, etc. Described the 4th of July Parade, thanking LPD & Fire Dept. for their continued participation
- Annual meeting coming up – would LPD like to do a meet and greet? Yes – they will plan on it.

Committee Reports

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Communications/Newsletter Delivery – M. Belka

- Next newsletter out 2 weeks or so before Annual meeting

Website – Donnette Thayer

Membership – R. Maurer

- Hopefully membership letters/notices can go out prior to meeting – usually works best, for getting renewals/new memberships
- Names & addresses of ALL ECCO names/addresses – can we get this from the PO – County Assessor?
 - ✓ Big mailing – but worth getting updated info + more membership funds (down due to COVID, understandably)
 - ✓ \$1,300 funds – usually \$3,300 – very low – need a boost!!
 - ✓ M. Belka offer to help getting letters out

Yard of the Month – T. Ourada-Hubka

- Sign Solutions makes the signs – ordered 4 – to Teri for placement

Rental Property

- Two homes for sale – Danielle Shea (39th & Apple); Cec Brady
- Zoning discussion – B1 to H2, 4615 Vine Street (currently Kelly’s Carpet) – becoming a storage unit

- 37th & Apple light discussed – M. Belka in contact with City/LES to get it on the schedule – damaged/gone since February – concrete base has to be completely replaced. City can't put street sign back up, till LES replaces the pole.

Fraternity Reports

- AGS extended an invitation for grand opening Saturday 8/28 – Illinois gameday – seems aggressive – a lot to be done!

Mayor's Roundtable meeting

- Transit Development Plan (StarTran) meeting 8/9/2021 – Paul unable to attend

Garage Sale

- Not sponsored by ECCO – organized annually in core area of the neighborhood by Donna Champoux
- Karma Larsen – coordinating to have garage sale on 41st Street as well

Old Business

- G-Suite account for storage/non-profit – we are a 501(c)(4) (not-for-profit) corporation – not 501(c)(3) (charitable) corporation
 - ✓ Stopped filing the 990 forms – inactive non-for-profit corporation at this point – need to reactivate
 - ✓ Motion postponed – getting the tax status back

New Business

- Lend a Hand project – NE Wesleyan
 - ✓ Projects, including yardwork, etc.
 - ✓ Walking – no vans this year
 - ✓ Suggested they do a neighborhood litter pickup, starting @ Dead Man's Run, to MoPac @ 48th (both sides) – also Huntington in both directions 33rd to 48th
 - ✓ Some grant money available from Keep Lincoln/Lancaster County Beautiful
 - ✓ Anyone having time Saturday 8/21 from 9-noon
 - ✓ Madsen's to provide some free game cards – Paul will try to stop by – just making sure they are doing what they are supposed to do. Eric will help – meet @ Madsen's on 8/21 – send them to the trail – then the traffic light at 33rd
- Annual Meeting – is October 21 OK with everyone? Yes
 - ✓ Voting for Board members whose terms are expiring – Robert Bienhoff, Sally Ruggia-Haden, Eric Hunt, Teri Ourada-Hubka, Doug Gibbs
 - ✓ Format? Parking lot, due to COVID, with 6-foot spacing? Inside? Pizza as in the past?
 - ✓ September newsletter at the end of the month

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – Thursday September 9 [changed to September 16] @ 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 meetings. 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