

**Meeting Minutes  
ECCO Annual Meeting  
Thursday, October 20, 2022  
New Hope Methodist Church**

4:30 pm Room Set up  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6:00 pm -- Call to Order

**Introductions of Board Members** by Paul Johnson, President

Current Board Members

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM END</u>
Dennis Diestler	2022
Ken Nickerson	2022
Paul Johnson	2022
Rachel Ayalon	2022
Tanner White	2022
Janet Buck	2023
Mary Belka	2023
Chuck Hassebrook	2023
Roy Maurer	2023
Tom Madsen	2023
Eric Hunt	2024
Janelle Lamb	2024
Amanda Martinson	2024
Teri Orada-Hubka	2024
Vicki Rokeby	2024

Guests

- Ed Zimmer – Historic Preservation Planner
- LPD NE District Captain Jeff Bucher, Sargent Wendy Ground

**President's Report** - Paul Johnson

President expressed thanks to:

- Board Members in general
- Neighborhood volunteers that have helped with projects.
- Newsletter volunteers
  - Rebecca Carr – Layout
  - Mary Belka - Newsletter distribution
  - Newsletter delivery volunteers
- Donnette Thayer – Website, emails
- Tom Madsen – Event refreshments & materials
- Teri Orada-Hubka & Rich Hubka – Yard of the Month
- New Hope UMC – meeting hall facilities

Overview of past year's projects & issues:

- Contribution to East Campus Starrs Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Clean Up – Tom Madsen, Eric Hunt coordinator
  - 5200 lb Trash collected.
  - 1400 lbs Goodwill Challenge items
  - 1 rolloff container of brush

- Thanks to Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity for pickups & muscle
- Thanks to American Lutheran Church for use of parking lot for event
- “Cool, Kitsch & Collectible” ECCO Fundraising Sale – Mary Belka, coordinator
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Paul Johnson & Mary Belka, coordinator
  - Business contributors – Valentino’s, Ayres & Ayres, Raising Cane’s Chicken
  - Neighborhood volunteers –Roger Hochstetler, Jim King, Gale Warren, Lisa Warren, Natalia Acosta, Vero Montesinos
- Yard of the Month – New Signs & Postings – Teri Orada-Hubka & Rich Hubka
- Discovery Days at East Campus – Paul Johnson, Mary Belka, Eric Hunt
- ECCO on Facebook
- Lincoln Garden Club’s Spring Garden Tour featuring East Campus gardens

### **Treasurer’s Report** – Roy Maurer

- Annual Budget
  - 2021-22 Year to Date Financials through August 2022 on tables

Attendees reviewed financial statements. Treasurer & President discussed some of the costs of operating the organization such as for the website, insurance, newsletter printing. Treasurer said that an anonymous donor contributed about \$500 to pay for the Annual Meeting food & that about \$1100 of non-membership dues had been donated to ECCO by neighbors which resulted in a positive cash flow for the organization in the last year.

### **Membership Report** - Teri Orada-Hubka

- Annual Dues – Currently \$25/ year - review, discussion.

Teri thanked all of the attendees that renewed/joined & told them to talk to their neighbors about joining. Said that we received payment from about 30 members at the meeting.

### **Election of Board Members**

- Board positions up for re-election
  - Dennis Diestler
  - Ken Nickerson
  - Paul Johnson
  - Rachel Ayalon
  - Tanner White
- Board nominations
  - Ken Nickerson
  - Paul Johnson
  - Rachel Ayalon
- Request additional nominations from the floor
  - Richard Firebaugh – 402 499-5571 – 3901 Orchard St
  - Frank Newel - 402 540-6970 – 1331 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St.
- Election of Board Members

President was asked by Vicki Rokeby if Chuck Hassebrook needed to be formally confirmed by the membership, but Paul thought that Chuck had been confirmed at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Slate of Board & floor nominees presented to members attending & entire slate was approved by the membership.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- President presented some recently received information from Lincoln Transportation & Utilities (LTU) about e-scooters and the parking requirements for the scooters. Riders encouraged to park in

designated areas, required to take/send picture of scooter neatly parked. Riders can be fined or banned for not following rules.

- Question – Scooters left near MoPac Trail & how are they handled.
  - Scooter company phone number should be on scooter
  - LTU may be contacted by phone, UPLNK app or City website
  - Approved riding areas in City are “Geo-Fenced” & scooters have GPS so that company can track vehicle
- Parking – Question about what happened to the Permit Parking initiative. Said that it was derailed by Covid.
  - Neighbor said that T-Force freight company will not deliver large freight packages to East Campus neighborhood because they have it marked as a “Student Parking” area. He had to drive to Omaha to pick up item
  - Suggestion that Board take up the Parking Permit project again in upcoming meetings.

## **Announcements**

- American Lutheran Church --Little Food Pantry on 42<sup>nd</sup> St – neighbors are invited to take or donate food as needed
- Trunk or Treat Events – neighbors invited to attend or participate
  - New Hope UMC – Saturday, Oct 29
  - American Lutheran Church - Sunday, Oct 30, 6:30 – 8 pm

Business Meeting Adjourned

## **Presentation/question/answer session**

- Ed Zimmer – Historic Preservation Planner

President presented short bio of Ed Zimmer’s background as historical planner/researcher & author in the Lincoln area, former member of Lincoln School Board

Ed discussed history of the East Campus Area with pictures of early area horse farm & Woods brothers and Henry Luckey as primary home developers of the area. Showed how area was split between Lincoln & University Place until University Place/Bethany were annexed by Lincoln. Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice (O,L & B) rail line went through the neighborhood to connect Lincoln, Bethany & Havelock with passenger & freight. Discussed & showed photos of some area homes & their history.

## **Lincoln Police - Northeast Team** - Captain Jeff Bucher

Captain Bucher introduced himself & gave some of his background with LPD. Said one of the biggest LPD problems is recruiting new officers. NE Team area is very large & department is understaffed. New NE Team headquarters to be opened about 1/1/2023 at 52<sup>nd</sup> & R St building shared with LPD dispatchers. Will be looking for substations within the area for officers to work on reports.

- Question – What should neighbors be looking for in the area (gangs/gang colors, dress, etc)?. Are neighborhood areas safe?
  - Watch for what looks out of place/gut feeling. Contact LPD if something doesn’t look right. Walk with friends to feel safer in neighborhood. Be vigilant for problems.
  - Said that Lincoln has a gang problem & is visited by gangs from surrounding area cities. Has 5-6 member gang unit at LPD.
- Question – Traffic enforcement in general – O St cruisers, speeding/speed traps in neighborhood, parking issues
  - O St is ongoing issue & now mostly in the NE Team area. Other areas of city also have same issue. Difficult to control & usually requires help from NE State Patrol with helicopter that is able to track violators.
  - Retired LPD officer is Parking Enforcement person for the NE Team area. Does a good job & problems should be reported to LPD for handling
  - Speed traps on area streets are occasionally set up, but other types of area problems are a higher priority with limited staff.