

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
June 8 @ 6:30 PM
New Hope Methodist Church

Call to Order – Vice-president E. Hunt

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Janet Buck, Richard Firebaugh, Chuck Hassebrook, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Stephanie Kuvetakis, Janelle Lamb, Amanda Martinson, Frank Newell, Ken Nickerson, and Vicki Rokeby

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Additional Attendees: LPD Northeast Team Captain Bucher

LPD Report – Capt. Jeff Bucher

May 11 meeting recap

- Positive feedback from attendees of combined association board members meeting – Woods and Witherbee want to keep meeting on a regular basis.
- Forwarding notes from community meeting to Capt. Bucher.

Crime activity recap

- 33rd & Holdrege stabbing/beating in Quilt Museum parking lot – many witnesses involved in 2AM “social gathering at the site.”
 - ✓ Argument w/2 guys over a phone; there are several suspects; LPD currently trying to put the pieces together. The victim knew the first suspect – LPD seeking cooperation from witnesses, but have a fairly solid case.
- Clinton neighborhood – LPD is seeking a maroon 2002-ish Chrysler Town and Country van – no plates – believed to be involved in multiple catalytic converter thefts. No good description of perpetrator, despite video from 3 different private surveillance cameras. Vehicle could be stolen from another community – chances are good that individual will not stop for a police cruiser. Seen in NE/SE Lincoln in the vicinity of several thefts. They can be removed in 2-3 minutes; thieves can sell them currently for \$600-800 each – primarily in IA at this point.
 - ✓ LPD approves of putting notice out to the neighborhood for residents to report any suspicious vehicle, especially matching this description.
- Memorial Day “cruise” challenges – Capt. Bucher’s first year
 - ✓ Plan implemented to go “back to basics” – contacting and eliciting support of businesses to discourage/eliminate people “hanging out” in parking lots. They received a great deal of support with letters on file, for instance Hy-Vee closed their store at 11 PM, so police was able to remove people from their parking lot. No trespassing signs were put up by several, giving the police the needed authority to remove spectators from those lots.
 - ✓ Cruise continued from about 3PM to midnight or so – with limited areas for spectators, no audience for the cruisers – most dispersed early.
 - ✓ Six stops – some fled – NE State Patrol helicopter was a help – LPD does not participate in “chases” in the City limits due to liability and potential for injury. Helicopter took over and caught 4 out of the 6 – caught very clearly on special cameras watched in the command center – very up-to-date and helpful technology employed.
 - ✓ 287 official tickets/160 warnings/0 fatalities
 - ✓ Some upset spectators who want the cruise to go on – but happier homeowners in the vicinity. “O” Street can be challenging – the Capt. commended the very active crew who worked the 2nd shift making it a better situation this year.
- There is a woman they are trying to apprehend who keeps going through red lights throughout the City @ 50-60 MPH – LPD is highly concerned about a potential tragedy if she cannot be apprehended.
- Community policing is the goal – the Capt. encouraged residents to continue to provide feedback, and alert LPD to any issues or concerns.

Minutes – M. Belka

- Approved

Treasurer’s Report – P. Johnson

- Approved
- Indicated that e-mail addresses have been pulled into his accounting program – he will be able to send invoices out to those members whose e-mail addresses we know. Will keep us updated on his progress overall.

Committee Reports

4th of July – P. Johnson

- Starts promptly @ 10 AM – volunteers should gather earlier for assignments.
- Firetruck request for 4th of July Parade – on track, if not on call
- LPD will be asked as well – suggested to ask City Council members – they have attended in the past – James Michael Bowers, Bennie Shobe, Sandra Washington
- Parade permit filed – will alert M. Belka if Certificate of Liability is required by the City
- Volunteers – neighbor Svetlana + 2 family members, M. Belka, E. Hunt, R. Firebaugh, F. Newell, C. Hassebrook

- Awards – P. Johnson will handle – asking Gale & Lisa Warren to help w/certificates
- E-mail blast reminders to go out

Fundraising Event – M. Belka

- All on track for event – still need volunteers. Prep Friday afternoon; set-up @ 6 AM Saturday; sale 8-4 PM Saturday
 - ✓ J. Buck to help after 2 PM Friday for tagging.
 - ✓ K. Nickerson to help as available later in the day.
 - ✓ R. Maurer and Denny Macomber day of the sale.
 - ✓ Gale Warren, Lisa Warren, Cindy Loope helping w/tagging Friday and set-up as well as sale Saturday morning.
 - ✓ Update on 2 paintings donated for auction by Tom Cordell – proceeds to be shared equally w/Wyuka Mural Preservation project; article to appear Saturday AM in LJS “Neighborhood Extra”.

Neighborhood Cleanup – E. Hunt

- Update – as soon as we have the roll-off weight information, E. Hunt will handle the reimbursement per the grant
- Thanks to all who participated/helped with the event

New Business

- Discovery Days June 11 (same day as the Garden Tour and fundraiser)
 - ✓ Also July 8 & August 12
 - ✓ Eric is volunteering with extension – will hand out our fundraiser flyers. May be an ECCO booth for the July and August events – need volunteers
- K. Nickerson suggested that we consider setting up ongoing meetings with other association board members – separate from our board meeting and without the LPD. It seemed that the participants wanted to “connect” after the meeting – we should consider taking the lead in keeping that momentum going. Some thoughts:
 - ✓ Come prepared to talk about two things with which they need help – or perhaps one success and one challenge to share.
 - ✓ We may find that we have the same concerns and can join forces to resolve issues together.
- Discussion RE primary faith-based community issues which appear to be mental health & crime (very related per LPD meeting in May). Some thoughts shared RE:
 - ✓ Houses of Hope (well-established in the community – halfway houses for recovering alcohol/drug users – 90-95% occupancy in the past – now down to 70-75% - what are the reasons?
 - ✓ Q – Is it voluntary, or ordered?
A – People apply – some on the waiting list for years, as there is an acute need following treatment. Money from State or Medicaid. Some members to find out more and perhaps ask new director to present information at some point.

ECCO Events Calendar Review

- July 4 July 4th Parade
- July 8 Discovery Days @ UNL East Campus
- August 12 Discovery Days @ UNL East Campus
- October 12 Annual Meeting

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – **To be determined by President T. Ourada-Hubka if July meeting is needed.** If there is a meeting, it will be held Thursday July 13 at New Hope Methodist Church @ 6:30 PM.