

ECCO Board meeting agenda/minutes
August 10, 2023 (6:30p)

Board members in attendance: Janet Buck, Richard Firebaugh, Chuck Hassebrook, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Stephanie Kuvetakis (following Treasurer's report), Janelle Lamb, Amanda Martinson, Tom Madsen, Roy Maurer, Terri Ourada-Hubka, and Vicki Rokeby

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Additional attendees: LPD NE Team Captain Jeff Bucher

LPD Report:

New chief assigned

- Mayor decided to make changes and promoted from within
- Michon Morrow named current interim chief
- Theoretically will be moved into a permanent position
- Don't know what happened to the old chief for sure

Effective September 2, open carry firearm implemented

- Considered scary by many
- Will not impact schools, churches or higher education – organizations/properties already prohibiting firearms on premises.
- Guns will not be allowed in these locations

In all other businesses, signage must be posted stating Firearms are not allowed

- If someone is carrying a firearm where it is posted, they may be asked to leave and if they do not then police may be called to enforce issue of trespassing

- Ordinance prohibiting discharge of a firearm in the city limits will continue to remain intact

- No problems yet this year

President T. Ourada-Hubka requested that a meeting to be set up in January for North East district neighborhoods, hosted by ECCO.

- Would like to invite the police chief to introduce themselves at that time and to answer questions

- Capt. Bucher said he would ask, and schedule permitting, may be able to set this up – will let us know.

Vape shops continue to be a problem in the Northeast district

- 28 shops currently in NE sector and continuing to increase in number

- Total in city = 78 or 79 at last count

- Break-ins continue to be an issue; specifically the Vape shop at 48th and Adams

Northeast team stats (See hand out attached)

Larger number of Northeast force patrolling Lancaster County fair this year

Fair attendance is up and so far good

Current problems are unsupervised kids/teens

Minutes from July meeting

Changes submitted by Roy and discussed/accepted by group

Motion to accept – Paul

2nd - Richard

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried

Treasurer's report

Spring Clean up costs reimbursed by city

1 membership renewal

Previous June math error discovered and corrected on most recent reports

Motion to accept August -Janelle

2nd - Janet

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried

Committee Reports

Communication/Newsletter

Fall dates posted for articles/printing/delivery – need w/in 1 week

Working on updated membership form

Send articles/ideas to T. Ourada-Hubka and/or E. Hunt

Cost for annual membership

One suggestion from the group was made, to decrease membership dues amount, in an effort to encourage more people to join

Conservation/environmental articles specifically targeting lawn watering

Clean up

Website

Membership

Envelopes, letters, and brochures in preparation for mailing

Additions to neighborhood – list being developed

Membership drive will begin September

Subcommittee deciding on what method(s) of payment ECCO will accept

Yard of the Month

Going well this year
Many people don't participate in keeping their yards up
Trying to find 2 yards for YOM in September
Will have article in the newsletter highlighting all YOMs for this year

Rental

What issues/role should this committee address?
Notifications of homes for sale in the neighborhood?
Avoidance of homes being turned into rentals
Article for newsletter - "Tell Ecco First" when putting up a house for sale?

Signage

Historic district signage moving forward with City
Pet waste signs
What's next?
Who puts them up?
What is the cost?
Fireworks clean up signs
Mary picked up a number of them from the City
Paul had picked up some and collected them after the 4th of July and returned them to the City
Who/where to store them?

Old Business

Annual meeting
Chief of police to introduce herself?
Tables set up to collect dues
ECCO committees to summarize the year and moving forward
Paul suggested presentation of proposed ECCO perimeter signage
Design/cost/locations
Park equipment presentation for Valentino's/Idylwild park
Not on Parks and Rec dept. radar for budget
Would require neighborhood fundraising to introduce anything new

Park cleanup

Previously voted on by Board to adopt Valentino's/Idylwild park for monthly cleanup
Have to fill out an application with City for each adoption
ECCO park and McAdams park both have adopters in place
Should we adopt available portion of Mopac Trail?
Focus on Valentino's/Idylwild park + available portion of Mopac (once established – either 33rd to 40th or 40th to 48th)
Motion – J. Lamb

2nd – A. Martinson

All in favor – none opposed – motion carried

Ask for volunteers at annual meeting for adoption of Mopac

Playground equipment for Valentino's/Idywild park

Donations / fundraisers?

Involve neighborhood business and/or fraternities

Very small space

Will ask Parks and Rec dept. for ideas of what they will permit in the space

New business – none

Adjourn (7:30p)

motion Tom

2nd Eric

Submitted by R. Maurer

Next meeting = Thursday September 14