

**MINUTES
ECCO BOARD
November 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
New Hope Methodist Church**

Call to Order – President T. Ourada-Hubka

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Richard Firebaugh, Chuck Hassebrook, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Amanda Martinson, Roy Maurer, Teri Ourada-Hubka

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Additional Attendees: LPD Northeast Team Sgt. Dave Wunderlich

LPD Report – Sgt. Dave Wunderlich

- New location in operation
- New body cameras/tasers (10-shot) linked w/camera system & guns. Very effective w/cloud storage – major investment for LPD.
- Auto thefts – primarily same juveniles committing majority of these crimes.
- Shoplifting – factors contributing to increase may include: more incident reporting than in the past; no loss prevention staff in stores; amount thresholds changing.
 - Q – What about break-ins (cars & homes) inside ECCO?
 - A – Number has decreased within ECCO=
 - Q – What about catalytic converter thefts?
 - A – These are also less common – but thieves traveling to sell them, primarily in Iowa, due to less restrictive ID requirements.
- 5250 Black Hills bus line = prison drop-off site – on Superior – stabbing of a police officer + others hurt – expected to recover.
- Discussion of rapid flashing beacons on Holdrege (currently 1 located @ Idylwild).

Minutes – M. Belka

- Filed as approved.

Treasurer's Report – P. Johnson

- Filed as approved.

Election of Officers for 2024

Slate + 1 nomination – unanimously elected

- President – Teri Ourada-Hubka
- Vice-president – Chuck Hassebrook (nominated by R. Firebaugh)
- Treasurer – Paul Johnson
- Secretary – Mary Belka

Committee Reports

Newsletter – M. Belka

- Need 950-1000 for future deliveries – currently printing 950.

Neighborhood Cleanup – E. Hunt

- Time change to 9 – noon (instead of 1 PM).
- Consensus was that shredding should be included again.

Membership – C. Hassebrook

- 1 direct mailing planned – M. Belka to forward “forever” stamps left over from former mailing to Chuck.
- Continue to include membership form in newsletter.

Rental – A. Martinson

- Housing prices; Welcome packet for new residents; ordinance info
- Brief history – Original purpose included: Tracking percentage of rentals in order to slow the transition from owner-occupied homes to rentals. Maintaining sense of “community” for the neighborhood. Attracting new families to ECCO. Ann Bleed (former President) created this new committee to help preserve the overall character of the ECCO neighborhood, address any issues, and attract new families to the neighborhood.

Signage – R. Firebaugh & J. Buck

- Pick up after Pet – can be placed on back of Neighborhood watch signs.
- Let committee chair know if you can help.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- NE Quadrant meeting – January ECCO meeting @ 6:30 PM – 1 hour before ECCO Board meeting.
- Historic Preservation Committee Design Guidelines – review website for changes – T. Ourada can provide link to those interested in reviewing them.

- Park clean-up – discussion tabled to January 2024 meeting

ECCO Neighborhood Events Calendar Review

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – Thursday, January 11 at New Hope Methodist Church with NE Quadrant meeting beginning @ 6:30. Board meeting @ 7:30 PM.