

MINUTES
ECCO BOARD + NE QUADRANT ASSOCIATIONS JOINT MEETING
February 8, 2024
NE Quadrant Associations Joint Meeting @ 6:30 PM
ECCO Board Meeting @ 8:00 PM
New Hope Methodist Church

Call to Order – President T. Ourada-Hubka

Board Members Present: Mary Belka, Janet Buck, Richard Firebaugh, Eric Hunt, Janelle Lamb, Tom Madsen, Amanda Martinson, Frank Newell, Ken Nickerson, Teri Ourada-Hubka

Quorum present (8 = quorum)

Additional Attendees: LPD Northeast Captain Jeff Bucher
Invited Board members of NE Quadrant associations

NE Quadrant associations – joint meeting

- Introductions
- Gathering data to begin to determine ways we can support each other, or to prioritize issues that affect all or most associations
- Issues/Ideas identified
 - ✓ Landlords, rentals, parking
 - ✓ Clinton indicated disturbing trend of large LLCs buying homes – then making rents unaffordable, or changing the character of the neighborhood. We have seen that taking hold in ECCO as well (for instance, Dave Drohman issue brought up in November). This has also occurred in Hartley neighborhood.
 - ✓ Speakers for the future – Building & Safety/Council members/Media representatives
 - ✓ Go over codes for renovation
 - ✓ Weeds/notices
 - ✓ Traffic
 - ✓ Woods Park tennis expansion/usage
 - ✓ Create Google Drive for collaboration
 - ✓ Kurt Elder w/City of Lincoln has good demographic information available
 - ✓ Sharing newsletter ideas

LPD Report – Captain Jeff Bucher

- 29 vape shops in NE Quadrant. Recent “sting” had 50% of them selling to underage children – comment from Board invitee group, who is a counselor @ LHS, and indicated that vaping is going on “all day long” at the school.
- KIA, Hyundai thefts continue – up 80% over last month – 18 vehicles out of total stolen since January 1 have not yet been recovered.
 - ✓ Most perpetrators are 13-16 years old – a large concentration lately in East Campus area – 15-year-old arrested @ 33rd & Holdrege – it was his 4th arrest.
 - ✓ Chases not the protocol in the city limits due to potential liability – there are now 3 TFOs (Tactical Flight Officers) – State Patrol helicopters helping LPD in safely pursuing perpetrators.
- Larceny from autos continues.
- NE Quadrant personnel changes are occurring– Captain Bucher will now lead Investigations – our new Captain will be Max Hubka.
- Bucher commented that the Clinton association is a strong group – and suggested that we partner with them when possible on similar issues affecting both associations.
 - ✓ Gloria Eddens is the President; her husband also serves on their Board
 - ✓ “The Tiny Village” issue came up – building “tiny homes” – transitioning inmates post-prison – using donated materials & contractors. These transition homes are planned for the open area on the east side of 27th across from Matt Talbot Kitchen (gifted from the City).

Minutes – M. Belka

- Filed as approved.

Treasurer’s Report – P. Johnson

- Filed as approved. Carry over any questions as needed for next meeting, since Treasurer not present

Committee Reports

Newsletter – M. Belka

- T. Ourada-Hubka suggested including recap of common ordinances (no stuffed furniture on porches; no vehicles parked on lawns; parking issues; etc.
- Easter Egg Hunt article
- T. Ourada-Hubka to determine date articles needed & delivery dates

Neighborhood Cleanup – E. Hunt

- April 13 from 10:00 AM to 1 PM
- 1 hour of shredding to be included
- Roll-offs ordered – church on board

Membership – J. Lamb & Vicki Rokeby

- No report

Signage – R. Firebaugh & J. Buck

- Can put up more signs – 6-8 in place at this point
- F. Newell offered to help – just let him know what to do and when

Unfinished Business

- ECCO Clean-up of Idylwild Park – need volunteers to sign up for weekly cleanup – picking up branches, etc.
Q – Trail clean-up area assigned yet?
A – Parks & Rec Dept. is working on it - TBD

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – Thursday, April 11 at New Hope Methodist Church @ 6:30.