

**MINUTES
ECCO BOARD
October 10, 2024
Annual Meeting @ 5:30 PM
New Hope Methodist Church**

Dinner @ 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order – President T. Ourada-Hubka

Speaker Sean Stewart – City – Housing Inspections

- “Problem properties” presentation
- Currently 3100 permitted apt. bldgs. (tri-plex and larger) w/44k units, requiring annual inspection. Existing properties must be maintained per 2021 international housing code.
- Storage/parking/occupancy/overcrowding/illegal occupancy are common issues.
- Complaint process – 1k annual average – already 1,500 complaints YTD. “See – Click – Fix” digital reporting.
 - ✓ Physical inspection – no notice w/o violation of code
 - ✓ “Imminent danger” follow-up inspection/due process can take a while, due to “life situations” / socio-economic issues / connecting w/other agencies, for instance Dept. of Urban Development.
 - ✓ Condemnation – white label = not habitable due to no utilities, etc. / red label = structural danger
 - ✓ Resolution – team approach
 - ✓ Legal options – prosecution / civil action, for instance “hoarding” situations
 - ✓ Common issues = clutter/paint/windows/soffits/smoke detectors, etc.
 - ✓ Neglected building registration/outstanding violations – fines of \$500 every 90 days when not resolved
 - ✓ Long process to foreclosure – 30 properties currently being addressed in this way
- **Short-term rentals – licensing**
- **Q&A**

Board Members – Intro

Committee Reports

- Yard of the Month – Janet Buck
 - ✓ 2 yards for May – July; 3 yards for August – September
- Newsletter – Mary Belka
 - ✓ 3 newsletters delivered April - September
- Spring Clean-up – Eric Hunt
 - ✓ Shredding/Goodwill donations/Help from fraternities
- Membership – Chuck Hassebrook
 - ✓ Appeals being sent through year-end / Welcoming new residents
 - ✓ Volunteers – Janelle (membership packets) / Cindy Loope / Teri Ourada-Hubka / Katie Gauger Merritt
- 4th of July Parade – Paul Johnson
- Communication – Amanda Martinson
 - ✓ Letting people know of houses for sale
 - ✓ Neighborhood Watch / problem properties / LPD communication
- Treasurer’s Report – Paul Johnson

Tree Canopy Project – Richard Sutton

- “What should I plant in my yard?” ECCO is losing trees due to age, windstorms, and the Emerald Ash borer.
 - ✓ Don’t wait for the City – plant trees in your yard to replace those we will lose.
 - ✓ Some streets are bare – need to do more
 - ✓ Contact: rsutton131@gmail.com if you want to volunteer/help – or need help or answers to tree questions

Election of Board Members – 15 Board positions / 3-year terms

- 4 current members nominated for re-election – Doug Gibbs, Janelle Lamb, Amanda Martinson, and Teri Ourada-Hubka Re-elected by ballot vote.
- 1 opening – Eric Hunt leaving the Board
 - ✓ 3 candidates – Amy Hampton, and Brittany Porter.
Amy Hampton elected to fill empty position – 3-year term.

LPD Presentation – Officer Dave Wunderlich

- Overview of arrests
- Todd – parking enforcement – 1378 parking tickets in the NE area – very productive in ECCO area
- Mo-Pac trail – hoping for increased staffing in the future for better coverage
- Non-emergency number = 441-6000
- LPD reports on line – and overview given at most ECCO Board meetings and included in the minutes

- Neighborhood Watch – trying to identify uncovered areas – “reboot” this program. Important to be able to share information. – monthly LPD newsletter; Facebook blast with gentle reminders; annual meeting/gathering where yearly stats are shared; adding new volunteers. An effective way to increase neighborhood safety.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka

Next meeting – Thursday, November 14 at New Hope Methodist Church – 6:30 PM