

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 6, 2018 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Judy Shields, Vice President Dane Stimart, Secretary Bobbie Keller, Ralph Knox, Marya Morstad, Nick Muellerleile, Rhoda Reighard, Mary Sabatke and Lee Todd.

Board members absent: Treasurer Gary Farland, Tim Haas, Daré Magnus-Lawson and Jenny/Jonas Walter.

Guests: Board Alternate Jane Connelly, East Calhoun residents: Ryan Brown and Nathan Campeau.

President Judy Shields called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

- The Community Connections Conference is Saturday, February 2.
- Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) has published a new policy for grievances filed against neighborhood organizations.
- Metro Transit is planning to improve transit service with the E Line rapid bus project on Hennepin Ave in downtown and Uptown. They are seeking individuals to serve on a Community Advisory Committee (application deadline is December 20). For more information and to give feedback via a survey, go to metrotransit.org/e-line-project.
- Minneapolis Public Works plans to reconstruct Girard Ave between Lake St and Lagoon Ave. For more information, go to minneapolismn.gov/cip/futureprojects/girard-ave-s-reconstruction.
- Southwest Service Area Master Plan: The Park Board held meetings in November to share initial concepts for SW Minneapolis parks. The concepts will be revised and two designs for each park will be presented at workshops and via an online survey in January. There will be a couple of months for feedback on the initial concepts with the goal of selecting one preferred concept for each park by late spring 2019. Park Board planners will attend the January or February ECCO Board meeting.

Neighborhood Name, Ryan Brown and Nathan Campeau

The ECCO Board approved a motion to create a committee to look into whether to change the name of the neighborhood.

Ralph Knox volunteered to chair the committee.

Neighborhoods 2020 Work Groups, Monica Smith

Neighborhoods 2020 is a process to determine the future of neighborhood organizations when the designated funding source expires at the end of 2020. There are three work groups that are focusing on the following areas: Program Guidelines and Funding; Governance; and Citywide Community Engagement. The proposals from the three workgroups are currently being revised and will be published on January 14 for a 45-day comment period.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plans Follow up, Monica Smith

At the November meeting, the ECCO Board approved a letter to the City Council supporting the use of some of the additional revenue from the Consolidated TIF to go to affordable housing and asking that some of the other funds be redirected to provide a bridge solution to extend the funding for neighborhood organizations until new revenue can be identified in the City's budget. This request was unsuccessful.

Wine Tasting Recap

ECCO's total revenue from the Wine Tasting Fundraiser was \$4,185. Congratulations all!

Committee Reports

Livability Committee, Lee Todd

East Calhoun Pkwy development (3017, 3021, and 3025 East Calhoun Pkwy): The project team is trying to rework a proposal but nothing has been submitted to the City at this point. ECCO's subcommittee is requesting a meeting with Council President Bender.

Lisa Cerney, Deputy Director of Public Works, attended the November meeting of the Livability Committee.

Minneapolis 2040: the ECCO Board electronically approved an email that was sent to Council President Bender in advance of the final City Council vote on Minneapolis 2040.

NRP

No report.

Communications, Judy Shields

The committee will collaborate with other committees on communications needs.

Social Committee, Marya Morstad

The next ECCO Happy Hour is Monday, December 10, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving Restaurant.

The annual caroling event is Tuesday, December 11. Meet at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke

Continue to support the Friends by supporting the book cart.

Green Team, Dane Stimart

The team is planning a meeting for January.

The Earth Day Clean Up will be Saturday, April 20.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

Jane Connelly may be interested in serving as ECCO representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition board.

2019 Ideas/Brainstorm

- Judy Shields will draft a proposal for the board to have a President Elect/President/Past President structure. This would require a bylaws change.
- Board committees will discuss keeping meeting minutes from each committee that would be shared on the ECCO website.
- Board members are encouraged to each recruit two neighbors to join a committee.
- Council President Bender will be invited to the October Annual Meeting to secure the date on her calendar.
- The board would like to explore options to collaborate with adjacent neighborhoods.
- The board formed a Renter's Committee. Nick Muellerleile volunteered to chair the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, January 3, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.