

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2016 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith and approved by the ECCO Board by electronic vote prior to publication.

Board members present: President Susie Goldstein, Vice President Brittany Edwards, Treasurer Klaus Obergfell, Abby Armstrong, Gary Farland, Paul Harstad, Mark Rosenfeld, Mary Sabatke, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board member absent: Nathan Campeau, Alex Cleberg, and Rachel Hoben.

Guests: Ben Somogyi, Senior Policy Aide to Council Member Lisa Bender, Ward 10 and resident Steve Carlton.

President Susie Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Ben Somogyi, Senior Policy Aide to Council Member Lisa Bender, Ward 10**

- Ben is leaving CM Bender's office to go to Law School. Ron Harris has been hired to replace Ben.
- The paid sick time ordinance was passed by the City Council.
- CM Gordon is working on an ordinance to allow Intentional Communities to share housing in Minneapolis. Current zoning prohibits more than three unrelated adults from living together (five adults in higher-density areas).
- The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 13, 4:30 pm to amend the minimum lot area requirements for two-family dwellings in the R2 and R2B districts.
- CM Bender is working on expanding the Pedestrian Overlay Districts on Lake Street, Hennepin Ave and Lyndale Ave.

**Open Forum**

Resident Steve Carlton would like to recognize ECCO resident Bill Remmers. Bill is 101 years old and a World War II combat vet who fought in France and Germany, receiving the Bronze Star. Bill has recycled over 10,000 pounds of aluminum cans since 2000. ECCO will ask the Southwest Journal to do a feature article honoring Mr. Remmers.

**President's Report, Susie Goldstein**

- Paul Harstad will serve as ECCO's elector for the NCEC District 6 election on Thursday, June 16.
- The ECCO Board approved the recommendation of the Task Force to establish a Neighborhood Priority Plan to support affordable housing in Minneapolis. ECCO will provide a \$35,000 loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund to be used for affordable housing in Minneapolis. The term of the low-interest-rate loan is three years.
- The ECCO Board approved reallocating \$18,990.14 for this priority (moving funds from: originally designated for 36<sup>th</sup> St Bikeway (\$8,990.14) and Neighborhood Priority reserve fund from 2015 (\$10,000).
- Neighborhood organizations met to discuss the future of neighborhoods when the dedicated funding source from the City expires. The next meeting will be July 19.
- Wine Tasting Fundraiser: a tentative date has been set for October 26.

- A public hearing will be held for the City's Stormwater Management Program on Tuesday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.
- ECCO will submit an annual report to Minnesota Attorney General by July 15.
- Trolley Path mulch event: tentative dates October 8/9 or October 15/16.

### **Staff Report, Monica Smith**

- The Loppet Foundation Spring 2016 newsletter featured the Eldred/Sumner family (ECCO residents).
- The Super Sale is Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The Street Party is Saturday, June 4. The evening begins with the puppet show at 5:00 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner, then games and music.
- The Burglary Prevention Workshop is Thursday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. Meet in the garage of 3144 Irving Ave.
- Calhoun/Harriet CAC: The final meeting of the CAC was May 10. Some of the short term priorities included: drainage/stormwater treatment, moving the board launch from the NE corner of Calhoun, improving bike/ped circulation on the NE corner of Calhoun, incorporating Cloudman Village interpretive area, overall way-finding and signage. Next steps: a written document will be drafted, followed by a 45-day comment period before the final review and approval by the Park Board.
- Susie Goldstein and Monica Smith reviewed the draft guidelines for the 2017-19 Community Participation Program and did not note any concerns.
- The ECCO Board approved the reallocation of \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Priority reserve fund to 2016 CPP (staff line item).

### **Treasurer's Report**

ECCO's financials remain strong.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Social**

The next Happy Hour event is Monday, June 13, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving. Thank you to Nice Ride for donated prizes to help increase attendance. The committee is discussing options to provide babysitting during Happy Hour.

#### **Communications**

ECCO's summer events postcard went out mid-May. ECCO will distribute flyers for the Labor Day Celebration. The next postcard will promote fall events (annual meeting and wine tasting).

#### **Midtown Greenway Coalition**

The Greenway Glow fundraiser is Saturday, June 18. Roger Messner has registered a team and looking for team members to join him. Register at [www.midtowntgreenway.org](http://www.midtowntgreenway.org) and join the group "Uptown Night Bikes".

#### **Livability Committee**

Mark Rosenfeld is replacing outgoing board member Ben Jilek as the co-chair of the Livability Committee (with Brittany Edwards).

The next meeting is Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

**New Business**

- A jewelry sale to benefit the Walker Library will be held on August 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Walker Library. Donations will be accepted on June 11 and July 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the library.
- ECCO's Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is due for renewal. Susie Goldstein and Monica Smith will evaluate two bids and select a policy that best serves the ECCO Board.
- Making the Connection: Midtown Greenway to Lake Street is recommendations to address barriers to ensure that the Greenway serves nearby residents and makes connections to nearby commercial and cultural destinations. Plans are available for public comment through June 10 at [www.hennepin.us/midtown](http://www.hennepin.us/midtown).
- Volunteers are needed for the Minneapolis Bike Tour on September 18.
- The ECCO Board will not meet in July.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is the Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.