

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2018 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Ralph Knox, Vice President Gary Farland, Treasurer Luke Schaan, Secretary Bobbie Keller, Marya Morstad, Rhoda Reighard, Mary Sabatke, Judy Shields, Dane Stimart, Lee Todd, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board members absent: Tim Haas and Jenny/Jonas Walter.

Guests: Arlene Fried and ECCO resident Jane Connelly.

President Ralph Knox called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Announcements

Park Board's Southwest Service Area Master Plan:

- Chris DesRoches from Kingfield will represent ECCO, CARAG, East Harriet and Kingfield on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the project.
- The next meeting of the CAC is Monday, June 18, 6-8 p.m. at Armatage Recreation Center, 2500 W 57th St.
- ECCO will send a letter to the Park Board requesting that the Loon Lake Trolley Path and the Gateway Park (Lake St and East Calhoun Pkwy) be added to the scope of the CAC.

Committee Reports

Livability Committee, Lee Todd

The May 21 Livability Committee meeting included:

- A presentation by Chris Kirwan for a development at Lake St and James Ave (1711 Lake St and 3000, 3004 and 3008 James Ave) for a 6-story building with 77 apartment units and 55 parking spaces within the Shoreland Overlay District.
- Lee Todd sent a written response to Mr. Kirwan based on the feedback at the meeting. Lee will share the letter with the board and send to Council President Bender for her response.

Minneapolis 2040:

- The request to get a delay for the plan from the Met Council was never put forward.
- The plan is open for public comment through July 22 at minneapolis2040.com.

New business:

- Jim Graves is seeking a rezoning for the property at 3041 Holmes to C3A to allow for a wine bar on the ground floor of the building. Mr. Graves will be invited to the June Livability Committee meeting to discuss the plans.

Upcoming Livability Committee meeting:

- Monday, June 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's. The agenda will include:
 - Update on the proposed senior building to replace three properties at 3017,

3021, and 3025 East Calhoun Pkwy.

- East Calhoun Parkway late-night noise. The police will be invited to attend.
- Jim Graves has been invited to discuss his plans for a wine bar at 3041 Holmes.

Notices of public hearings:

- Variances to allow for the construction of a new detached garage at 3300 Hennepin. The public hearing is June 7, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Amendment to regulations to on-premises signs. The public hearing is Monday, June 11, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Variance to reduce the minimum required width of a parking aisle to allow for vehicle maneuvering in the public alley for a new parking lot at 3025 Humboldt (Wells Fargo/Sons of Norway project). The public hearing is Monday, June 11, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Certificate of Appropriateness application for interior modifications for a proposed event space and exterior repairs at the Suburban World Theater, 3022 Hennepin Ave. The Heritage Preservation Commission will hold the public hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

NRP, Gary Farland

- The committee will not be applying for the Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program at this time. The project will be considered again in Fall 2018.

Communications

No update.

Social Committee

- The next Happy Hour is Monday, June 11, 5-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving.
- The Street Party on Saturday, June 2 was held at St. Mary's due to rain. The event went well. Consider adding promotional sign for next year.
- The annual Super Sale was June 2. Participation has been trending downward; 21 households participated this year. Sylvia Kafkas, the long-time coordinator of the event, announced that this was her last year organizing the Super Sale. Special thanks to Sylvia for her work over the years. The board will discuss the future of the Super Sale at a later date.
- Planning for the Labor Day Celebration will begin soon; Hermey the Clown has been booked for the event.

Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke

- The jewelry sale is being planned for August 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Donations are being accepted any time.
- Donations are also welcome for the Book Cart.

Green Team, Dane Stimart

Earth Day Clean Up was rescheduled to Saturday, May 12 due to snow in April. An idea for next year is to promote the event with yard signs.

The Green Team will investigate:

- Adopt-a-tree, get a beer program.
- Fall campaign to educate people on proper leaf disposal for the health of the lake.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

No update.

NCEC Election

The election for District 6 seat on the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is June 14; there are three candidates. The feedback from the ECCO Board is to support Erica Christ. Rhoda Reighard is ECCO's elector (Marya Morstad is the alternate).

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- Applications are being accepted until June 18 for the Neighborhoods 2020 Work Groups. Volunteers to the work groups can expect to work about six hours a month for the next six months. The topics for the three work groups are:
 1. Funding and program guidelines
 2. Governance
 3. The City's community engagement policy
- The ECCO Board is committed to providing volunteers and selling tickets to a Wine Tasting Fundraiser. The date has been set for Thursday, October 11.
- The annual report for the MN Attorney General is due July 16. The report will be presented for approval at the July board meeting.

July Board Meeting

The July board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's to avoid a conflict with the July 4 holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.