

## **ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 6, 2021 via video conference.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Lee Todd, Vice President Deb Jessen, Secretary David Tompkins, Treasurer Judy Shields, Ryan Brown, Sarah Buchlaw, Jane Connelly, Anja Curiskis, Paul Lussenhop, Louis Schulz-Welo, Joe Wehri, Eric Wulfsberg.

ECCO resident guest: John Stanek.

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **Announcements:**

- ECCO received a thank you letter from the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra for the donation.

### **Board Vacancy**

The vacant board position has been offered to a candidate from the October 2020 board elections. We are waiting for confirmation.

### **Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith**

- Neighborhoods 2020: Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) will be extending the current Community Participation Program (CPP) contracts and funding through the end of the year and has postponed the start of the new program until January 1. There would be no change to our 2021 funding.
- Applications for the Equitable Engagement Fund are now available and will be due on September 1, 2021. The ECCO Board unanimously approved a motion to have the ECCO's NRP and Culture, Diversity & Inclusion committees collaborate on the application and bring a proposal to the June meeting.
- NCR is requiring neighborhood organizations to have a number of approved policies in place by January 1. The ECCO Board unanimously approved a motion to have the Bylaws committee work on drafting the policies for board approval.
- NCR was hosting weekly meetings with neighborhood organizations during the Chauvin trial. These meetings have stopped now that the trial has ended. A meeting will be scheduled in advance of Chauvin's sentencing.

### **The ECCO Board electronically approved the following since the last board meeting on April 8, 2021:**

- A letter that was sent to the Park Board regarding the use of Park Dedication Fees generated in ECCO for the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild Project.
- Implementation of the neighborhood Walking Program.
- Printing expenses for a flyer to promote the Culture, Diversity & Inclusion book event on June 10.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Bylaws, Ryan Brown**

- Ryan attended a meeting that NCR hosted to learn about the bylaws template that was developed for neighborhood organizations by attorney Jess Birken. A committee meeting will be scheduled.

### **NRP Committee, Judy Shields**

- Judy has done some research on ideas related to park land and will work with other ECCO committees as ideas for funding are generated.
- The ECCO Board unanimously approved a radon grant submitted by a resident.

### **Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Joe Wehri**

- Copies of *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* by Sun Yung Shin, have been purchased and placed in Little Free Libraries around the neighborhood. An author facilitated discussion will be held Thursday, June 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. To register, go to [ecconeighborhood.org/events](http://ecconeighborhood.org/events). Flyers for the event were distributed by committee volunteers.
- The next committee meeting is Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. Contact [info@ecconeighborhood.org](mailto:info@ecconeighborhood.org) for the Zoom link.

### **Green Team, Jane Connelly**

A do-it-yourself Earth Day clean-up was held on April 24. Additional clean-up events will be planned.

### **Naming Committee, Sarah Buchlaw, David Tompkins and Lee Todd**

Lee Todd, Sarah Buchlaw and Monica Smith are the three-person panel assigned to count the votes. Lee reported on the process:

- The voting period closed on April 30.
- The panel moved into the tabulation phase to confirm that voters meets the criteria for a valid vote.
- Once the tabulation is complete, the results will be brought to the ECCO Board.
- Additional steps are required in the case of a name change. Results will be presented to NCR, which has a role in bringing the results to the City Council for final approval.
- The panel has not completed the tabulation. Once there is a conclusion, the results will be shared with the ECCO Board at the June board meeting or a special board meeting called for the purpose of sharing the results.

### **Public Safety, Paul Lussenhop**

An e-blast will be going out on May 7 to announce the Walking Program and invite people to participate. Implementation of the program was electronically approved by the board since the last board meeting.

### **Livability Committee, Lee Todd and David Tompkins**

- Bde Maka Ska Refectory rebuild project: The ECCO Board electronically approved a letter that was sent to the Park Board regarding the use of Park Dedication Fees generated in ECCO for the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild Project. The Planning Committee of the Park Board held a public hearing and a vote on the concept plan at its meeting on May 5, 2021. The committee did not approve the concept plan. The status of the project is unclear at this time.
- The Welcome Letter that was approved at the April board meeting was sent to staff at Daymark with the request that they forward it on to their residents. Daymark management is reviewing the letter for consideration.
- The next committee meeting is Monday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Social and Communications Committee**

- Judy Shields volunteered to chair the committee.
- The ECCO Board unanimously approved a motion to change from a monthly to a yearly Zoom subscription.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.