

Minutes from April 20, 2020 Livability Committee online meeting

## Agenda

I. Call meeting to order. Get everybody on the line.

II. First call to action. Everybody steps out on their front porch and claps, bangs pans, whistles loudly in recognition of all of the health workers and service providers.

III. Brief update on Livability business.

- Safety
- Development

IV. Brainstorming ideas and actions related to coronavirus (1 hour)

## Summary

Reviewed and brainstormed ideas for facilitating neighborhood communication and support systems in these times of restricted social activities and social isolation.

Idea —

#1. institute a nightly 1-2 minute applause and pot banging in recognition of all of the medical professionals, public service providers, essential businesses and delivery personnel who are working and taking risks on our behalf. Encourage folks with signs already out or thinking of putting out in support to add a mention of the nightly 1 minute tribute.

Action: Monica and Bobbie will work up an announcement this week and send it out in an eblast. Livability committee members will take the lead to get it going by banging and applauding

#2 Start a campaign for each person in ECCO to reach out to 2 neighbors to see how they are doing and to encourage them to do the same. The goal is to reach all of the residents in ECCO. We kicked around some implementations to do this without fixing on one. Possible set up of a phone loop which was done upon the Northeast neighborhoods. Also considered a plan for making small grants available to neighbors but could not come up with an acceptable plan.

Action: Needs some more exploration. Lee and Mary to work on.

#3 Continue the virtual monthly happy hour. But also set up a simple class for neighbors on creating and setting up a zoom call. Objective is a simple tutorial on the basics associated with the free level zoom system.

Action: Lee to talk to Joe Wehri about getting this going. Then have Monica announce on neighborhood newsletter.

#4 Explore how the ECCO neighborhood organization can provide assistance to neighbors with social distancing especially as we enter a “reopening” phase.

Action: The area identified as where we could help is masks. Caroline, Mary and Bobbi to work up a

plan which the moves to the board for funding approval. Concept involves purchasing masks for free distribution to neighbors who need them.

#5 Develop an online neighborhood directory for connecting those able to offer services to those needing them. The concept is a website based approach to the familiar post it board offering of services (we have examples of that at Dunn Bro's and Calhoun Square). Focused on ECCO residents for both users and providers. Would include pro bono, barter and fee based services. This would also need board approval and probable financial support for the web site. We identified a host of services which could be productively supplied. From tutor help with school homework during this period of home schooling to yard work throughout the summer. Rob Kohlmeyer, David and Caroline to put together a plan. Lee and Monica to check out any concerns relating to board liability and charter conflicts.