

## ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 1, 2018 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: Gary Farland, Bobbie Keller, Ralph Knox, Tim Haas, Daré Magnus-Lawson, Marya Morstad, Nick Muellerleile, Rhoda Reighard, Mary Sabatke, Judy Shields, Dane Stimart, Lee Todd and Jenny Walter.

Guests: City Council President Lisa Bender, Ward 10 Council Aide D'Ana Pennington, East Calhoun residents: Ryan Brown and Nathan Campeau.

President Ralph Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Announcements**

- I-35W will be closed for construction the weekend of November 9-12.
- An update on the construction of Hennepin Ave was provided.
- The Park Board is hosting Design Week for the Southwest Service Area Master Plan. Two events are planned: Tuesday, November 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Whittier Rec Center, 425 W 26<sup>th</sup> St and Thursday, November 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Park Board Headquarters, 2117 W River Rd.
- Jessica Kawas is the new Crime Prevention Specialist for ECCO. Kawas has been a 911 dispatcher for 21 years.
- Ballot initiative for Minneapolis: Many neighborhood restaurants outside of downtown cannot serve cocktails because of the City Charter regulation that requires them to be within seven contiguous commercial acres. The ballot initiative asks residents to respond to the following question: "Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to remove from the City Charter the area and spacing requirements pertaining to liquor licenses?"
- The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to amend the Zoning Code to add regulations related to inclusionary zoning. The hearing is on Tuesday, November 13, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

### **Ward 10 Update, Council President Lisa Bender and Council Aide D'Ana Pennington**

- The City is in the process of determining the 2019 budget. Council President Bender invites feedback on the budget. There are three public hearings; all hearings will be held at City Hall:
  - Thursday, November 1 at 9:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday, November 28 at 6:05 p.m.
  - Wednesday, December 5 at 6:05 p.m. The budget will be adopted this evening.
- The Mayor's proposed 2019 budget includes funding for affordable housing, which is mostly one-time funding. The City Council needs to look at longer-term solutions for affordable housing funding.
- Minneapolis 2040:
  - Ward 10 held a community meeting on October 24. The Conflict Resolution Center facilitated the meeting. The feedback will be submitted to the City Clerk.
  - The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding Minneapolis 2040 on Wednesday, November 14, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The City Council is proposing an interim ordinance for inclusionary zoning to go into effect January 1, 2019.

### **Neighborhood Name Feedback, Ryan Brown and Nathan Campeau**

Residents Ryan Brown and Nathan Campeau are proposing a task force to gather input and feedback about the name of the neighborhood now that the lake is now formally recognized as Bde Maka Ska.

This proposal will be discussed in more detail at the December 6 board meeting.

### **Neighborhoods 2020 Work Groups, Monica Smith**

The Neighborhoods 2020 work groups were established in July 2018, each covering one of the three major topics under consideration: programming and funding, governance and formulating a citywide community engagement policy when the current source of neighborhood funding expires in 2020.

The work groups are close to finalizing their work. The groups will convene on November 19 to make any changes to their recommendations based on the products of other work groups.

Presentations will be conducted at various locations for community feedback in late November/early December. The work groups will meet after these presentations to discuss any final changes.

There will be a 45-day public comment period starting in early January 2019.

Final recommendations, including public comments, will be presented to the City Council in March 2019.

### **Proposed Modifications to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plans, Monica Smith**

In 2008, neighborhood organizations worked with legislators to allow Consolidated TIF districts created for the purposes of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (originally created in 1990) to be re-authorized. The language was changed to "Neighborhood Revitalization purposes" and expanded to include repayment of Target Center debt.

The City's ability to capture additional revenue from the TIF districts became clear from a recent opinion from the Hennepin County attorney. The City would like to modify the TIF districts to reflect an increase in projected revenues (\$50 million in the Consolidated TIF) and to allocate the additional revenue as follows: \$20.9 million to affordable housing, \$12 million to Target Center debt and the rest to Hennepin County.

None of the additional projected revenue is being allocated to neighborhood organizations and the current funding source for neighborhoods expires in 2020.

The ECCO Board approved a draft of a letter to be sent to all City Council members supporting the use of the funds for affordable housing and proposing that the City set aside some or all of the additional \$12 million designated as debt service on Target Center bonds to fund neighborhood organizations after the current funding expires in 2020 until a new source of funding is determined.

## **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 to fit within the existing zoning.

Board members shared concerns about a large, disruptive house party that was held on October 29 on the 3000 block of East Calhoun Pkwy.

Traffic: A representative from the City will be invited to the next meeting to discuss traffic issues in the neighborhood. The traffic subcommittee is reaching out to other neighborhoods to share ideas for addressing issues.

### **NRP, Gary Farland**

Gary Farland encouraged people to join the committee to help set priorities for spending down NRP funds.

### **Communications**

No report.

### **Social Committee**

The annual caroling event will be scheduled.

The next ECCO Happy Hour is Monday, November 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving Restaurant.

### **Friends of the Walker Library**

No report.

### **Green Team, Dane Stimart**

The Park Board rejected the idea of having a wildlife exhibit on the lakeshore because it does not align with the recently approved master plan for the lake.

The Green Team will consider a resolution about aquatic invasive species in the Chain of Lakes.

### **Midtown Greenway Coalition, Tim Haas**

No update.

### **Wine Tasting Fundraiser Recap, Monica Smith**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the 2018 a great event. Thanks also to all board members who sold tickets.

- Total attendance was 415.
- ECCO's pre-event ticket sales were: 10 volunteer tickets at \$15 and 77 tickets at \$25 for a total of \$2,075.

- We are waiting for the final information for tickets purchased online, door sales and event expenses.
- Thanks to the sponsors (including Judy Shields!)

### **Home Security Grant, Monica Smith**

A multi-unit condo building has requested that the Home Security grant be expanded for multi-unit buildings. The NRP Committee will review options and make a recommendation to the ECCO Board.

### **Committee Assignments**

Board members are required to serve on at least one committee. Committee assignments were discussed.

### **Officer Elections**

The following ECCO Board officers were elected: Judy Shields, President; Dane Stimart, Vice President; Gary Farland, Treasurer and Bobbie Keller, Secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.