

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Judy Shields, Vice President Dane Stimart, Treasurer Gary Farland, Jane Connelly, Ralph Knox, Nick Muellerleile, Rhoda Reighard, Mary Sabatke and Lee Todd.

Board members absent: Secretary Bobbie Keller, Daré Magnus-Lawson, Marya Morstad and Jenny/Jonas Walter.

Guests: Ryan Brown, resident and Doug Hoskin and Amy Reher, Granada Theater.

President Judy Shields called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Doug Hoskin and Amy Reher, Granada (formerly Suburban World)

The Suburban World theater is being renovated as an event venue and the name "Granada" will be restored. The front of the building will include a 52-seat casual restaurant featuring small plates and sidewalk seating. The event space will accommodate 200 people for sit-down dinners and up to 600 people for concerts.

The Heritage Preservation Commission has approved the renovation plans for the historic building.

A late-August opening is expected.

Ward 10 Update

No report

President's Report, Judy Shields

- The board will use Robert's Rules of Order to keep the meetings more organized.
- Ideas to engage more neighbors in board meetings were discussed (such as guest speakers).
- The board approved a motion to cancel the July board meeting since it falls on July 4.

Announcements

- East Calhoun Pkwy is tentatively scheduled to be closed for resurfacing April 11-May 3.
- Southwest Service Area Master Plan update: The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead Rec Center, 3900 Bryant Ave S.
- Public Hearings:
 - Tasting Room, 1434 W 31st St: On-sale wine with strong beer, limited entertainment with Sunday Sales. Hearing is Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.
 - 3049 E Lake Calhoun Pkwy: variance request to decrease the front yard setback. Hearing is Thursday, April 11, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Hennepin Ave will be closed to traffic on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. for Amazing Thailand's Thai New Year Celebration.

- The Park Board is considering an ordinance to codify the process for them to rename parkways and roadways owned by the Park Board with six (6) affirmative votes of the Park Board Commissioners. A public hearing was held on April 3. The Park Board will vote on the proposed ordinance on April 17.
- Girard Ave Reconstruction project: Public Works is recommending a two-way slow street curbless design for the block of Girard Ave between Lake St and Lagoon Ave. The recommendation will be presented to Transportation and Public Works Committee of the City Council in late April.
- Transportation Action Plan community workshops:
 - April 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 W 60th St
 - April 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Longfellow Recreation Center, 3435 36th Ave S
 - April 16, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St NE
 - April 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall
 - April 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Farview Recreation Center, 621 N 29th Ave
 - Online (Facebook Live): April 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., City of Minneapolis Facebook page
 - More information: go.minneapolismn.gov
- Senator Dibble, Representatives Long and Hornstein will hold a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, April 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Temple Israel.
- Street sweeping begins April 16 and will take about four weeks.
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's Community Report 2018-19 was shared.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

- The board approved the following donation requests:
 - \$500 donation to Minneapolis Sailing Center for their capital campaign to fund a dock and safety improvements for day camp students and members of a boat sharing program.
 - \$500 donation to Joyce Uptown Foodshelf for FOODSTOCK! Celebrating 50 Years of Joyce Uptown Foodshelf 1969-2019. A community event will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park.
- The Personal Safety Workshop was held in March. Co-sponsored by South Uptown.
- Neighborhoods 2020 Recommendation: The ECCO Board electronically approved ECCO's response to the draft recommendations to be submitted to the City. Several neighborhoods are asking for a delay in the process to redraft the recommendations on how the City and neighborhood organizations should work together. NCR is reviewing the public comments and will make a presentation to the City Council's Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement (PECE) Committee on Monday, May 6, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing will be held at this meeting.
- Super Sale: Sylvia Kafkas offered to coordinate one last Super Sale to be held on Saturday, June 2. The ECCO Board approved a motion to reignite the Super Sale including money to advertise. Gary Farland to provide a link to a suggested online site. The ECCO Board members offered to provide support for the event.

Committee Reports

Livability Committee, Lee Todd

East Calhoun Pkwy development (3017, 3021, and 3025 East Calhoun Pkwy): ECCO's subcommittee will meet with the developers on April 18 to see the revised proposal.

Lake & James: Livability Committee presented a draft of a comment letter for the proposed development to be submitted at a later date. The board approved the letter (with a few amendments); however, a final draft will be electronically approved by the board before sending the letter.

David Tompkins submitted an article about the proposed development for publication in the March issue of the *Hill & Lake Press*.

The next Livability Committee meeting is Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

NRP, Gary Farland

The committee will meet later in April.

Social Committee

Judy Shields will follow up with Marya Morstad about a summer social event.

The next ECCO Happy Hour is Monday, April 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving Restaurant.

Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke

- Donations continue to be accepted for the Book Cart (fundraiser for Friends).
- Hennepin County will no longer allow the Friends to hold the Jewelry Sale.

Green Team, Dane Stimart

The Earth Day Clean Up will be Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Refectory. The Green Team is organizing guests focused on green initiatives to have information tables at the event.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Jane Connelly

- The Greenway Glow fundraiser will be July 27. Sign up will open soon.
- The Midtown Greenway Coalition is having difficulty getting representatives from neighborhood organizations to serve on the board and is considering changing bylaws to be more flexible.
- A raingarden will be installed near the Sabo Bridge.

Neighborhood Name Review Committee, Ralph Knox

The committee is planning three community meetings in May to have community conversations around the name of the neighborhood.

The ECCO Board approved a motion requesting \$2,200 for the three community meetings (including two mailings, childcare, food and supplies).

Renter Committee, Nick Muellerleile

The committee's next meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at Brim.

Communications, Judy Shields

No report.

Miscellaneous

- All media requests should go to Judy Shields. Committee chairs should make sure committee members know of this practice.
- Minneapolis City Academy gives residents a behind-the-scenes look at how the city government functions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next ECCO Board meeting is Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.