

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for July 12, 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, Secretary Bobbie Keller, Marya Morstad, Rhoda Reighard, Mary Sabatke, Judy Shields, Lee Todd, Caroline Vaaler and Jenny Walter.

Board members absent: Treasurer Luke Schaan, Tim Haas and Dane Stimart.

Guests: Arlene Fried and Tina Erazmus, Ward 10 Council Associate

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

Ward 10 Update, Tina Erazmus, Council Associate to City Council President Lisa Bender

- D'Ana Pennington has replaced Ron Harris as the Policy Aide to Council President Bender.
- President Bender hosted a Ward 10 meeting for Minneapolis 2040 on July 11. Comment on the plan at minneapolis2040.com by July 22. A revised version of the plan will be made public in September/October, followed by another comment period. The City needs to adopt the plan by the end of the 2018.
- The City will be removing the broken irrigation system at Irving Ave/31st St W.
- No Detour Traffic signs have been placed on Holmes and Humboldt. The signs were requested for Irving as well. A temporary speed wagon was placed on Holmes.
- Regarding ECCO's question about rezoning of a property for a specific project: Below is the response from Jason Wittenberg, Manager – Land Use, Design and Preservation.
 - For a project that has been approved for a site plan review application – which is required for most new buildings in the city and significant building additions – these are the criteria that govern changes that can be considered minor vs. changes that have to go back through a public process – labeled as 'other changes' below:
 - Minor changes – The zoning administrator may authorize minor changes to an approved site plan [based on certain factors].
 - Other changes – Changes to the site plan or components of the site plan other than minor changes shall require amendment to the site plan. The requirements for application and approval of a site plan amendment shall be the same as the requirements for original application and approval.
 - If the property is rezoned, it stays rezoned to the new district regardless of what happens with any proposed development project.
- Election judges are needed. Judges are paid \$15.75 and can work full or partial shifts.
- Kitty Hall returns to City Hall on Wednesday, August 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event features adoptable kittens.

Attorney General Annual Report

The ECCO Board approved the annual report to be sent to the Minnesota Attorney General by the July 15 deadline.

Announcements

- The next meeting of the Park Board's Southwest Service Area Master Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is Thursday, July 26, 6-8 p.m. at Pershing Recreation Center, 3523 W 48th St.

- The Uptown Association is planning their annual trash and graffiti clean up event on Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Go to mndot.gov/35w94 for the road closures for the I-35W construction project.
- The two signs designating the Loon Lane Trolley Path are in poor shape. Investigate replacing the signs.

Committee Reports

Livability Committee, Lee Todd

The project team for the redevelopment of three properties on East Calhoun Pkwy presented to the Livability Committee at its meeting on June 18. The project requires a rezoning to R4 to allow for an assisted living license. The proposed building height exceeds the Shoreland Overlay District height limit. The board approved a motion for Lee Todd to send a letter to Basir Tareen with the Livability Committee's feedback on the project.

The City added No Parking signs along East Calhoun Parkway from Lake St to 34th St. A City ordinance prohibits parking on the Parkway from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. but the ordinance has not been enforced. ECCO, in response to a request from residents of the 3000 block of Lake St, requested the signs for that one block, but the City added them all the way to 34th St.

Minneapolis Police and Park Police attended the June Livability Committee meeting. Call 311 to report noise complaints. Issues are logged and resources are allocated accordingly.

There is no update on the proposed development at Lake St.

The owners of Pizzeria Lola have leased the space vacated by Lucia's and will open a Mexican restaurant in 2019.

Jim Graves is seeking a rezoning of his property at 3041 Holmes from OR2 to C3A to allow for the addition of a wine bar. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Minneapolis 2040:

- The plan is open for public comment through July 22 at minneapolis2040.com.
- At the Ward 10 meeting on July 11, Lisa Bender said she would not support the plan as written and wants more focus on affordable housing in the plan.

The next Livability Committee meeting is Monday, July 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's. The agenda will include a presentation for planned changes at the Suburban World Theater.

NRP, Gary Farland

The committee continues to seek ideas for spending down NRP funds.

Communications

A flyer to promote the Labor Day Celebration will be delivered in mid-August.

Social Committee

- Volunteers are needed to help plan the Labor Day Celebration.
- A winter square dance party was suggested.

Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke

The jewelry sale will be held August 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations are being accepted.

Green Team, Dane Stimart

No update.

Midtown Greenway Coalition

No update.

Neighborhoods 2020 Work Groups

The City has published a list of members serving on the 2020 Work Groups. The groups will meet twice a month for at least three months to discuss future funding for neighborhood organizations and community engagement issues.

Ward 10 neighborhood staff met with Council President Bender to discuss Neighborhoods 2020. President Bender cautioned that neighborhood funding will be competing with affordable housing, police, fire, etc. for general fund dollars once the dedicated funding stream expires in 2020.

NCEC Election

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is a citywide commission that advises the Mayor and City Council on a wide range of community engagement issues and develops guidelines for neighborhood programs.

The District 6, which includes ECCO and several neighborhoods in SW Minneapolis, was unable to agree on a candidate to fill the seat at the June 14 election. The application process was reopened; applications are being accepted until July 13.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

- The next meeting of the Wine Tasting committee is Tuesday, July 17, 10 a.m. at Lund's Community Room.
- St. Mary's may not have space for us to hold our September 6 board meeting. Lund's Community Room and Walker Library are booked by other groups.
- Planning for the annual meeting on October 4 will begin soon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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