

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for August 2, 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, Marya Morstad, Rhoda Reighard, Dane Stimart, Lee Todd, and Caroline Vaaler.

Board members absent: Treasurer Luke Schaan, Secretary Bobbie Keller, Tim Haas, Mary Sabatke, Judy Shields, and Jenny/Jonas Walter.

Guests: none

President Ralph Knox called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Announcements**

- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7.
- Hennepin Ave project: construction on the block between Lake St and 31<sup>st</sup> St will begin on Monday, August 6.
- Monica Smith will meet with our representative to the Park Board's Southwest Service Area Master Plan Community Advisory Committee to visit the Loon Lake Trolley Path.
- Board members expressed concerns about the quality of the food and the viability of the business at the lake (Lola's on the Lake). Park Board Commissioners Jono Cowgill and Meg Forney will be invited to the September 6 board meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Livability Committee, Lee Todd**

The Park Board is developing their response to Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan. In their draft response, the Park Board calls for "Movement towards performance-based criteria, rather than pre-determined height and setback rules" as it relates to the Shoreland Overlay District ordinance. Residents are asking the Park Board to change their comment letter to support a stronger shoreland ordinance (including better enforcement).

The ECCO Board electronically approved a feedback letter that was sent to the city on July 22 regarding Minneapolis 2040.

The project team for the redevelopment of three properties on East Calhoun Pkwy responded to the letter from Lee Todd saying they would like to move forward with plans that require a rezoning to R4 to allow for an assisted living license. The project team will be invited to the Livability Committee meeting on August 20.

"No Parking" signs (from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) went up on East Calhoun Pkwy from Lake St to 34<sup>th</sup> St. Permanent signs were installed on the block between Lake St and 31<sup>st</sup> St. Temporary signs were installed on the blocks between 31<sup>st</sup> St and 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> St. Some residents have complained

about the signs because it limits their parking options. The issue will be discussed at the August 20 Livability Committee meeting.

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

A group of residents of the 3500 block of Humboldt are meeting with representatives from the Ward 10 office and city traffic staff to discuss safety concerns at the intersection of Humboldt Ave and 35<sup>th</sup> St. The meeting will be held on August 7.

The next Livability Committee meeting is Monday, August 20, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's.

### **NRP, Gary Farland**

Gary Farland and Monica Smith will meet representatives from the Park Board to discuss ideas for using Park Dedication Fee funds.

### **Communications**

A flyer to promote the Labor Day Celebration will be delivered in mid-August. A mailer will go out in September to promote the annual meeting and the Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

### **Social Committee**

- The next ECCO Happy Hour is Monday, August 13, 5-6:30 p.m. at Lake & Irving Restaurant.
- Volunteers are needed to help plan the Labor Day Celebration.

### **Friends of the Walker Library, Mary Sabatke**

The jewelry sale will be held August 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

An outline was proposed to promote awareness and engagement for land, air, water, and wildlife.

### **Midtown Greenway Coalition**

No update.

### **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.

Dane Stimart will serve as ECCO elector to the election of the commissioner for District 6, which includes ECCO and several neighborhoods in SW Minneapolis. The election will be held on August 9.

### **Staff Report, Monica Smith**

The September 6 ECCO Board meeting will be relocated to a classroom on the lower level of St. Mary's. Watch for signs directing you to the room.

The Neighborhoods 2020 Work Groups have begun meeting. There are three work groups: program guidelines, governance, and engagement policy.

### **Annual Meeting Planning**

The annual meeting will be Thursday, October 4 at St. Mary's. Ralph Knox will invite the following elected officials to participate in a 60-minute panel discussion focused on Minneapolis 2040 and issues specific to our community: Senator Dibble, Mayor Frey, Hennepin County Commissioner Greene, City Council President Bender, and Park Board Commissioner Cowgill. Dane Stimart offered to draft the email invitation.

Six seats on the ECCO Board are up for election. Five current board members are eligible for a second term.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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