

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 8, 2021 via video conference.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Lee Todd, Vice President Deb Jessen, Treasurer Judy Shields, Paul Lussenhop, Louis Schulz-Welo, Kim Urig, Joe Wehri.

Board member absent: Secretary David Tompkins, Ryan Brown, Sarah Buchlaw, Jane Connelly, Anja Curiskis, Eric Wulfsberg.

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The ECCO Board electronically approved the following since the last board meeting on June 3, 2021:

- A motion to approve appointing Kim Urig to fill the vacant board seat until the annual meeting in October 2021.

Announcements:

- Council President Bender has hired Will Sheffer to replace Tina Erazmus as the Ward 10 Policy Associate. Will can be reached at william.sheffer@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2210.
- The City of Minneapolis has changed the way residents report non-violent, non-emergency theft and property damage not in progress. Effecting June 14, 2021, non-police City employees at 311 are taking these reports from Minneapolis residents instead of 911 dispatching Minneapolis Police officers.
You can report theft or property damage in two ways:
 - Call 311
 - Submit an online report at: minneapolismn.gov/report-an-issue/theft-lost-property-or-damaged-property/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=
- The City's crime prevention specialists, who have been a part of the Minneapolis Police Department for more than 30 years, officially moved to the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department (NCR) on June 28, 2021. Crime prevention specialists were transferred to NCR at the direction of the City Council.
- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 3. Application deadline is July 20. For more information go to minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/nno/.
- The Uptown Association announced they are canceling the 2021 Uptown Art Fair.
- The Minneapolis Pops Orchestra will be performing nine concerts at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. The schedule can be found at mplspops.org.
- Reminder to board members who are working on campaigns for local election to make sure you are not representing yourself as an ECCO board member in your campaign work. Our neighborhood association does not take positions to support particular candidates.
- Lee and Monica are meeting with the other Uptown neighborhoods and the Uptown Association about recent unrest in Uptown.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

- Monica Smith announced that she is retiring and not renewing her contract that expires September 30. A selection committee will be formed to begin the process of hiring a new coordinator.

Committee Reports

Bylaws

A draft of the Conflict of Interest Policy was sent to board members to review in advance of the meeting.

The board unanimously approved a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy with the modification of making the language gender neutral.

Board members will sign a statement affirming receipt, reading and understanding of the policy.

Naming Committee, Lee Todd and Monica Smith

The City Council holds the authority to change neighborhood names in Minneapolis. The neighborhood board submitted a request to the City Council to support the results of the vote to change the name from ECCO to East Bde Maka Ska. The request is expected to be heard by the City Council in July.

Once approved by the City Council, the board will move forward with implementing the new neighborhood name and choosing a new name for the organization.

The board unanimously approved a motion to establish a Name Implementation Committee.

Livability Committee, Lee Todd

- A survey was sent out in the July e-newsletter asking for feedback on the uses for Park Dedication Fees in the neighborhood. Identifying priorities will help the board in advocating for park improvements in the neighborhood.
- Daymark confirmed that they sent our welcome letter to their residents to raise awareness about the neighborhood organization and encourage people to participate.
- The committee is also working on adding a feature to the monthly newsletter with human interest stories about our neighbors. The first feature will be of Amy Reher, owner of the Granada Theater.
- The next committee meeting is Monday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety, Paul Lussenhop

- The Walking Program is up and running. Hats identifying the walkers were purchased.
- The committee is proposing an opportunity for a broad neighborhood discussion about the safety concerns throughout the neighborhood. Board members raised several questions about the format and the focus of such an event. The committee will further develop a proposal at their meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. and bring it to the board for electronic approval.

Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Joe Wehri

- Participants enjoyed the author facilitated discussion for *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* held on June 10. Thanks to the organizers of the event!
- The committee is working on a draft for the Equitable Engagement Fund which is due to the City on September 1.
- The next committee meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

NRP Committee, Judy Shields

Judy is working with Joe and the Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Committee on the draft of the Equitable Engagement Fund proposal.

Social and Communications Committee, Judy Shields

The committee hosted a social event on June 24 with appetizers from the Tin Fish food truck at 34th St and Irving Ave. Thanks to Eric Wulfsberg for running the event.

Another event is being considered.

Green Team

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.