

MINUTES
ECCO Board Meeting
February 21, 2019 @ 7:00 PM @ New Hope Methodist Church

Call to Order – P. Johnson

Board Members Present: Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Cec Brady, Doug Gibbs, Eric Hunt, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Roy Maurer, Teri Ourada-Hubka, Patti Pierson,
A quorum (quorum = 7) was present for voting

Also Present: LPD Captain Marty Fehringer

Minutes – M. Belka
November 2018 & January 2019 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – R. Maurer – approved

LPD Report – LPD Captain Marty Fehringer

- All crime reports were west of 45th Street & east of Idylwild
- Stolen handgun reported earlier was recovered in Omaha – taken from gang member now in jail
- KIA auto dealer reported 2 stolen vehicles; one recovered – left running @ QuikShop, then taken to another convenience store, where another vehicle was stolen. Second vehicle not yet recovered.
- All other crimes (thefts) included: Auto Zone car battery stolen / unlocked vehicle rummaged w/no loss / items stored for relative taken / alcohol from QuikShop / items from unlocked car in driveway / concealed shoplift / license plates / tools from unlocked toolbox in pickup truck
- Several drug dealer arrests
- Despite weather, accidents haven't been as bad as anticipated
- Ring doorbell company has shared a video w/police, exploring the option of donating a number of Ring doorbells throughout the neighborhood/city
- 9PM routine on social media is working well – reminders to lock your cars, shut the garage door, lock your house
 - ✓ Resulted in 37T reduction in city near Tampa, FL, where it was started; 20%+ reduction so far recorded in Lincoln
 - ✓ Down another 6% in 2019 so far
- Northeast High School – great new principal – cares deeply about the school; thinks outside the box; untraditional, for instance leaving the school grounds to engage with kids at risk – trying to get them to come back to school

Events Planning/Calendar Review (Additional Items not included in Committee Reports)

- UNL Big Event – April 6 – submission deadline is March 15
 - ✓ Include types of projects in ECCO e-mail blast announcing sign-up, including yardwork, painting, etc.
- ECCO Garden Show – D. Shea (M. Belka provided known details)
 - ✓ Need a date – T. Ourada-Hubka to contact Lincoln Garden Club (she is a member) RE holding it on the same date
 - ✓ need to re-contact potential participants – ask for date preference – Saturday (morning); or Sunday (afternoon)
 - ✓ Needs to be included in Spring newsletter
- Fourth of July Parade
 - ✓ P. Johnson unable to coordinate this year – M. Belka to handle for him
- ECCO “fun”/social event – are we still thinking of holding this (brought up last Fall)
 - ✓ Can't do bowling till February leagues are done – afterward, fine to coordinate w/Tom
 - ✓ M. Belka could do something at her home in August
 - ✓ Park event suggested
 - ✓ Need to determine date and type of event, if we are moving forward
- Proposed Candidate Forum – T. Ourada-Hubka
 - ✓ Report on UPKO forum – very successful event – would like to hold a similar forum for ECCO residents
 - Advertising included blurb in church bulletins/pastors announcing it
 - Each candidate introduced by facilitators – Jeff Kirkpatrick, Cyndi Lamm, Leirion Gaylor Baird
 - Facilitator w/set questions – rotated responses w/good balance
 - Questions could also be written on a card – did not get to all of them
 - Primary topics included candidates' philosophies, including safety, reasonable housing costs, libraries, and budget
 - ✓ Not all candidates have their paperwork in – so may have announced, but not truly yet on the ballot, per Election Commission
 - ✓ Motion to hold ECCO Mayoral Candidate Forum on Sunday March 24 from 2-4 PM. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - ✓ T. Ourada-Hubka to coordinate
 - Venue? Church & Hardin Hall suggested
 - Refreshments

- Contact UPKO/Clinton/Malone/Hartley to invite
- Advertising – Lincoln Journal/Star Community Calendar
- Separate one-page flyer – delivery by Newsletter delivery volunteers ASAP

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter Delivery – M. Belka

- Getting organized for upcoming deliveries
- Articles are due by 3/15 for Spring newsletter – delivery scheduled for weekend of March 29-31
- Articles – Neighborhood Clean-up = P. Johnson; LPD = Marty Fehringer; D. Shea and/or M. Belka = Garden Show
- Mayoral Candidate Forum one-page flyer – delivery ASAP – preferable 2 weeks in advance of March 24 event

Neighborhood Clean-up – P. Johnson reported for P. Pierson

- Saturday April 27 from 9-1 PM
- Metal & electronic recycling
- CRT TVs – There is a cost, like tires – suggested that it be free to members – people can join ECCO at the event
- Goodwill challenge did not work well last year

Web-Site – D. Shea – no report

Membership – P. Pearson w/help from R. Maurer – no report

Yard of the Month – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz – no report

Rental Committee

- R. Maurer expressed concern RE “AGS Overflow House” located at 3865 Holdrege. City supposedly checked number of occupants, who know the drill, and indicated that “3 of them are cousins” – so are “related”. There are large number of vehicles parked daily and overnight – and well over 3 persons living in the house. It has been determined that those living there are AGS members. Stress on neighborhood, clearly providing extra parking to AGS members, in addition to those living at the property. Assuming owned by AGS alum.

Fraternities – no report

Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable – P. Johnson – no report

Old Business

- North 33rd & Cornhusker Hwy. Project updates

New Business

Pending Business

- Historical Records retention

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday March 14 @ 7:00 PM @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45th & Orchard

Calendar of Events 2019

- March 12 – 15 – Mayoral Forum Flyer delivery
- March 15 – Deadline for Newsletter Articles for March 29-31 Newsletter delivery
- March 15 – Deadline for UNL Big Event Sign-up
- March 24 – ECCO Mayoral Forum Event 2:00 – 4:00 PM @ New Hope Methodist Church
- March 29-31 – Spring Newsletter delivery
- April 6 – UNL Big Event
- April 9 – City of Lincoln Primary Election
- April 11 – ECCO Board meeting
- April 20 – ECCO Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt – sponsored by East Campus Starrs – Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 AM
- April 27 – ECCO Neighborhood Clean-up from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- May 7 – City of Lincoln General Election
- May 9 – ECCO Board Meeting
- June 7 – Newsletter Articles Due
- June 13 – ECCO Board Meeting
- June 21-23 – Newsletter delivery
- July 4 – Fourth of July Parade – 10:00 AM
- July 11 – ECCO Board Meeting
- August 8 – ECCO Board Meeting
- September 12 – ECCO Board Meeting
- September 13 – Newsletter Articles Due
- September 27-29 – Fall Newsletter Delivery
- October 10 – ECCO Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka