

**MINUTES**  
**ECCO Board Meeting**  
**May 10, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**New Hope Methodist Church**

**Call to Order** – P. Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Robert Bienhoff, Mary Belka, Cec Brady, John Hitt, Paul Johnson, Tom Madsen, Patti Pierson, Sally Ruggia-Haden, A quorum (quorum = 8) was present for voting

Also Present: LPD Captain Fehringer; Kim Shelly – Bethany Branch Librarian

**Minutes** – M. Belka

- March Minutes – approved
- April Minutes – need from person taking minutes for April meeting – not yet submitted

**Treasurer's Report** – R. Maurer

- Postponed approval of February and April reports at May meeting

**LPD Report** – LPD Captain Fehringer

- Street racing being addressed – O Street noise complaints now from both homeowners and business owners. Two officers dedicated to this project – starting @ 9PM. Partnering w/State Patrol (air wing/helicopter support for safety in avoiding potential chases) and South Side LPD, covering 27<sup>th</sup> Street to SECC.
- Conditioning program for officers beginning this month – working to reduce injuries and increase fitness
- Problem property resolution – requested by Council member Cyndi Lamm – on a complaint basis. Includes burned out campers, old cars, bad roofs, etc.)
- New “reminder to close garages” application working well
- Crime rate – very low for this month. 8 incidents, including 1 residential burglary; laptop stolen from car; and 3 larcenies; stolen bicycle; and items stolen from unlocked vehicles.
- Online purchase “swap spot” being created @ 48<sup>th</sup> & Huntington, including camera recording of meeting/transaction. Creating “safe space” for these transactions to take place, to protect both parties better.
- Copper thieves caught; North side LPD Sgt. Armstrong involved in solving recent bank and jewelry store robberies by “very bad dudes”; solved some ATM thefts as well as home invasion issues – all good news

**33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker Project Report – Public Corridor Enhancement meeting “marathon” May 8, 9, & 10** – M. Johnson & C. Brady

- Very complicated – 3 proposals were presented – Flood plain/NRD development discussion/input from Cec Brady
  - ✓ Elimination of “at grade” RR crossings
  - ✓ Improve safety
  - ✓ Improve traffic flow – decrease congestion
  - ✓ Connect 33<sup>rd</sup> & Superior – discussion about not wanting more traffic on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Next meeting June 6-7

**Library Report** – Kim Shelly

- School out 5/24 – summer Reading kicks off @ Anderson Branch – Programs for adults, teens, & children – spread the word

**Committee Reports**

*Communications/Newsletter Delivery* – S. Ruggia-Haden & R. Carr

- Next delivery June 29-July 1 weekend
- Articles to Rebecca by Friday, June 15
- E-mail blast newsletter, once ready for delivery
- Sally out of town the weekend of delivery – need a different place for newsletters to be picked up by delivery crew

*Neighborhood Clean-up* – P. Pierson

- 191 pounds collected for the Goodwill – several new memberships – more trash this time, than yard waste – probably due to weather/late spring, leading up to clean-up date

*Web-Site* – D. Shea

- Website & Weebly software paid up-to-date. Donnette & Danielle sharing duties. Donnette working on History page & some updating. Send e-mails to Danielle & Donnette w/web postings and e-mail blast material.

*Membership* – P. Pearson w/help from R. Maurer

*Yard of the Month* – R. Bienhoff & R. Voeltz

- Need to get signs out!

*Rental Committee* – P. Schock – no report

*Fraternities* – no report

*Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable* – P. Johnson – no report

**Old Business**

- April Neighborworks presentation feedback
  - ✓ ECCO homeowner vs. renter occupancy rate – Census Tract 9 (Leighton to O Street, N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street/West Side of Wyuka to North 48<sup>th</sup> Street) includes ECCO, UNL East Campus, Wyuka = 29.7% homeowner/70.3% rental
- 2018 Garden Tour event – cancelled due to inclement spring weather
- Tree project – 10 trees distributed/most planted

#### **New Business**

- ECCO resident Vicki Rokeby contacted P. Johnson RE Varner Hall Garden – heard that maintenance was being dropped due to budget cuts – could neighborhood offer to handle maintenance? P. Johnson to call contacts @ UNL groundskeepers, to determine what is happening. Will report back w/results/plan, if needed.

#### **Pending Business**

- Historical Records retention

Meeting was adjourned.

#### **Calendar of Events**

- June 6-7 – Next 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker Project meeting
- July 4 – Fourth of July Parade

**Next Meeting – Thursday, June 14 @ New Hope Methodist Church – 45<sup>th</sup> & Orchard**

Respectfully submitted by M. Belka