

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35pm. September minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Caryn Meyers, Jerome Witte, Beverly Padratzik, Kathy Kaminski, Jennifer Herren, Tom Kraft, Jan Kupiec, Justin Ochonicki, Christine Rosenberg, Jeff Manuel, Jeff Singer, and Nancy Williams,

Absent:, Jennifer Carlson Michelle Christensen Tom Misiewicz Steven Peacock, Lidia Pomaville (resigned), Ewa Ryan, and Susan Zelner

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff deferred comments to enable time for committee reports

Vice President's Report: Nancy deferred comments to enable time for committee reports

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the budget YTD (attached). He reported that the ECA received proceeds from the Garden Walk in the amount of \$840. He also reported that the storage fee has been raised \$15.00 a month. Jeff Manual will try to negotiate a reduction.

Secretary's Report: Mary deferred comments to enable time for committee reports

Director's Reports

Community Development: Christine reported on the proposed zoning change in downtown Edgebrook. Bottles and Cans LLC is seeking to open a liquor store in the Edgebrook Plaza at 6401 N. Central Ave., and the proposal calls for the property to be rezoned from B1-1 to C1-1 to allow for the issuance of a packaged goods liquor license. An email from the alderman's office indicated that he would be supporting a zoning change from B1-1 to B3-1. This would require the additional step of the applicant requiring a special use permit. The alderman indicated that he would help to fast track the process. A motion was made and, after a brief discussion, approved unanimously to support the zoning change from B1-1 to B3-1 for 6401 N. Central Avenue.

Christine reported on the proposed projects for the 39th ward participatory budget process including repair of the triangle bricks, repair work to the bus turnaround, improved streetscape in downtown Edgebrook, and a proposed workout area for the North Branch Trail.

Jenny Herren reported that the Edgebrook Sauganash Chamber is sponsoring a virtual Halloween costume contest. Halloween scenes will be staged around the business district for use in photographing contestants.

Special Events: Jennifer Carlson is working with Napolitano's office for the shredding event on October 24th. Michelle, along with Kathy's help has put together a trio of Halloween activities including the Spookiest House judging, "You've been Booed" a neighbor to neighbor activity, and a proposed scavenger hunt map to be pushed out via social media by October 28th. Justin is going to photograph and share the spookiest house contestants for judging by the directors. The Holiday lighting will take place on November 21st. Signs will be installed thanking the business sponsors.

Membership: Jerome Witte will work with membership on a possible postcard campaign.

Media and Publicity: Justin promoted through social media the need for new directors, Halloween activities, and related community events.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: The local CAPS meetings have resumed. Snow plowing contract has been signed for this year. Jerome also reported that the clothing donation box has returned to the Metra property. A suggestion was made to call a local scrapper to pick it up since no one has given the box owner permission to drop the box on this property. Finally, Jerome informed the board that Metra will be closing Central avenue at the tracks for a week of repair. Justin will publicize.

Beautification: Caryn reported that Tom Kraft helped with the fall cleanup of the triangle and added a compost container to use for garden debris. A special thanks was given to MaryJo Garnier for her clean up of the flower bed outside of Baird and Warner.

Website: Caryn is continuing to work on identifying a new, more user-friendly, web hosting site for the ECA.

Newsletter: Kathy will prepare a newsletter in December to thank the donors of the triangle Holiday lighting and more.

Schools: Nothing to report

Programs: A Zoom General Meeting will be planned for November to present the slate and vote for The ECA Board of Directors and Officers. The Spookiest House winners will also be presented. Jeff Singer agreed to moderate.

Old Business:

New Business: There was a discussion about the need for more bike racks in the downtown business district and it was indicated that at one point there was a county grant being looked at for this project.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30pm. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Future Board Meetings Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church or on Zoom
November 11th
December 9th

Special Events 2020

Holiday Lighting Saturday, November 21st at 4:30 pm (Facebook Live)

Holiday Stroll Sunday, November 29th at 2:00 pm. (cancelled)

General Meetings

Proposed date is Wednesday November