

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm. December minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Jeff Manuel, Jan Kupiec, Nancy Williams, Jeff Singer, Steven Peacock, Tom Misiewicz, Lorrie Kennedy, Beverly Padratzik, TimWeiske, Andrea Macino, Jennifer Carlson, Christine Rosenberg, Caryn Meyers, and Ewa Ryan

Absent: Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Jerome Witte, and Anthony Florio,

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff began the meeting with the introduction of a potential board member Andrea Macino. After a brief introduction and discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept Andrea as a new board member. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Jeff advised the board of the passing of former ECA board member Dick McDowell. Dick was a vital part of the ECA for many years and his contributions to our neighborhood will be long remembered! Dick was the advisor to the board on many zoning matters.

A suggestion was made to provide a plaque for the small garden next to the library in former board member Jerry Butler's name. Jerry was the architect for the library. Caryn and Jeff will reach out to the library to discuss.

Vice President's Report: Nancy confirmed the \$100. Donation to the Edgebrook Lutheran Church. The church is providing meeting space for the board as needed. Nancy also informed the board that the sponsors of the triangle lighting were very happy to donate and offered their sponsorship for next year if needed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reported that there was a successful budget meeting and copy of next year's budget is attached.

Secretary's Report: Mary requested that any changes to board member's contact information be sent to her ASAP

Director's Reports

Community Development: Christine and Steven updated the board on participatory projects for the 39th ward. Several Edgebrook projects are potentially moving toward the voting stage including a welcome to Edgebrook sign just west of the Edens expressway on Caldwell, various streetscape enhancements for downtown Edgebrook, and recommended curb projects. Steven Peacock will be working with Christine as the North Park Village Advisory Board alternate.

Special Events: Tom M. will obtain the permit for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th

Membership: Michelle and Caryn have created the membership solicitation letter for this year. The mailing is going out in the next week or so. A QR code has been created to make joining easier. Caryn spoke about the creation of tracking sheets for new members. She also indicated that there would be targeted marketing for younger families, seniors, etc. Each ECA event would also have a targeted marketing strategy to add members. She also asked board members to engage with their neighbors to sign up for membership. Jennifer C. suggested soliciting on Facebook groups in the area.

Schools: Schools were beginning to plan their yearly fundraisers and Jennifer would work with them to coordinate donations.

Media and Publicity: Board members were reminded to reach out to Steven on ideas to post on social media.

Police/Fire and Transportation: The ECA board is aware of the insufficient staffing of the 16th police district.

Beautification: Caryn will advise the board when the city establishes the “Clean and Green” date for 2022

Website: Tony asked that board members provide him with articles and/or events to add to the website.

Programs: Jan presented ideas for future board meetings. Lorrie suggested a presentation by the library about all the resources available online. Another idea was a speaker on Elder Law and how parents can advocate for services for their special needs children. The other idea for a self defense class by Villari was pushed back until a later date.

Philanthropy: The suggested idea to provide a donation to the Albany Park Food Bank was not followed up on.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tim discussed the Openlands grant and the requirements. He will follow up and publicize.

Old Business:

New Business: Sidewalk shoveling/clearing requirement was discussed but board members felt it unnecessary for the ECA to take the lead on this issue.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30pm. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Board Meetings (every second Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church or on Zoom)

March 9

April 6

May 11

June 8

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th

July 4th Parade and Picnic Monday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/19

General Meetings (4 per year) 4 Meetings

dates (TBD)