

**Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Date: May 12, 2025

Edgebrook Public Library

**Meeting called to order 6:33 pm
Minutes approved for April 2025**

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Michelle Brugioni, Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Jean Lin, Kirstin Mansfield, Julie Marske, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Bev Padratzik, Jeff Singer, and Nancy Williams. Mike Marren

Officer's Reports

President Jenny introduced Mike Marren to the group as a prospective board member. A vote was taken to accept Mike as a new director and unanimously approved. Jenny also thanked Jean Lin and the board members that helped make the recent Mix and Mingle a success.

Vice President Nancy informed the board that future meetings will be scheduled at the library because the Edgebrook Lutheran Church implemented a new fee based rental policy. In the event the library is not available, Julie offered her Creativo space. In addition, Nancy passed out a proposed change to the bylaws in Article 3, section 1 verbiage. The proposed revision would require only 1 scheduled general (community) meeting a year in November instead of the current requirement of 4 general meetings a year. Motion was made and unanimously approved by the board. A vote will be taken at the 2025 November general meeting for final approval.

Treasurer Jeff Singer presented the YTD budget. The Everyday Edgebrook donation is included in the financial report. These funds are earmarked for beautification projects in the business district.

Secretary Mary elaborated on the EE donation of 16K. Noreen Davidson, a local resident, is working with board member Ewa Eyan and several business owners on identifying a vendor the restore and repaint the benches

Committee Reports

Membership Current paid membership is at 312 members

Membership Activities Jean recapped the recent Mix and Mingle. Although the attendance

was smaller than the last event, the guests had a great time. US representative Quigley made an appearance. The suggestion was made to limit the Mix and Mingle events to twice a year.

Another idea was to have a Taste of Edgebrook at one of the Mix and Mingle events in the future. Jean will explore this option.

Special Events The Fourth of July planner was sent out to all board members. New board member Mike Marren will be working with Ewa on the food area. Jeff had reached out to Jim Andriacchi and confirmed the placement of the popcorn and snow cone area (west of the food area). The Edgebrook Mother's club will be in the parade and follow the grand marshal's car. Jeff Manuel and Andi Macino will hold the ECA banner.

Beautification Mary reported that the city had planted 22 Hackberry trees along the Metra parking lot. The alderman's office and our board of directors agreed that watering was the function of the city and not the ECA. The mural project should be starting in late May

Forest Preserves and Parks Nothing to report.

Police/Fire Tom reported a stolen purse and a burglary as recent police activity.

Programs: Jan will schedule our next community meeting in November.

Community Development Bids for the restoration/repainting of the benches and trash receptacles is ongoing. Ewa is working with several business owners and a resident to implement the project once the bids are received.

The Eagle Scout garden at the corner of Lemai and Devon has been restored.

Sue and Ed from Edgebrook Hardware are retiring. The ECA will present a certificate of appreciation and flowers.

A speed camera has been installed on Central Avenue next to Edgebrook School/Park.

The ESCC has postponed the art walk.

Social Media and Publicity Andi will work with Dan on the next newsletter. Andi posted on the thank you note from Edgebrook Preschool for the recent donation.

Schools Kirstin will work with Kathy on the poster contest for the Fourth of July.

Newsletter Dan will promote the Fourth of July, Mural Project, and the Garden Walk in the next newsletter.

Snowplowing Nothing to report

New Business

Garden Walk update: Several sponsors have already been acquired for the event. 13 gardens have been confirmed. There will be children's activities during the post walk starting at 3:30 in the Creativo Community garden. Bev got some great pricing on signage for the event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: Monday May 12th at 6:30 pm at Edgebrook Lutheran Church

Future board meetings: See below

Scheduled events: see below

Dates for Board of Directors Meetings 2025

All meetings on Monday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Library

June 9

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Special Events

Garden Walk Date Sunday, June 22

4th of July Parade and Picnic Friday, July 4th

Mix and Mingle at the Children's Garden Friday, August 8th

Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 21

Holiday Tree Lighting Sunday, November 30 (Sunday after Thanksgiving)

