

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

Date: September 8, 2025

Edgebrook Public Library

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

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Tony Florio, Dan Hamilton, Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Lorrie Kennedy, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Jean Lin, Kirstin Mansfield, Julie Marske, Jeff Manuel, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Bev Padratzik, Jeff Singer, Nancy Williams. Mike Marren and Noreen Davidson

Officer's Reports

President Jenny thanked everyone for a successful Fourth of July parade and picnic. She also thanked those involved in the Garden Walk.

Vice President Nancy informed the board that she is providing the Chamber with our marketing materials that are distributed to new residents.

Treasurer Jeff Singer presented the YTD budget. He pointed out that the infusion of income had been earmarked and spent on two projects (repainting the benches and trash receptacles and restoring the underpass). He also presented the analysis of the Fourth of July expenses/revenue. After expenses, the ECA generated \$2220.44 in profit. This is lower than the last three years. The reason for the drop is thought to be partially heat related (high heat/humidity and morning rain showers) and also the event being on Friday may have caused more residents to be out of town.

Secretary Mary deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Garden Walk Ellie presented a recap of the Garden Walk. The event was attended by about 50 residents and raised about \$1000. And half will be donated to the Creativo!! Garden and the remaining to the ECA. Plans are already in place for next year's location to be Old Edgebrook. Julie Marske may use the Creativo funds for obtaining water access for the garden.

Underpass Restoration Mary informed the board that the art restoration in the underpass was beautifully completed by local muralist Brett Whitacre. Mary thanked Jeff, MaryJo, Ewa,

and Mike Marran for helping to paint the rusted railings. Metra replaced the broken wood railings on the street level and CDOT repaired the broken concrete. Mary asked for a vote to

move the additional costs, not covered by the grant, to be moved to a project expense line. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved. A Grand Reopening event is scheduled for Saturday October 4th at 10am at the north end of the Metra parking lot.

Special Events A Fourth of July parade concern was raised by Jan about the Jesse White Tumblers causing gaps in the parade. Several options will be considered for next year.

Everyday Edgebrook Funded Business District improvements Noreen Davidson (local resident) provided a recap of the project. All benches and trash receptacles painted and schools will be contacted about painting a group of the benches with students' art work. The painting contractor will seal the work.

Mix and Mingle Jean spoke briefly about the upcoming event on 9/12 at the Creativo Garden. Jeff will provide music entertainment and a magician sponsored by the Vanna Group will provide the children's entertainment. All directors are invited to help!

Witches Ride Mary provided the update that the event will be held on Saturday, October 25th starting at 5pm. A movie will follow at the teachers' parking lot. The ECA will coordinate the planning and social media. Nicole Flores will sponsor some of the costs.

Nominating Committee Jan, Jean, and Kirstin volunteered. Next year's slate will be presented and voted on at the November community meeting.

Holiday Lighting Nancy has obtained sponsors and put down the deposit for the triangle lighting. The event will be held on Sunday, November 30th.

Forest Preserves and Parks Julie handed out some brochures from the Cook County Forest Preserve district. She briefly discussed the U of I Naturalist program and wants to explore ways to coordinate with their programs and Edgebrook residents. On another matter, Tony informed the board that he alerted the Cook County Forest Preserve police about some illegal campsites in the area. Tony will compose a letter from the ECA indicating our concern that illegal encampments should not be allowed in our local parks and forest preserves

Community Development Jerome highlighted facts about the proposed project at 5500 W. Devon. The five story building will include 48 rental units and space on the first floor for commercial use. There will be one, two, and three bedroom units and parking for 30 cars. The alderman will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, September 24th at Edgebrook School. The decision was made to inform Alderman Gardiner that the ECA was not going to take a position of either supporting or opposing the project at this time.

Spookiest House Contest Mary and Nancy are looking at revising how the spookiest house contest is judged. Details forthcoming.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday October 13th at 6:30 pm at Edgebrook Library

Scheduled events: see below

**Dates for Board of Directors Meetings
2025**

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

October 13

November 10

December 8

Special Events

Witches Ride Saturday, October 25th

Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 21 (may
change)

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

