

Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

October 13, 2025
Edgebrook Library, 5331 W. Devon

Call to Order 6:31 pm

In Attendance: Mary Biesty, Michelle Brugioni, Tony Florio, Dan Hamilton, Jennifer Herren Gatesman, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Andi Macino, Kirstin Mansfield, Jeff Manuel, Caryn Meyers, Tom MIsiewicz, Bev Padratzik, and Jeff Singer

Approval of September 2025 Minutes: Approved unanimously

Officer's Reports:

President: thanked those involved in the Mix and Mingle.

Vice President: Nancy Williams was absent, but her notes were deferred for later in the meeting

Treasurer: Jeff Singer presented the budget YTD. Currently, there is \$26K in the bank, which is on track for the year. There was a brief discussion about the snowplow contract. Jeff M. will follow up.

Secretary: Mary Biesty presented the update on the benches/trash receptacles project. The committee has reached out to local schools, and the plan is to do the painting in the Spring. Mary also mentioned that the ECA would present a certificate to the Edgebrook Woman's Club in honor of its 100th anniversary.

Old Business:

Underpass Mosaic Restoration – Mary reported that the neighborhood connection project (underpass) ribbon-cutting ceremony was very successful. Ric Graham, one of the original artists, is exploring the idea of creating a field trip handout that contains the history of the Neighborhood Connection and Edgebrook for local schools. The handout may also contain a scavenger hunt,

Everyday Edgebrook-Funded Business District Improvements – See secretary's report

Mix and Mingle- Jan reported concerns about the bees.

Witches Ride Andi reported that social media had pushed out the event for Saturday.

Proposed Development at 5500 W. Devon - Alderman Gardiner pulled his support for a

proposed five-story apartment building at the corner of Lehigh and Devon. After a heavily attended community meeting, residents expressed strong opposition because of the height, lack of available parking, and traffic concerns. Local school representatives were also opposed because of the potential impact of overcrowding.

After a brief discussion, it was recommended that Jerome and Tony look into reaching out to the Department of Planning for consideration of a Master plan for the Edgebrook Business District.

New Business:

Spookiest House 2025 – Mary reminded everyone that Nancy had sent out an email explaining how the judging was going to be done this year. Questions can be directed to Mary. Other Halloween activities include participating in the Edgebrook Lutheran Church's Trunk or Treat and the Witch's Ride at Edgebrook School.

2026 Board Slate and Community Meeting- Monday, November 10th, will be the next Community Meeting at the library. The meeting agenda will be a short presentation by Chuck Ryan, from Real Inspection Services, with home repair tips, presentation of the Spookiest Home Awards, and voting on the new slate. The Board of Directors meeting will be held before the Community Meeting at 5:30 pm.

Holiday Lighting Festivities -Bev passed around an attendance sheet asking for board members to sign up to help at the Holiday Lighting event. The event will be held on Sunday, November 30th, at Baird and Warner. This year, we will take on the Cookie Walk, but we will ask the ESCC to assist. Details to follow.

Snowplowing Jan mentioned that the North Edgebrook Community Association is not starting the snowplowing until after January 1, 2026, because of the expense. Although we use the same vendor as NECA, the ECA will continue to offer snowplowing after 4" of snowfall.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

2025 Board of Directors Meetings

November 10 at 5:30 pm in the library
December 8th location to be announced

Special Events

Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 21

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