

## **ECA Board of Directors Meeting North Branch Arts**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 7 PM

### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm. October minutes were approved with no changes.

**In attendance:** Mary Biesty, Jim Gillespie, Kevin Haran, Dennis Henley, Jan Kupiec, Tom Kraft, Jeff Manuel, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Nora Shea, Nancy Williams Lidia Pomaville, and Jeff Singer.

**Absent:** Craig Caimi, Jac Charlier, Jennifer Carlson, Jennifer Herren, Julie Marske, Justin Ochonicki, Beverly Padratzik , and Christine Rosenberg,

### **Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Jeff reported that the retaining wall at the Metra tracks has been repaired. Jeff thanked all board members for their continuing hard work in supporting the Edgebrook community.

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy informed the board that the project to change our existing bylaws continues.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff presented the current budget/expense report. He informed board members that the budget meeting for next year will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Nora's house. All board members are invited. Jeff will also file paperwork to update our status as a non-profit organization 501C-4 so we can take advantage of tax- exempt status.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report

### **Director's Reports**

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee of Mary Biesty, Julie Marske, and Jan Kupiec will present the approved slate at the next General meeting scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs:** The next General Meeting is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at the library and the topic is Cybersecurity. Jan has scheduled a candidate's forum for the two aldermanic races (41<sup>st</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ward) for January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 1pm at St. Mary of the Woods. All candidates will be invited. Jan also informed the board that Everyday Edgebrook is planning a Devon Avenue post construction street opening celebration for Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 8pm. Everyday Edgebrook is also planning another block party for August 24 2019.

**Beautification:** Caryn is looking into a new sprinkler maintenance company because of the high cost of the current company. Caryn completed the fall cleanup of the Metra and Triangle. Finally, Caryn

indicated that city approval for the Blue Star memorial was not obtained and may be relocated to North Park.

**Special Events:** The special events committee will be decorating the triangle Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. All board members are encouraged to attend! Nancy recapped the details of the holiday stroll scheduled for Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm until 5pm. Santa will be available at Creativo and there will be a fast track line for ECA members. The craft area will be at North Branch Arts and there will be a \$5.00 charge for non ECA members. Because the bonfire area has been cancelled, Tom Kraft and Tom M will help out at NBA. Jan indicated that My Sister's Closet will be the only location for local bakers to have their cookies available for the voting of best baker. All other participating businesses will have store bought cookies for the public. A zip lock bag is replacing the previously utilized tins to avoid participants taking too many cookies. Entertainment has been booked and Chris Schultz is again allowing the ECA to use his office as a welcoming center.

The Spookiest House judging was very successful and the directors in attendance selected the best decorated houses that will be awarded with special certificates/trophies at the November general meeting.

**Community Development:** A Mexican restaurant is going into the old Subway location.

**Safety & Transportation:** The sewer project on Devon is just about over!!!

**Membership:** Nora reported that our current membership is at 577 residents. Members have paid \$23,600. Nora also informed the board that only 2 of the 20 winners of the Spookiest House contest were ECA members. The Special Events committee was asked to consider special awards for next year's Spookiest House competition that would only be given to ECA members.

**Newsletter and Website:** Dennis has put together the newsletter that highlights ECA events and activities that will be posted in the Nadig Reporter on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. He asked the board for consideration to place the newsletter in member's email blasts instead of the Reporter which costs \$2600. A year. The general feedback is to continue the quarterly newsletters in the paper.

**Social Media and Publicity:** Justin will be posting publicity for the upcoming events including the General Meeting on Cybersecurity and the Holiday Stroll. Lidia continues to post articles and publicity in local papers. She also was recognized for the awesome work on the spookiest house map posted on Nextdoor.

**Charitable and Community Support:** The donation to the Boy Scout project at Wildwood Park has been issued.

**Forests and Parks:** Craig was not present for an update on the fitness trail.

**Snowplowing and Police/Fire:** Jim Gillespie reported that the CAPS meeting will be moved to the Edgebrook library starting in January. The first meeting is on January 2nd at 7pm. Board members are strongly urged to attend.

Motion to adjourn 8:28 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** This meeting will be held at North Branch Arts. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.