

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm. January minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Tom Kraft, Anthony Florio, Tom Misiewicz, Kathy Kaminski, Steven Peacock, Jan Kupiec, Justin Ochonicki, Beverly Padratzick Jeff Manuel, Christine Rosenberg, Jennifer Herren, Jeff Singer, Tim Weiske, Lorrie Kennedy, and Nancy Williams,

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Jerome Witte, Caryn Meyers, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff introduced 39th Ward Alderman Samantha Nugent. The Alderman discussed the Participatory Budgeting process and city snow plowing. Her assistant Erika Wozniak indicated that residents that have difficulty voting in the participatory budget can call the 39th ward office for assistance.

Vice President's Report: Nancy requested that directors failing to submit their conflict-of-interest forms should do so ASAP.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the budget recap. There were questions about the Philanthropy budget and Jeff answered that.

Secretary's Report: The secretary will work on a contact card for directors and request help from Kathy Kaminski.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Anita reported a conversation with Napolitano's office. They are planning a shredding event and asked for our participation. Directors suggested a date change after April 15th. Anita will discuss the request with the Alderman's office. Christine reported the Zoning Board of Appeals vote for the special use permit for Bottles and Cans will be 2/19. She also recapped the North River Commission meeting and informed the board that most of the conversation centered around a vaccine distribution site at North Park Village.

Special Events: Nancy Williams will send out a Zoom meeting invite to everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt alternative planning.

Philanthropy: \$250. was donated to Everyday Edgebrook's Virtual Winter Blast. Directors were encouraged to purchase raffle tickets.

Membership: Kudos were given to Kathy and Michelle for an outstanding job on the membership flyer. The flyer generated approximately \$6300 in membership dues and donations in the first two weeks.

Marketing and Membership Development: Michelle plans to continue reaching out to new residents and neighbors for ideas to encourage membership.

Media and Publicity: Justin continues to promote membership and other ECA activities on social media. Caryn is providing gardening tips to get residents excited about the prospect that Spring is not that far away.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: Jerome has decided to continue our snow plowing services with SnowAmerica. He feels their recent equipment issues have been resolved. Beat meetings have resumed in person and Justin will promote on social media.

Beautification: Although Caryn was not at the meeting, she sent an email to directors encouraging them to vote for the Devon corridor project in the 39th Ward Participatory Budgeting process.

Website: Tony has purchased Adobe software for the newly designed website. He and Caryn continue to finalize the final design and contents.

Newsletter: Kathy will utilize the membership flyer and Easter activity in a future Nadig ad.

Schools: Nothing to report

Programs: Jan has scheduled the next General Meeting for Tuesday March 16th. The featured speaker is Kevin Koonz from the Cook County Forest Preserve District to discuss winter activities in the Forest Preserves. Justin and Steven will promote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th 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 10th

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

No meetings in July and August

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd

July 4th Parade and Picnic Saturday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/20

Holiday Stroll/Cookie Walk Sunday 11/28

General Meetings (4 per year)

March 16