

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm. November minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Jennifer Herren, Jeff Manuel, Justin Ochonicki, Nancy Williams, Jeff Singer, Steven Peacock, Tom Misiewicz, Beverly Padratzick, Tim Weiske, Jerome Witte, and Christine Rosenberg

Absent: Lorrie Kennedy, Jennifer Carlson, Kathy Kaminski, Anthony Florio, Jan Kupiec, Caryn Meyers, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff attended the funeral services for former ECA board member Jerry Butler. Jerry was an integral part of the ECA for many years and his contributions to our neighborhood will be long remembered! The winners of the Santa letter contest have been contacted and will be publicized on social media and in local papers. The 2022 budget meeting is scheduled and all are invited to attend. Any board member interested in switching committee assignments should contact Jeff soon. Finally, Tom M. is hosting a holiday get together and all board members are invited to attend.

Vice President's Report: Next year's board meetings will have the option of in person (at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church) or Zoom.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff S. reported the current budget to date. Cash on hand is 25K.

Secretary's Report: Mary presented the proposed dates for 2022. One change is to the April date because of Spring break. The dates are listed below.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Christine submitted our ideas for Participatory Budgeting for the 39th ward. She also informed the board that the slate for North River Commission was approved. Jan reported that Villari is expanding into an additional storefront. Loka under new business below for the discussion on the ward remapping.

Special Events: The Holiday lighting event was great thanks to the efforts of many board members but especially to Bev Padratzick's organizational skills.

Membership: As noted above in the Treasurer's report. Membership numbers are down but revenue is only down slightly. There were 20 new members that signed up at the tree lighting event. Nancy planned to promote membership with more frequent mailings and adding a QR code to ads, signage etc to provide a link to membership sign up. Michelle will assist with the QR code.

Schools: Nothing to report.

Media and Publicity: It was sad to say good bye to Justin for all of his hard work with publicity and social media. He will be greatly missed! Steven Peacock is stepping into his role.

Police/Fire and Transportation: Jerome updated the board on the snow removal contractor.

Beautification: There will be a full report presented by Caryn at the January board meeting about Beautification progress and plans for next year.

Website: Tony and Caryn are doing an excellent job in updating the website.

Programs: Jan requested ideas for future board meetings. Depending on the Covid pandemic, there will be a general meeting scheduled either in person or on Zoom in March.

Philanthropy: A suggested donation of \$400.to the Albany Park Food Pantry was made by Mary and Jan.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tim will look into the Openlands grant to acquire trees for homeowners. 20 homeowners must sign up and will need volunteers to help with tree plantings. Tim will also provide the survey link to Justin and Steve for the community input on the proposed closing the Edgebrook Golf Course.

Old Business:

New Business: A discussion was held about the proposed new ward map. Napolitano (41) would lose Edgebrook and Alderman James M. Gardiner Ward 45 would absorb those parts of Edgebrook. Alderman Samantha Nugent’s area of Edgebrook would remain the same.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12th 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)

February 9	May 11	October 12
March 9	June 8	November 9
April 6	September 14	December 14

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th
- July 4th Parade and Picnic Monday, July 4th
- Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/19

General Meetings (4 per year) 4 Meetings

dates (TBD)

