

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm. January minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Jeff Manuel, Jan Kupiec, Jerome Witte, Nancy Williams, Steven Peacock, Tom Misiewicz, Lorrie Kennedy, Beverly Padratzik, TimWeiske, Andrea Macino, Jennifer Carlson, Kathy Kaminski, Christine Rosenberg, Caryn Meyers, Anthony Florio,

Absent: Jennifer Herren, Michelle Christensen, Jeff Singer, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff recapped the meeting with Alderman Nugent and the 16th district commander about the recent gunshot incidents in Edgebrook. (a recap of the meeting is at the bottom of the minutes). Jeff and Caryn will be meeting with Library personnel in the next few weeks to gain a commitment for installing a plaque for long term board member Jerry Butler. If allowed, Bev will research different types of plaques and cost.

Vice President's Report: Nancy informed the board that the triangle lights have been taken down. She also reported that Kathy K. is out of commission for awhile while recovering from an accident. Andy indicated that she could step up if any graphic services are needed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff was not present

Secretary's Report: Mary committed to creating the contact sheet for board members.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Unfortunately, the two proposed Edgebrook projects in participatory budgeting have not been funded.

Special Events: The special events committee will be meeting soon to discuss the arrangements for the Easter Egg Hunt. Tom M. will obtain the permit for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th

Membership: The first mailing has been sent out with already \$2300 in membership collected. ECA board members were asked to reach out to neighbors asking them to join. It was suggested that a poster be created with the QR code and placed in local businesses. Jeff agreed to distribute. The membership committee will create a membership solicitation packet that will be distributed to new residents by the Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce.

Schools: Jennifer is asked to push out the info on the March general meeting to the schools,

Media and Publicity: Board members were reminded to reach out to Steven and Andy on ideas to post on social media.

Police/Fire and Transportation: see notes below.

Snowplowing: Once again there was an issue with our vendor on snowplowing so Jerome reached out to North Edgebrook’s snowplow vendor and they responded. He will probably use them next year.

Beautification: Caryn will continue to reach out to Notre Dame high school for volunteers for the triangle and Metra corridor.

Website: Tony asked that board members provide him with articles and/or events to add to the website.

Programs: Jan has scheduled the next general meeting for March 16th for the “Get to Know Your Library” presentation. The next meeting topics will be a self defense class and an eldercare/special needs attorney.

Philanthropy: A donation was made to Everyday Edgebrook.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tim discussed the Openlands grant. Mary suggested that the streets around Leona and Hiawatha might be suitable because of the loss of trees in that area in recent years. Mary and Anita will distribute the handout that Andy will create.

Old Business:

New Business: Board members are asked to consider purchasing a ticket for the Everyday Edgebrook fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 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)

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| April 6 | October 12 |
| May 11 | November 9 |
| June 8 | December 14 |
| September 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)

**Edgebrook Community Association meets
with Alderman Nugent and 16th District Commander Biggane**

A meeting with Alderman Nugent, Commander Biggane of the 16th district, and the Edgebrook Community Association was held to discuss the increase in gunshot incidents in the Edgebrook area. Alderman Nugent reported that POD (Police Observation Device) Cameras and LPR (License Plate Readers) were being acquired for the main streets (Devon and Caldwell) in Edgebrook. These tools will assist the 16th district in responding to reports of gunshots and suspicious criminal activity. The most important tool is residents calling 911 when they hear gunfire. Don't second guess that it may be fireworks or car exhaust sounds. In addition, report stolen license plates immediately to 911. Residents are also encouraged to call 911 if they are aware of any suspicious activity. Allow CPD to investigate. There is also an anonymous tip line (TXT2TIP) that residents can use to report information to CPD and attendance at Beat meetings is encouraged. Remember, if you see something suspicious...call 911 immediately!