

**ECA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 6:30 PM**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm. April minutes were approved with no changes.

**In attendance:** Mary Biesty,, Beverly Padratzik, Anita Bernacchi, Jeff Manuel, Lorrie Kennedy, Michelle Christensen, Jean Lin, Nancy Williams, Christine Rosenberg, Jeff Singer, Jerome Witte, Tim Weiske, and Caryn Meyers,,

**Absent:** Jennifer Herren, Tom Misiewicz, Anthony Florio, Jennifer Carlson, Jan Kupiec. Andrea Macino, and Ewa Ryan

**Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Jeff deferred his comments to allow Eagle Scout candidate Nathaniel Weeks an opportunity to present his Eagle Scout project. A handout explaining the project was distributed to those board members in attendance. The project was to create a Monarch butterfly habitat garden near the Metra bus turnaround. Nate requested a donation by the ECA of \$300 to fund the project. After discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously to contribute the requested funds for the project. The funds come from the philanthropy budget. Nancy offered to facilitate the landscape materials at a discounted price.

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy briefly updated the board on some membership solicitation activities including a flyer in the Nadig newspaper and neighbor to neighbor postcards.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff provided the board with the updated budget to date. The offsite storage price was being increased so Nancy reached out and the storage unit will be moved across the aisle from its present location. Yearly savings will be about \$1000.

**Secretary's Report:** Mary delivered the neighbor to neighbor postcards. All directors are asked to personalize and deliver asap.

**Director's Reports**

**Community Development:** Christine informed the board that Participatory voting for the 39th ward is expected in late June. Andi will be asked to publicize any Edgebrook projects that make the final cut. Anita is working with Greenstar to repair the mosaic in the underpass.

**Special Events:** A recap of the Fourth of July planning issues was discussed.. See below.

**Membership:** See Vice President's report. Nancy also indicated that after the July 4th picnic we would not be actively soliciting for membership. The current plan is to aggressively solicit all residents at the beginning of 2024.

**Schools:** Jennifer is working with Bev and Lorrie on the poster contest.

**Media and Publicity:** Andi continues to promote ECA events and news. Caryn supplied an article on hydrangea plants for one of our email blasts. A schedule and text will be created to promote the Fourth of July.

**Police/Fire and Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**Beautification:** Caryn thanked the board and Notre Dame High School volunteers for supporting the Clean and Green event on April 22. Caryn also updated the board on various beautification work that has been completed or planned for May.

**Website:** Andi continues to request board members to communicate news and information to post on the website.

**Programs:** The May 3rd community meeting about the new preschool to open fall of 2023 was well attended on Zoom. US Representative Mike Quigley gave a brief update on issues in Washington at the start of the meeting. He reminded residents to apply early for passports. The main part of the meeting was about the new preschool that is currently under construction at the corner of Devon and Minihaha. Concerns about the impact of the increased traffic on local businesses was discussed. A suggestion was made to give permission to open the parking next to City's Edge after school hours and on weekends. **Julie McGlade**, chief of Network 1, offered to look into this issue. The slide deck presented at the meeting is attached.

**Forest Preserves and Parks:** Tony will coordinate obtaining permits for future ECA events held on Park District property.

**Philanthropy:** Eagle Scout project funded by the ECA (see president's report)

#### **Old Business:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30pm. Board members are encouraged to attend in person at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church..Upon request we will schedule a Zoom meeting. 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

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

#### **Special Events**

July 4th Parade and Picnic Tuesday, July 4th

Halloween Judging Friday, October 27th Holiday

Lighting Ceremony Saturday November 18th

# July 4th Update

Edgebrook....We're Golden  
Celebrating 50 years of the ECA July 4th Parade & Picnic

Grand Marshals (Michelle and Bev) Bev will update

Food : menu (Ewa in charge) Food is ordered from Happy Foods. Edgebrook Coffee shop is donating the pulled pork.

Ticketing (Jeff S. in charge) price increase for tickets this year

Permitting and insurance (Jeff M)

Children's activities Nancy reached out to Edgebrook Lutheran Church for volunteers

Music is Country Doctors (booked by Jeff)

Poster contest (Jennifer C. and Bev) Prizes have been awarded

Sponsors (Nancy) will update

Marching band (Jeff M)

Chocolate Shoppe (Jerome) needs to drop off containers 2 weeks before the event and pick up that morning.

Invites to VIPs (Jeff M.) Jeff has reached out to all state and local politicians

Wildwood Park Contact (Tony?) reach out to verify fieldhouse opening and any anticipated obstacles)

Popcorn/snow cone vendor (Jeff ) need additional equipment and recruit more volunteers

Promotion and social media (Andi) Andi was provided with the schedule and content of social media posts

Rentals (Tom M.) need update on table rental

Police and Fire (Jerome and Tony?) Was notification made?

**My current list of board members that will be present on the Fourth include... Jeff M, Nancy W, Jeff S., Tom M., Bev, Michelle, Jan, Ewa, Tim W., Andi, Jerome, Christine, Jenny H (I think) If I left anyone off, please let me know. PLEASE recruit any friends or neighbors to help with food service.**