

ECCO Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 3, 2020 via video conferencing.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Monica Smith.

Board members present: President Lee Todd, Vice President Deb Jessen, Secretary David Tompkins, Sarah Buchlaw, Jane Connelly, Anja Curiskis, Paul Lussenhop, Amy Rutherford, Louis Schulz-Welo, Joe Wehri, Eric Wulfsberg.

Board members absent: Treasurer Judy Shields, Jenny/Jonas Walter.

ECCO resident guests: ECCO Board Alternate Ryan Brown, Susie Goldstein, Bobbie Keller, Lee Mauk, Bill Regan, George Saad, Linda Todd, and one unidentified participant.

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ECCO Neighborhood Name and Signage

The board continued the conversation about the neighborhood name from the November 5th board meeting.

Concerns have been raised that:

- The name ECCO contains a reference to Calhoun and should not have been an option for the new name since 63.7% of votes cast were to change the name “East Calhoun Community Organization.”
- The killing of George Floyd has caused a reckoning over racial justice. The name ECCO, with the reference to Calhoun, continues to cause harm to indigenous people and people of color.

Monica Smith provided an overview of the process that was used in 2019 to engage the neighborhood around the topic of the neighborhood name that resulted in the final vote by residents of the name ECCO.

Lee Todd asked board members to talk to neighbors about revisiting the name ECCO to establish a process to move forward.

The ECCO Board approved the following motions:

- Remove the existing East Calhoun boundary signs at a cost of \$50/per sign (unanimous).*
- ~~Change the name of the neighborhood from ECCO to East Bde Maka Ska (vote: 6/5).~~**

A motion to rescind the previous motion did not pass (vote: 5/6).

The board unanimously approved a motion to draft a rationale communication letter that would be sent to the board for electronic approval.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

- Neighborhoods 2020: The budget for the program is being considered as part of the City's 2021 budget process. The City Council will hold their vote on the 2021 budget on December 9.
- The proposed 2021 ECCO Budget discussion agenda item was moved to the January agenda.

The ECCO Board electronically approved the following since the last board meeting on November 5, 2020:

- Implement the following plan modifications:
 - o Move \$4,000 in funds reserved for a Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) into CPP community engagement for staff expenses. The CPP contract will be amended accordingly.
 - o Move \$14,000.86 of NRP funds to the staff/administration line item in NRP Phase II *from* the following (the NRP contract will be amended accordingly):
 - \$0.86 from Revolving Loan Program
 - \$1,400 from Neighborhood Events
 - \$3,000 from Neighborhood Boundary Signs
 - \$9,600 from Park Improvements

Committee Reports

The meeting was running long so the committee reports were tabled until the January meeting.

Contract Renewal for ECCO Coordinator

The ECCO Board approved a motion, at the September 2020 meeting, to renew Monica Smith's contract for one year at the same terms with a provision to review the hourly pay rate in December when our 2021 funding from the City is known. At this meeting, the board unanimously approved a motion to increase the hourly rate by \$4, effective January 1, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

January 2021: these meeting minutes have been amended to reflect the following:

* The signs were removed by the City in December 2020 at no charge to the neighborhood.

**This vote was rescinded by the ECCO Board at the January 7, 2021 meeting.