

ECA Board Meeting
September 18, 2019
Jeffrey Drichta's home

Board members present: Jeffrey Drichta, David Barnes, Bridget Foist, Joyce Gwadz, Sue Hendrickson, Huda Montemarano

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

1. The board approved the minutes from the 8/19/19 board meeting.
2. October membership meeting agenda - Oliver Carr, CEO, from Carr group will speak about the Apex building project. Hopefully, he will give a brief update/answer questions about the purple line project as well.

Other possible topics –

- parking portal? Not much more information, David will give update if there is anything to update.
 - update on tree replantings in neighborhood – ACTION: Jeffrey will call the county and also ask about the option of us paying extra for bigger trees.
 - Ask people if there is something they would like to have on website since the website will be revised in the next 6 months
- ACTION: David will work with Josh to get a financial report ready.

3. New path discussion –

- trash receptacle - would there be a possibility of a putting a trash receptacle on the path? Maintenance of the receptacle would be the issue. ACTION: Jeffrey will ask county if they would be responsible for this.
- Lights on the path? – two neighbors adamantly against it, couple neighbors didn't care and a couple didn't write back. Without full neighbor support, there is no reason to pursue this.

4. Board Election Update – all current members will be running for re-election.

5. Montgomery County Civic Federation Membership – it is a bigger version of CBAR (more geographic). ECA is now a member and David attended the 9/9/2019 meeting. They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in Rockville. The ECA probably won't attend every meeting but will try to stay in touch and get more involved depending on what the topic is.

6. Review of 9/15 fall clean up event – went well and had a good turnout, the guy from BOWA construction was happy, first truck filled quickly, another one half filled, several emails thanking us for it, stuff is recycled and donated if possible. We will plan to continue holding this event each year.

7. Review of 9/16 wine and Cheese Event - >130 invitations we sent out, RSVPs: 16 people, 9 households, 13 people attended event. We got 3 memberships renewals and 1 new membership. There was overall appreciation of event and interest in helping. Can we add an "auto renew" function to the membership renewals to try to catch the people that want to renew but simply forget? David will look into it.

A few people had asked for an update on the Sidwell property. ACTION: Susan will follow up.

EC-Net – Jeffrey made a motion to make all dues paying members automatic EC-Net members unless they opt out. Joyce and Bridget seconded the motion and THE MOTION PASSED on voice vote. Need to work out the opt-out process and add it to the renewal/dues forms.

8. Halloween Parade and Party Planning – Jeffrey and Huda are planning it. It will be similar to last year.

9. other items –

Mail – a few people haven't received mail in the last few days. ACTION: David will instruct people how to file complaints. ECA won't do anything more on a larger scale.

Rat poison – a few neighbors have had problems with their dogs coming into contact with rat poison set out in yards outside of proper baits. ACTION: David will bring to the attention of the neighborhood in the next newsletter.