

ECA Membership Meeting
December 2nd, 2020

Location – online via Zoom due to COVID-19

Call meeting to order – 7:00pm

Board members present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Huda Montemarano, Bridget Foist, Joyce Gwadz, Susan Hendrickson, Linda Wenger

Approximate number of general members present - 20

1. ECA Board Member Introductions
2. Bethesda Metro Area Village Programs and COVID-19 (Gail Shearer) – virtual village of neighbors to build a strong community, provide a social and service structure for people that want to stay in their homes as they get older, over 100 members, running for 4 years, Elizabeth Hale is Executive Director, during COVID times – programs have changed to Zoom, and more important than ever with people being isolated at home. Please get the word out to anyone that may be interested in the services, website is bmavillage.org.
3. ECA Treasurer's Report (Jeffrey Drichta) – 324 dues paying households, accounts for >60% of the greater Edgemoor neighborhood, currently have \$45,433.39 in bank account.
4. The ECA Year in Review – ECA Activities in the Last 12 Months: Several cancelled events: Wine Tour, Spring meeting, Spring Clean-up, July 4th and Halloween party/parade. Activities that did happen include: Joyce Gwadz was appointed to the Bethesda Downtown Plan committee, successful New Year's Day Brunch, Easter Bunny/Bear scavenger hunt, dues collecting, new directory, Halloween treat bag delivery, 23 new trees planted in the Elm Street ROW, providing information regarding COVID and elections, Welcome Basket program, donation to Nourishing Bethesda Coalition, letters to Planning Board and County Council, several traffic safety improvements in neighborhood.
5. The Year Ahead – ECA Plans for 2021 – COVID safe New Year's Event, Spring Meeting, continue to follow events of county planning board especially on development and zoning, continue the Welcome Basket Program, continue to improve our mail service, update the ECA by-laws. Few things that ECA decided not attempt this year – 1) banning leaf blowers 2) seeking historic status of Edgemoor 3) lighting along Elm St. ROW 4) investigating helicopter traffic and the noise in neighborhood (Delegate Korman's office is working on this) 5) further traffic safety improvement in the neighborhood. David gave brief explanations of why these were not pursued.
6. Neighborhood Issues of Interest and Year-End Reminders – face mask coverings: please review new county guidelines, crime issues in neighborhood: continue to protect ourselves by locking house/garage/car doors and reporting events to the police.
7. Questions and Suggestions from ECA Members
 - a. What can we do to increase ECA participation? Jeffrey and David discussed ways the ECA has tried to do this.

- b. Is there an update on Sidwell campus? Sue Hendrickson reported that we have stayed in contact with them and there is no change in their plans or update to their schedule at this time. The area is zoned as a single family residential area and its one of the reasons the board is closely following Planning Board actions on zoning.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:55pm