

ECA Board Meeting
August 22nd, 2022

Location – Jeffrey's house

Call meeting to order – 7:37pm

Board members present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Bridget Foist, Alicia Tompkins, Eric Rubel, Huda Montemarano Joyce Gwadz

Motion to approve July meeting minutes – seconded, PASSED.

Affordable housing and Andrew Friedson – some ECA board members to meet with Friedson on Sept 14th at 3pm in his office, Chief of Staff and staffer that deals with affordable housing to start a positive conversation with him about how we can help him address the shortage of affordable housing.

Non-profit status – we are still a non-profit, we have incurred more bills and have one open-ended item, legal fees discussed.

MOTION to authorize spending up to \$7000 to pay legal fees incurred in pursuing the non-profit tax exempt status of the ECA and working out a settlement with the IRS regarding back taxes and any penalties, seconded and PASSED.

Fall ECA members meeting – There were no specific topic requests from the members. In order to try to increase attendance of the meeting, the board decided to make it more of a social event. The meeting will happen sometime in October.

New Website – February is the deadline for our current website host. Our email addresses are currently associated with the website host. The board discussed that going forward, we will use a few gmail accounts instead. Huda, Alicia and Jeffrey will start working on the new website.

ECA social events - Fall clean-up day will be Sept 17th in BE parking lot 9-11am. BOWA Design Build to pay for the trucks and if a third truck is needed, it will be called and the ECA will pay for that one. Halloween – Jeffrey will be in charge and will recruit volunteers. Other events will be New Year's Day brunch and possibly a community yard sale.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:31pm