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ECA Board of Directors Meeting February 20, 2023 7:30 PM

Present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Linda Wenger, Joyce Gwadz, Eric Rubel, Alicia Tompkins

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

Minutes of January 19, 2023 Meeting

The minutes were approved.

New ECA Website

No resident comments have been received. Everything seems to be working fine, including dues collection. We would like to have more photos of the neighborhood. David will ask the community in an upcoming Newsletter.

Dues Collection

Going well. The process will continue as in prior years, with several additional email reminders followed by request letters from those who have not yet paid.

Police 2nd District Open House

David attended. They spoke a lot about difficulty recruiting new police officers. Asked for help from community organizations. Crime remains low. County Councilmembers Andrew Friedson and Kate Stewart attended.

ECA Membership Criteria - Bylaws

Another inquiry from a neighbor who moved out of the ECA service area, but remains in the nearby community and would like to remain in the ECA. Bylaws don't allow this, but board would like to change membership criteria in bylaws to allow more flexibility in membership.

Board previously started Bylaws revision for this and other issues, and will resume development of new by laws. David will circulate documents.

Moveable Wine Tasting Event

Planning is underway, but event probably can't be held until fall. Alicia and Huda are involved. David will ask for neighbors interested in joining the planning group.

Neighborhood Sidewalks

DOT is planning on repairing and building new sidewalks on roadways within a half-mile of Purple Line stations. Bicycle lanes also involved. Plans new sidewalks on some streets in neighborhood. Will not make formal proposal for several years. Not coordinated with Pedestrian Master Plan. Board decided to notify neighbors that will be affected via a printed flyer to gauge community reaction before taking specific action. Bike lane changes are also being planned. David will investigate the significance of bike lane changes. Linda and Alicia will count the potentially affected trees.

ECA Tax Exempt Status

No new developments.

ECA Spring Meeting

We received some topics suggestions from residents, though they don't seem to be ones with wide interest. Given above item on sidewalk and bike lane changes, we will try to get someone from Montgomery Planning to come and speak about the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans. David will work on it.

Sidwell Property

We received new report from a resident that there may be some recent developments in the anticipated sale of the Sidwell property. Linda will ask an acquaintance involved in property development about it. We have not spoken with Sidwell leadership in 2 yrs so contact with them may be appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM