

**Eiber Neighborhood Association (ENA)
Monthly Board Meeting at St. Paul's
May 18, 2023**

**President—Merry Hansen
Vice-President—vacant
Secretary—Lisa Rukstales
Treasurer—Paul Ditson**

In attendance: Kerri Waldner, Nancy Smith, Merry Hansen, Lisa Rukstales; via Zoom Paul Ditson and Lese Sanchez and Shara Finch; Proxies: Keegan Miller to Lisa, Lori Schneider to Merry, Kaitlin Mennitt to Paul

Quorum achieved.

6:35 PM Meeting comes to order.

At last month's meeting we did not fill the Vice President position. Anyone?

What does the job entail?

- Someone to keep us on task with what we're working on.
 - Help us on the Executive Committee* level. Assistance with organizational things.
 - Attend all the meetings.
 - Fill in when the president cannot attend.
- *President, vice president, secretary, and treasurer

Lese Sanchez said she's willing to be vice president.

Nomination for Lese as vice president from Lisa.
Nancy seconded.

Motion passed; Lese is now vice president.

Accept minutes from last month's meeting

Nancy motioned.
Paul seconded.

Motion passed; Minutes accepted

(Send approved minutes PDF from previous month's meeting to Mary Ann after every meeting.)

Treasurer's Report:

Paul reported the balance in our account as \$1,332 as of April meeting. Since then, made a Deposit of \$148.75 (\$118 from donations at meeting and \$30.75 various monies held for deposit).

Current balance: \$1480.75

Nancy moved to accept treasurer's report.

Kerry seconded motion.
Verbal vote.

Budget accepted.

Budget: need to create one soon and need a budget committee. We don't have much money but do have committees that may need money. We need our own Zoom subscription, and it is \$150/year.

Recurring expenses: website fee ~\$200/yr (expires in Sept. 2023); Secretary of State filing fee, \$10; other, such as outreach committee, ice cream, donation to St. Paul's Church; more discussion needed in executive committee (execs are already on budget committee)

Can we use Google Meets? It's free.

Kerri asks: What's the latest with the website? We currently use Weebly, which is free. Square will expire in September.

Zoom vs. Google Meets. Shara says: Zoom has channels now. Zoom is better quality. Says she'll be glad to help with the comparison and decision. Thank you Shara!

We need a website committee. Shara has used WordPress and is willing to be a participant in the committee. Kerry volunteered as asst. Merry too. Paul at the outset.

Need to:

Provide content to MaryAnn (webmaster)

Need to archive all the old material from previous web page host.

We need to add events to the website calendar.

Shara says a gmail acct. where residents can send their content would be helpful.

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee: Lisa, Keegan and Ann met (Ann has since stepped down from the Board)

Keegan** could not attend this monthly meeting so Lisa summed up...

We mostly tried to get up to speed with Eiber history, each other, and our points of view. Keegan mentioned that the website info. seems dated. She'd like to update the zoning map and needs a better understanding of the 2001 Eiber Neighborhood Plan (ENP) because it seems dated, and we can't ignore the fact that growth *will* happen and we don't want to be left behind trying to uphold out-of-date goals.

**Keegan's summation from the Outreach Committee meeting that she sent to us via email:

"Our takeaways were the following:

We want to work on bringing more people into the neighborhood association but in order to do so we need some updated information.

Lisa's going to grab some screenshots of updated zoning maps.

Keegan is going to try to find updated census data.

Ann can look into upcoming events where maybe we can have a table just to represent our association.

It would be great if we could gather some pictures to document some of ENA's prior accomplishments.

We did not schedule the next meeting yet.

— It seems like right now we are still finding our feet with things and trying to figure out our main goal. Since the neighborhood plan was created in 2001 the hope is to gather updated information to highlight items our neighbors may want to come together and advocate for or against."

Add Paul to the Outreach committee so he can add context to things like the 2001 ENP.

The executive committee may need to review the neighborhood plan and bylaws and see if it needs updating.

We need to find out what is of interest to the neighborhood. There are MANY new neighbors.

Lese suggests we can use Nextdoor to spread content and ask for volunteers/help.

We currently do use Nextdoor and Facebook but need more content.

The planning committee wants to use a collaboration tool.

Google Teams?
Zoom Channels?

Change name of Website committee to Communications committee.

Merry posts to Facebook.

The ENA Plan is editable; can be revised and updated.

The City used the Plan of many neighborhood organizations to create their Plan.

There is no real connection with the City but the City can provide funding to neighborhoods via the organizations. The city needs the organizations because they need a way to disburse funds to the neighborhoods, and groups like the ENA can ask for grants and things from the City.

Adopted Neighborhood plans were added as addenda to the City's comprehensive plan, which was reviewed and rewritten in 2015. They sucked in our plans but removed the identities of the neighborhood plans and made it generic. We must remind the City that the intent of neighborhood planning is to keep the individuality of the neighborhoods.

Planning Committee Report:

Paul Ditson, lead.

4 in attendance

Have not met as a larger committee yet.

How to meet when people are so busy? It's a problem.

Went over set of objectives but not everyone weighed in, so he wants more input about the list of objectives and prioritize them. (Paul has been sidelined with COVID. Get well soon!)

Housing Commission: Paul is encouraged that the Ward 2 rep. Sophia, comes across as very competent about what the committee needs to do. The City presented their Draft of the strategic housing plan. But we need to pay attention to "Trojan Horse" ideas that could be snuck in. They talked about affordable housing. Next meeting: June 15, 6:30 p.m. St. Paul's.

Action items:

Outreach committee needs to meet, as well as these committees:

Planning

Budget

Communications

And need more participants!

Merry says to send her something to post on Nextdoor and the Web.

Shara says the Communications committee needs to define what we want to accomplish before we ask for volunteers and ask them to come to the next meeting. (Do this in the next week and we can add our thoughts.) Specifics!

Paul says we shouldn't set our sights too high. We're still getting on our feet. Content!

Communication is important!

Action item: find list of local groups.

Old business, minutes, committee reports, completed.

Round table item:

Paul says:

CANCELLED: Marathon water station—need tables from St. Paul's, oranges, and jugs of water at the water station at Big O. Josh will have table at Sheridan. Paul has COVID so need new bodies. Everyone is busy so maybe next year.

Planning committee—next step, housing plan. Two Creeks, Applewood Valley, Welchester, collaboration; Kerri asks if we know what the other groups want to take a stand on. Why it's a good thing:

Coordinate our opinions/effort when it comes time to speaking to the City or planning commission; well considered alternatives, statements of support to encourage city council, our joint message as concerned north Lakewood neighbors, as part of the housing plan and comprehensive plan review. Merry says it's more bodies and talent looking at the issue and showing a Unified Front.

Josh goes to the West Colfax Community Association (WCCA) meetings. We need to be more involved with them; convey info. to them about Eiber.

Colfax, the Art District, Westland

Can anyone attend on a regular basis the Ward 1 & 2 meetings?

Ward 1: 1st Sat. At 9:30–11 a.m. at Holy Shepherd;

Ward 2: 3rd Wed. at Mint & Serif at 10:30 a.m. (but at 10 a.m. 5/20/23) (find this on City's website)

Someone needs to attend. Kerry can attend.

Parties in the Park!

Kerry says: West Metro Forum, Wed. July 19th (afternoon?) Discuss with West Metro: neighborhood needs that should go into their comprehensive plans to better serve the community. Kerry will be out of town, so she needs a replacement. Kerry knows a person on the Board, and they will send her a copy of the plan they're working on. Paul wants to help with that. Merry says she has heard from them and may just send them the info. (?) and we may not need to attend. We want to show our support. And Merry will let them (West Metro Forum) know we can attend. Kerry got invited because she's keeping the Holbrook Neighborhood Association alive.

7:57 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Rukstales, Secretary

(These meeting minutes were approved by the board on June 22, 2023.)