

ECCO Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2009

President Fred Monk welcomed those in attendance, including several new members. June 18 minutes were approved. On behalf of Treasurer Bill Eiwen, Fred reported that there are no outstanding bills, and the treasury contains approximately \$9,000.

Fred reported that centennial planning is moving forward. Virginia Bedford is taking names of centennial volunteers.

National Night Out was a great success. A significant number of new members joined, and the round tables facilitated neighborly interaction. As before, Doug's Dogs plus sides and desserts were delicious.

Upcoming Events:

- October 18 Block & Porch Party, 3000 block of Columbia Avenue
- November 18, Thanksgiving Dinner – not on Thursday, Nov. 19 (conflict with Vista Lights) – Wed., ecumenical service @ 6:00, ECCO dinner @ 7:00
- December 12, Holiday party at 2903 River Drive, home of Jeffery Schwalk and Clayton King.
- Earlewood Reunion in April 2010, after Easter. Invite former Earlewood residents back to the neighborhood to reminisce, activities spanning 100 years (sack races, hula hoop contests, etc.)
- Flea Market in May 2010
- Fall 2010 tour of homes.

Committee Reports:

Block Captains – Ford Mason thanked the block captains and announced that he needs one more captain. (After the meeting 3 people volunteered.)

Communications – If possible, John Sinclair would like newsletter articles by August 22.

Zoning – Lot at corner of Beaufort and Columbia, sold to developer who hopes to build 3-4 houses on the single lot. Plan would have to go before City Council.

Rebecca Spratlin reported that the dog park is in a quiet phase. Design by Chris Dugan is expected to go before City Council in fall. Current hope is to use part of green space on south side of River Drive, share wall with apartment / condo development. Land leased to city, owned by SCDOT. ECCO plans to invite Earlewood Park developer to the September monthly meeting to answer questions about the new park building, trail, and dogpark.

City Councilman Sam Davis asked if residents are having problems with the North Main streetscaping project. The Elmwood to Anthony portion is expected to

be completed about March 2010. Wiring will be buried and trees planted. Sam also discussed the process for scheduling street paving projects. Of the streets on a lengthy list of street pavings, Lyles Street seems particularly critical.

Jim Prater reported that the Downtown Neighborhood Association has adopted the Columbia Crescent, from the green space to Finlay Park. We are invited to walk through the area with members of the Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Association. Plan to meet on the railroad bridge at Laurel Street at 6:00 pm on September 3. The land is quite overgrown – dress appropriately. [Much of the 3 Rivers Greenway has been approved, though funding has not yet been allocated.]

Sister Short from Charles Austin's church (Village of Hope) reported on fundraiser planned for Sept. 19, 9 am-5 pm. Vendor tables will be available.

Allen Tipping of Midtown Fellowship announced 2 free events sponsored by that group in Earlewood Park on September 15 and 29.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Mason, Secretary