



Evergreen Neighborhood Association

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Zoom

Present Board Members: Tom Newton, Wiley Campbell, Dave Hawley, David Pinch, Cindy Knowles, Sarah Dobbyn, Geoff Lowe

Absent Board Members: Heidi Adler, Diana Boom, Elisha Joyce, Colin Jacobs, Diane Grover

Guests: Jolene Morishita, Jeff Harris

A. MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report—Dave Hawley reported \$2,069.25 in ENA's account.
2. Approval of Minutes—May 12, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.
3. Tree Committee—Diana sent an email to board prior to meeting saying that she had nothing to report for tree removals, except the last time she drove by the 9th and A construction site in August, it looked like work had begun. She couldn't tell if the trees the owner had wanted to remove had fence protection around them.
4. Pre-app Meetings—Tom reported that there have been no pre-apps for the Evergreen Neighborhood recently, but he had been receiving notices for pre-apps in other neighborhoods. He doesn't forward to board unless it applies to ENA.
5. Hospitality—Tom gave addresses of new ENA residents to Colin and Colin had sent out welcome letters with ENA details. If anyone notices a renter move in, it would be great to let Tom or Colin know so they can send a welcome letter.
6. Real Estate report—Tom noted that there were three new homes sold since the last meeting and one new listing.
7. Correspondence—Sarah mentioned that sustainability certification project that the intern at LO City Hall had been spearheading. Tom put details on the ENA website.
8. Social Media—Forward any fun/interesting ENA pictures to Elisha Joyce to post.

B. OLD BUSINESS / LAND USE PROJECTS / UPDATES— None



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C. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Christmas Party**—delayed once again due to COVID. Board will look forward to holding one next year.
2. **Traffic Committee**—Wiley Campbell shared that the 10th Street hedge issue is ongoing (parties are currently deciding if city or home owner has responsibility to drop it down to 30 inches). City engineers are reviewing. The police are supposed to set up a traffic monitor on Ellis, so we should get some data on that, and the city traffic monitor should be putting up traffic cables at Ellis and Lake Forest, probably around next month.
3. **Neighborhood Survey**—Tom will help facilitate the survey. He would still like to send out at end of year, ask about traffic, trees, biggest issues in neighborhood, role of ENA, and encourage people to sign up for newsletter. Send survey question ideas to Tom. We'll do a draft and then figure out the best way to implement the survey.
4. **Flooding on 5th Street**—Guest Jeff Harris reported that all the water collects at the end of 5th Street, near his house. The railroad ends up acting like a dam and all the rain water builds up when it rains. Last summer, Jeff noticed the city was repaving the ENA area, but not the area near his house. When he asked, the city said it was because there was a storm drain problem, so they weren't going to repave and then have to tear it up for the drain repair. However, there are currently no plans to fix the storm drain. Mr. Brodus, LO City engineer acknowledged there was a significant issue, but it was not in the budget. After talking to the neighbors, Jeff realized it's been a long-standing problem ignored by the city. There is a huge amount of foot traffic going around the bay, a lot of traffic from Cabana Lane, and it's getting dangerous. A temp fix was offered by the city, but it hasn't solved the problem. There is a small storm drain that exists across from Jeff, but it fills up and floods immediately. He is coming to us for help on how to approach the city. We need to know who is in charge and what steps are needed to petition. We just need clarity about how to execute this. Jolene recommended that he submit his name for a three-minute voice from the community at the next city council meeting. Jeff will report back as to next steps as to how we can support him. Dave Hawley recommended a letter to the local paper and running this issue by Diana as well.
5. **Pocket Park near City Hall**—Cindy questioned what is to be done at the Pocket Park once the construction crews stationed there leave. Board agreed that it was time to get some clarity about this issue. After the meeting, Tom emailed the City and was told by Sidaro Sin that the contractor will restore the corner to its previous condition. The City will also do some additional drainage improvements.



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6. **Noise issues**—Jolene expressed concern over the noise from Duke’s on 5th Street. The noise funnels down to her house on 6th quite loudly. Tom also brought up the megaphone noise from the parking lot each weekday afternoon at Our Lady of the Lake. General agreement that these are issues. Dave Hawley recommended we call the non-emergency police line if any noise goes beyond 10 p.m. or that we call the establishments directly.
7. **Developers**—Jolene asked if the neighborhood has a say when a developer purchases properties. Per Dave Hawley, if a developer wants to exceed code, we would see those plans, but not if they don’t. This topic led to discussion about tree code and how a lot of arborists are not certified, the worry that there are too many “arborists” saying trees are sick when they’re not. Cindy Knowles is going to investigate loopholes to tree cutting with developers.
8. **Website**—Tom noted that he is still getting used to the new website and has missed updating the board meeting dates on some pages. Per Dave Hawley, he could ask the designer if there is code that can push to all date placeholders on the website.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER

1. Date for next meeting—Wednesday, November 10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Dobbyn