

# Eastgate Community Association

## Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2019

**Next Meeting – Wednesday October 9, 2019 at 7pm at Tzachi & Lara Litov's house  
3831 145th Ave. SE**

Attendees: Leslie Geller, Tzachi Litov, Lara Litov, DeeAnn Perea, Lisa Leitner, Manny Arias, Susanna Chung, Barb Garcia

**Action Items:** **Everyone** has action items! Look for the **red bolded text** below

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Getting a Park in Eastgate

After August's meeting, Carol emailed those of us who are working on the park project. A portion of Carol's email included:

"Recently, I met with several individuals at the city and the following was shared. The City's [Parks and Open Space System Plan](#) identifies a need for a park in Eastgate and prioritizes acquisition in this area: see the Walkable Access map and analysis on pages 38-39, the Capital Project Objectives Park Facilities and Urban Park Systems sections on pages 52-53 and 67, and the Eastgate Neighborhood Area map and statistics on pdf pages 126-127. A suggestion was made to have community members attend Parks Commission meetings, and prepare/begin to speak to Eastgate needs as the 2020 budgeting process begins."

DeAnn mentioned that Mary Banbury recently spoke to the pastor at Aldersgate church (across from Newport Way library), who mentioned that the church is thinking of establishing a public park on their property. **Tzachi** said he would reach out to Mary and see if there are more details from her conversation. Can **Lara and Micki** please follow up on items in Carol's email, and with Tzachi about a possible park on the Aldersgate church property? At the August meeting we talked about getting the word out on NextDoor about the ECA advocating for a new Eastgate park, and soliciting neighbors who are interested in helping our effort. It would be great if someone (**Lara? Micki?**) could do this.

#### ECA Structure

It was still summer and the Bylaws team didn't make any progress. Lisa noted that finalizing our bylaws and electing officers is the cornerstone to moving the ECA ahead; we all agreed. As we've noted before, being formalized gives the ECA credibility and entrees to the City and other area organizations.

**Lisa, Leslie and Tzachi**, and Julia if she's available, will meet on Monday Sept. 16 to hammer out the bylaws. (Update: we met and we did.) By Friday September 20 we will send bylaws to **our group to review** for any "deal breakers" that would prevent someone from okaying the bylaws. **The deadline to provide feedback is October 4.** If

we don't hear from you by October 4th, we assume that you have reviewed the bylaws draft and have no concerns. At the ECA October 9th meeting, we will finalize the bylaws.

We revisited the ECA planning calendar. We need 3 months to plan and organize the general election, to accept the bylaws and vote for the Board of Directors candidates, combined with the ECA "relaunch" general meeting. We determined that the general meeting would be Sunday January 26 in the afternoon. We're thinking 30 minutes for initial meet & greet, then have a speaker, then vote on the bylaws and the Board of Directors candidates (including the 4 officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). We will have to get word out about the ECA again, the Board of Directors and the election, so people can put in their names in to be candidates.

At the general meeting/election in January, we are thinking that the speaker would talk about getting a park in Eastgate. The park would be the topic of the meeting in addition to acceptance of bylaws and election of officers.

#### Candidate Forum Update

Michelle emailed the ECA email list with the list of the neighborhood candidate forums, and to send questions for candidates to the ECA Gmail address. Leslie posted the same on NextDoor.

#### ECA Web Presence

Tzachi spent some time since the August meeting exploring a few free websites including NeighborLink. Even though this site is supposed to be easy and templated, Tzachi he was stymied attempting to do basic things like upload images. **Tzachi** will spend more time with the website. Leslie has to take this off her plate for the time being, since she's having shoulder surgery on September 19.

#### Monthly Meeting Location

Tzachi has an update. He spoke with Vicki Heck who is a librarian at Newport Way library and an Eastgate resident. At the moment she is unable to help us with reserving the library meeting room. However, once the ECA is formalized (back to those bylaws and election of the Board of Directors!!), we can have a conversation about how she can work with us to get our monthly meetings on the calendar. The library can co-sponsor events with us, which we think may be able to have calendar priority. As we discussed last month, churches are a possibility. **Tzachi** will inquire at the Christ the King Lutheran church a few blocks from his house. **DeeAnn** will talk to the Windermere office on SE 46th St. about whether they might be interested in hosting ECA's monthly meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business this month.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm