

EPIC BLOCK CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 22, 2015

Present: Elyse DeVries (President), Willard Duncan (Vice-President), Debra Northey (Treasurer), Lynn Pierce (Corresponding Secretary), Marsha Holland (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was held at the home of Lynn Pierce, 5951 Lakewood Avenue. It was called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. 48th Ward Community Day Participation

Elyse and Lynn agreed to represent EPIC at the first 48th Ward-wide Community Day to be held Saturday, May 2 at Senn High School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, by staffing a table offering information about the block club. Related tasks are:

- Making an attention-attracting sign board with the EPIC logo for use on the table (Elyse).
- Preparing a sign-up sheet to record information from new members (Elyse)
- Preparing 10 or so stapled copies describing EPIC's history that attendees can read at the table, with the history to be e-mailed to those who join EPIC or have an interest receiving it (Lynn).
- Willard volunteered to relieve Elyse at the table between 11:00 am and 11:40 am so she can attend the workshop on strengthening block clubs and community building.

2. EPIC Spring into Summer Block Party

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, on Magnolia, which will be blocked off at Elmdale and Thorndale.

- Lynn reported that the permit for street closure was submitted to the City on April 1.
- Lynn has also applied for the use of a city-provided jumping jack machine but has not yet heard back. It was noted that this equipment must be located no more than 100' from an electrical source. Willard and Marsha volunteered to provide a heavy extension cord for the machine.
- Lynn reported that Bethany Lutheran Church has approved the June 20 date for EPIC's use of their parish hall.
- It was agreed that a fire engine would be preferable to either police dogs or mounted policemen as an additional event attraction. Lynn will submit the application for the fire engine with Elyse listed as the contact person. Elyse will contact the Families Together Nursery School based at Immanuel Lutheran Church to see if someone from that group can bring a sensory table and manage the children's activities related to it.
- The food provided by EPIC will be grilled hotdogs and bratwurst, with EPIC also providing fruit juices, buns, and condiments. Side dishes will be brought by attendees. Lynn volunteered to do the grilling.
- Willard will purchase the food and Deb will purchase the fruit juices and soft drinks.
- Elyse will contact the Kaplans to find out if they are attending the event and if they can bring their portable grill as in past years. If that is not possible, Lynn can offer two grills of her own but will need help in transporting them to and from the site.
- Elyse will find out from Bob Solomon and another neighbor on Magnolia (Lynn to supply the name) if their large tents are available for block party use.
- Lynn will contact the Lil Buds theater group about again providing a person to tell stories and do crafts with children between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 pm. Bubble blowing and a beanbag toss toy were discussed as additional activities for children, while board games for adults are also a possibility.
- In terms of asking Magnolia Avenue residents to move their cars, Elyse will produce a flyer to be put on car windshields in the days before the event while Lynn will make the tree signs.
- It was agreed that Lynn would send an e-mail to the membership shortly after the meeting in order to give advance notice of the event. It was also agreed that members of the NET block club be invited in order to strengthen ties.
- The event flyer will be printed on color stock. Lynn will provide the text and Elyse will design the flyer.
- Lynn will solicit discount coupons for a group of local businesses with which she has relationships in order to provide about twelve items for a door prize raffle.
- The use of yard signs for supplementing paper flyers in the advertising of block club events was discussed. Marsha will find out about the cost and design of such yard signs as well as the option of adding mylar "sleeves" to the city-provided recycling reminder signs already distributed to block captains.

3. EPIC Nominating Committee Additions

The bylaws require the Executive Committee to select the additional members of the Nominating Committee in addition to the three selected by vote at the annual meeting (Marge Ford, Clare Lake, and Bob Solomon, with Mary Stoner as the first alternate). It was agreed that Deb would ask Stephen Northey and Lynn would ask Tom Welch if they would be willing to serve on the committee. Elyse DeVries agreed to ask Bob Kaplan to serve as the second alternate.

4. Senn Park Advisory Council

Lynn asked to be relieved of her role as EPIC's representative to this group, which meets the second Wednesday of the every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Elyse volunteered to replace her, with Deb as a backup.

5. Annual Edgewater Garage Sale

Lynn asked for help in managing the EPIC-area portion of the sale, which will take place on June 6 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Willard volunteered to take on this task, which involves delivering permits and sale maps to each seller and collecting the \$15 participation fee. Both Care for Real and the CAPS groups will have tables at the event. In the past EPIC has made a donation of a percentage of the block club's net proceeds.

6. Proposed Change to EPIC Bylaws

At the annual meeting Clare Lake proposed that the bylaws be changed to remove the two-term limit for officers. The pros and cons of term limits were discussed, as well as the process for changing them (a vote of the membership at a business meeting is the requirement). Willard moved and Marsha seconded that the issue be tabled for future discussion. The motion passed.

7. EPIC Website

Elyse reported on the progress she and Jeff are making in redesigning the website framework. The calendar feature is still in the design phase. Officer biographies and the annual meeting minutes will be added shortly.

8. Annual Contribution to Bethany Evangelical Church

It was agreed that this year's contribution for use of Bethany facilities will be raised from \$125 last year to \$150.

9. EPIC Fall Potluck

Lynn reported that the September 19 date has been reserved with Bethany Lutheran for the gathering.

10. Issues of Block Club Coverage

- Lynn will ask block captain Bob Smith to make sure he is distributing flyers to the condo building at the southwest corner of Broadway and Rosedale.
- Deb will ask Tracy Dobson if she is willing to become the block captain for the portion of Rosedale from Magnolia to 1328-1329. This will involve responsibility for displaying the blue cart recycling yard sign every two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Holland, Recording Secretary