

**Emerson East Neighborhood Association**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2016 - Annual Elections Meeting**  
**Minutes**

Present: Tim Cordon, Geoff Cureton, Alli Dopf, Amanda Duesterbeck, Diane Farsetta, Joel Gratz (chair), Peter Haney, Chris Heaton, Barb Jenkin, John Koch (secretary), Derek McRoberts, Gail Piper, Doug Renk, Adam Schabow, Robert Schubert, Adrienne Sella, Carrie Simon, Erin (Sommerfeld) Way, Wes Webendorfer; Guests: Becky Halpin-Beck (Bashford Liaison), Alder Larry Palm

**September Minutes:** Derek moved, Chris seconded approval without change. Minutes approved.

**Alder's Report:** 1) Attempts to remove the public market from the Capital Budget have failed, and so far, funding is included. There will be a public meeting on Nov. 3 to begin the design process. 2) Demolition of the house on First St. should begin mid-November. 3) Larry will hold a meeting about the Oscar Mayer property on October 11. He wants to develop public discussion prior to the establishment of a formal city committee. 4) The Demetral bike and walking path improvements have been put in. Barb asked about some patches that seem to have been seeded with grass, but no protective covering for the winter. Larry said he would check to see if there was further work to be done. He will also check about the apparent disappearance of one baseball diamond. 5) The School Board and the City Council have approved a contract to continue placing Educational Resource Officers in schools for another year. This allows for further discussion on an annual basis. Larry is somewhat troubled by a stipulation that the EROs are "school officials" who can access student records, but the city attorney says that this is legal.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have about \$1300 after paying a newsletter and post office box rental. There is some confusion about when people should start paying their dues now that the membership year runs October – September, rather than the calendar year.

**Sustainability Task Force:** Tim moved and Derek seconded that our December 7 meeting be devoted to a charrette on improvements to Pennsylvania Park. Passed. The next Sustainable Saturday Night will be October 22, and will feature a panel discussion on public policy changes to reduce racial disparities.

**Eastside Planning Council:** EPC will hold its annual elections meeting on October 26 at Bashford. Food will be provided.

**Monthly Social:** There was a good turn-out for September's. Next is October 18.

**Elections:** Nominated and elected were:

Co-Chair (2-year term): Chris Heaton  
Treasurer: Amanda Duesterbeck  
Secretary: Erin (Sommerfeld) Way  
Area 1 Reps: Jessica LeClair and Gail Piper  
Area 2 Reps: Indira Ceylan and Adrienne Sella  
Area 3 Reps: Diane Farsetta and Wes Webendorfer  
At-Large Rep: Barb Jenkin

**Pedestrian Flags:** Gail's proposal for pedestrian flags at First and E. Dayton has been sitting at City Engineering for several months. She has been told that the boxes must be professionally installed, but this may not be true. Larry will check.

**Nextdoor:** Doug Renk has been the lead for our neighborhood on the Nextdoor neighborhood messaging site. He tries not to censor, and has blocked only one message (for undue vulgarity) in the last few years. However, during a heated exchange recently, a member was briefly suspended by Nextdoor, and Doug was blamed. We discussed whether EENA should be more officially involved in oversight of Nextdoor, and whether we should appoint one or more volunteers to ask to be leads on Nextdoor to work in conjunction with Doug. Doug will solicit input on how to use Nextdoor as a community-building tool.