

Eastgate Garden Civic Association General Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 02/12/2018 at 6:30 pm

Participants: Tim Anderson, Patrice Gregory, Maria & Anthony Brown, Pat Fluellen, Mary Daniels, Charlene Brown, Scott Spears, Gayle Bridgeforth, Deidre Allen, Sheryl Moyer, Colleen Manley, Sargent Deniher, and Officer McIntosh.

Location: Columbus Metropolitan Library-Shepard Branch Meeting Room 1

The Meeting was called to order by Eastgate Garden Civic Association President Tim Anderson

Topics

- 1.) Sargent Deniher came to our meeting and introduced us to Officer McIntosh, our new Police Community Liaison. Officer McIntosh has been on the force for over 16 years. He shared a lot of good information with us about police zones, crime stats, ways to prevent and report crime, and he gave us a booklet about how to form a community block watch (please see attachments for more details).

New Tasks:

- ⑩ Provide Officer McIntosh with a list of Eastgate's safety concerns
- ⑩ Maria Brown is going to review the block watch guide and proceed with any necessary steps for establishing our group.

Previous Tasks Accomplished:

Reach out to a police entity and learn how to start a block watch and increase the police presence in our area.

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- 2.) Tim Anderson called for a Reviewed and Accepted of the January 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was so moved and approved by members.

Tasks In progress:

- ⑩ Create an informal survey to find out what activities our neighbors would be interest in and what their current needs are.
- ⑩ Display meeting reminder signs in high-trafficked areas.
- ⑩ Start planning and coordinating more social events and forming clubs (i.e. participate as a group in a walkathon, start a book club, form a neighborhood walking/biking group, or gather together to share a meal).

Tasks Accomplished:

Informed Officer McIntosh about our Maryland Ave crosswalk request and Shannon Hardin said it is on the City's top priority list.

Bring back the Newsletter and distribute to Eastgate homes.

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- 3.) Charlene Brown explained to us how she recently ran into Doreen Uhas Sauer, one of the historians who assisted us with our centennial walking tours. Doreen said that many of the houses in Eastgate have architectural features that could qualify us for the National Register of Historic Places.

Tasks:

- ⑩ Will need access to all the program's details; like how Eastgate will specifically benefit from being on the registry and will there be any negative consequences (like future building/remodeling restrictions).
- ⑩ Offer an invitation to a National Register of Historic Places representative to attend a meeting to provide more information.
- ⑩ If registration is pursued Tim Anderson indicated that the entire Eastgate

neighborhood would be canvassed to determine the support for such an initiative.

- 4.) The association again talked about applying for a 501c3 nonprofit status. Obtaining this exemption status would help save the association money and gain more access to grant programs. Tim Anderson established a grant review process lead by Pat Fluellen and Mary Daniels. Any grant submissions must first be reviewed and approved by the EGGCA executive leadership.

Tasks In Progress:

⑩Pat is reviewing the 501c3 application process and learning what further steps need to be taken.

- 5.) The association again discussed the importance of supporting our Eastgate Elementary School. Patrice Gregory will be our points of contact for collecting any laundry supplies or uniform items (like black khaki pants/shorts and all white shirts) that our community would like to donate to the school.

Tasks Accomplished:

Find and complete the school's rental facility form. Waiting on the principle to respond.

Compose an EGGCA volunteer activity list to present to the school.

Spread the word about the Box Tops for Education program and start collecting the box tops at our meetings.

- 6.) Deidre Allen talked to us about the 2018 Near East Clean-Up Event. We will need volunteers between the hours of 9 am – 12 pm on 04/21/2018 to help with picking up litter in Eastgate. Like years past, the school will be our meeting point. However, a new addition will be the ceremony afterward that will be hosted by the PACT group.

Tasks:

⑩Deidre and Colleen will be attending the 03/01/18 End Litter Meeting in order to register our supplies for the clean-up event.

⑩Spread the word the Clean-Up Event and get volunteers.

- 7.) New/old business. Mary suggested that the association evaluate how our social media accounts are managed. She would also like to see the Facebook page be open for group posting like other neighborhood pages. Mary also wanted to discuss how to apply the remaining gardening funds she has but the library started closing and we ran out of time to discuss the matter further.

Tasks:

⑩See about scheduling time slots into the agenda to prevent running out of time.

⑩Find out who is currently running the social media accounts and evaluate how to manage them going forward.

⑩Address Mary's gardening budget inquiries.

- 8.) The March meeting date will be posted in the newsletter and on social media platforms.