

# ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 14, 2020

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Board Members:

Present (Seven required for quorum)			Absent
Emma Heemskerck	Gavin Cornwell	Drew Fisher	
Noah Joseph	Brigid Avery	Pamela Goderski	
Staci Rickman	Liz Girgen	Christian Verley	
Dakota Riehl	Rion Hollenbeck	Mike Bopp	
	Steven Thiel		

Guests: Kristin Bennett

Minutes: Staci Rickman

Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/Conclusion	Responsibility
<i>Call to order</i>	Time: 6:02		
<i>Approval of agenda</i>	No discussion	Motion to approve: Pamela Motion Seconded: Drew All in favor: Unanimous Nays: none Abstain: none	

<p><b>Welcome and Guest Introductions</b></p>	<p>Board Member Introductions:</p> <p><b>Dakota Reihl Davis</b> - moved here 3 years ago, 2nd term on board. ECA interest area: engagement between neighbors and the city/urban planning.</p> <p><b>Staci Rickman</b> - involved with ECA since 2016. Job - Director of Education. ECA interest area: creating a welcoming and inclusive community, increasing access to resources.</p> <p><b>Drew Fisher</b> - 2nd year on board. Likes board games. ECA interest area: expanding community engagement and being an anti racist organization.</p> <p><b>Pamela Goderski</b> - has lived here since 2006 and been involved in events almost from the beginning. 2nd time on board. ECA interest area: events guru.</p> <p><b>Mike Bopp</b> - appointed in 2019 - elected in 2020. Computer programmer. Hobbies - home improvement. ECA interest area: helping people and community involvement.</p> <p><b>Noah Joseph</b> - Lawyer., ECA interest area: make ECA an org that helps the community, is valued, and provides service.</p> <p><b>Gavin Cornwell</b> - new board member. Hobbies are his kids, ages two and four. Works for Consumers on energy efficiency. ECA interest area: connecting people with services and opportunities.</p> <p><b>Brigid Avery</b> - came to Eastown in 1996 as an Aquinas student.Planned events during career. ECA interest area improving communication between Eastown and Aquinas.</p> <p><b>Christian Verley</b> - originally from New York. Moved here in 2017. Created summer learning opportunities for young men. Big on Myers Briggs and DISC training. ECA interest area: community outreach, economic development, education.</p> <p><b>Liz Girgen</b> - Eastown resident for 5 years. Enjoys Eastown businesses and hanging with neighbors. Engineer for</p>		
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	<p>wastewater treatment. ECA interest area: urban planning and community development.</p> <p><b>Steven Martinez Thiel</b> - lived in Eastown 10 years ago and recently moved back. Opening restaurant (Basalt) at Wealthy and Ethel. Enjoys movie and, video games. ECA interest area: being active in community and investing resources back into community.</p> <p><b>Rion Hollenbeck</b> - Worked at brandywine in 1995. Came back and bought a home as an adult. IT guy by trade but enjoys social time and getting to know neighbors in Eastown.</p> <p><b>Emma Heemskerck</b> - Background in org development, urban planning, and affordable housing. Enjoys board games. ECA interest area: affordable housing and racial justice.</p>		
<i>Board Overview</i>	<a href="#">Link to orientation presentation</a>		
Approval of January minutes	No discussion	<p>Motion: Noah</p> <p>Second: Mike</p> <p>Ayes: unanimous</p> <p>Nays: none</p> <p>Abstain: none</p>	
Director's Report	<p>(Abbreviated)</p> <p>Going into 2020 we were in a good spot financially and now are at a significant deficit but have a savings cushion. We also received a PPP (Payroll Protection) loan which was fully forgiven. Will apply for a second PPP loan.</p> <p>Will be applying for DREI (Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion) grant as well.</p> <p>Most revenue is from Events (44%) and CDBG grant.</p>		

	<p>Suggestions about additional giving platforms, venmo, Patreon - will look into this.</p> <p>Expectation moving forward is to review ED before meeting and ask questions during the meeting.</p>	Look into additional donation platforms	Finance Committee
Committee Updates	<p><b>1. Committee Updates (coordination status and priorities)</b></p> <p><b>a. Uptown Board Updates</b></p> <p>i. <b>Dakota serves as liaison. Working on a new mural program which encourages public art installations in the downtown corridor.</b></p> <p>ii. <b>East Fulton biz district reached out looking for a rep from ECA on their board - their monthly meetings are Mondays are 8am.</b></p> <p><b>b. Governance</b></p> <p>i. <b>Policy/procedures, onboarding, DREI work and white accountability</b></p> <p><b>c. Events, Fundraising, and Marketing</b></p> <p>i. Most events in 2020 were cancelled. Working on securing dumpsters for Dumpster day. Biz Baz tentative date (pending COVID restrictions) June 26</p> <p>ii. Would like to see more community members on this board.</p> <p><b>d. Executive/Finance &amp; Building</b></p> <p>i. Currently the Exec team</p> <p><b>e. Garden</b></p>	<p>Let Dakota know if you're interested in being ECA rep on EBA board</p> <p>Next committee meeting Friday, February 26th @12pm</p>	<p>All/Any board members</p> <p>Events Committee members and interested new board members</p>

	<p>i. Recap of 2020 - bi weekly group gardened. Located at the ECA office the backyard is a community garden. Right now everyone gardens together. Will revisit the garden in spring. Produce is available to anyone who needs it.</p> <p><b>f. Community Engagement</b> Currently working on implementing our <a href="#">outreach plan</a>. Working on getting more info on host neighbors to expand the program and communication plan.</p> <p><b>g. Access</b></p> <p>i. Content due today. Next issue with be due March 15th.</p> <p>ii. Goes to all residents and businesses</p> <p><b>h. Bricks and Mortar</b></p> <p>i. Eastpointe Commons proposed for Fulton Manor site. 118 units. By Right project- does not go before the City Planning Commission.</p>	<p>Access content to Emma today</p> <p>Next CEC Meeting - Wednesday, March 3rd at 4pm</p>	<p>Any/all</p> <p>CEC members and interested new board members</p>
	<p>Motion to nominate Dakota for President of ECA board - Noah</p>	<p>Motion: Noah Second: Pamela Discussion: none Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Abstain: None</p>	<p>Dakota approved as President</p>

	<p>Motion to nominate Noah for VP of ECA Board - Noah  Motion to nominate Staci for VP of ECA Board - Dakota  Discussion - none  Official board vote took place via direct message to Dakota</p> <p>Motion to nominate Rion as Secretary</p> <p>Motion to nominate Steven as Treasurer  STEVEN - pamela  Mike second</p>	<p>Noah: 4 votes  Staci: 7 votes  Abstain: 1 vote</p> <p>Motion: Noah  Second: Pamela  Discussion - none  Ayes: unanimous  Nays: none  Abstain: none</p> <p>Motion: Pamela  Second: Mike  Discussion: none  Ayes: unanimous  Nays: none  Abstain: none</p>	<p>Staci approved as VP by board vote</p> <p>Rion approved as Secretary of ECA board</p> <p>Steven approved as Treasurer of ECA board</p>
<p><i>(Agenda Item)</i>  Board Member reports</p>	<p>City is launching a DREI fellowship program for 35 people. Info sessions coming up -</p> <p>Christian - football players likely available to volunteer for events.</p>	<p>See link in Directors report to learn about applying for this opportunity</p>	<p>Any/all</p>

	<p>ECA offers assistance with code compliance- could use volunteers as well. Continue conversation about where this work lives.</p> <p>Use Access and social media to market that we can help with code compliance. Bopp offered to write it for next Access but wants assistance in figuring out the details. Will discuss a at the next committee meeting.</p>	<p>Discuss where code compliance lives (which committee) at future meeting</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Motion to adjourn - Steven          Secoded by Gavin          Unanimous approval          Meeting adjourned at: 7:25</p>			

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Staci Rickman \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Secretary)

Date: \_\_\_\_ 3/7/21 \_\_\_\_\_