

## **ETC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2018**

**Present: Kristen Beahm, Marianne Mashburn, Nancy Gannon, Ross Holmes, Carol Suzuki, Keith Grooms, Emily Walker, Susan Marshall, Nanette Bahlinger**

### Breakaway Hockey and Fitness

The affable Keith Grooms introduced himself and his facility to those present. He highlighted that Inferno Fitness will move its classes into Breakaway as will a dance company that serves lower income children. The latter is currently housed in a church hall, so the use of a studio with mirrors will be especially welcome.

### ETC By-laws

In follow up to our discussion in August (see notes below) and the deferment of a vote in November, it was decided that a motion will be put before the members at the February Membership Meeting.

The process for making changes to the by-laws is as follows: suggested changes will be announced at a Quarterly Membership Meeting, after which they will be made available for review on the ETC website. A vote on the changes will be taken at the subsequent Quarterly Membership Meeting.

### Old Glenrose Street/Bridge

Per Mike Freeman there will be no additional work done until the Spring and the weather has improved.

### Little Libraries

Should be installed soon in front of Ross's house, at Whitsett Park, and at Glengarry Elementary School (proposed).

### Traffic Calming Petition

A minimum of 50 signatures is needed to effectively put pressure on Metro to post additional stop signs. The petition will be made available at the February Membership Meeting. Ross is also looking into community-purchased stop signs.

### Let's Move Nashville

The purpose of this group is to promote "Metro's in-depth plan for a multi-modal system of interconnected bus, light rail, driving, biking and walking options." A representative will speak at the February Membership Meeting.

### ETC Social Media Coordinator

With the departure of Kaz Suzuki from the Steering Committee, ETC has been without a Social Media Coordinator. Marianne has been doing the work in the interim. As a result, Marianne was nominated, elected, and accepted the official role of Social Media Coordinator. Thank you, Marianne, for stepping up yet again!!

### Pop-up Clean-ups

Ross expressed his interest in hosting impromptu clean-up events, which, given their nature, can be difficult to elicit a sizable number of volunteers. Those present suggested an ETC clean-up on February 24, to be announced at next week's Membership Meeting. Marianne will contact Comcast, which may provide volunteers to assist us. Keith suggested asking Hiller Plumbing if

they would support the clean-up in some way. It was agreed that the event would be open to children.

In addition, MM suggested that ETC participate in the city-wide clean-up to be held on Earth Day, April 22.

#### Block Party

The suggested date of April 28 is pending approved use of the Urban Farm. Nanette has emailed Josef Kabul at HON who will ideally respond positively and promptly so that we may announce the date at the February Membership Meeting. Josef was also invited to attend the Membership Meeting.

Once the event has been confirmed and planned, it will be determined if Woodbine and Glencliff Neighborhood Associations will also be invited to participate, with the understanding that they will be responsible for providing their own food and beverage.

#### Construction in our neck of the woods!

Three developments just outside of ETC have been proposed:

1. Currey Road Cottages – 30 homes
2. McGavock Pike Cottages – 73 homes
3. McGavock Place – 37 homes

It was suggested that we invite a local realtor, Joe Colvert, who specializes in development to speak at the February Membership Meeting. Joe would be given about 5 minutes to present an overview of the residential zoning in the neighborhood. At the end of his presentation we would announce that he would be available after the meeting to answer specific questions about the three proposed projects listed above. Joe is not affiliated with the projects and will share information as a service to neighbors.

#### Neighborhoods Resource Center (NRC)

Marianne has accepted a position on the board of the NRC – congratulations, MM! This provides ETC with a great opportunity to be aware of and to participate in NRC's events:

- Inaugural Neighborhoods Conference – April 14. MM will ask a local business to support a scholarship in exchange for recognition (mention on the website, at meetings, etc.). Cost is \$65 early/\$75 late registration.
- Quarterly Leadership Breakfast – February 10. Presentation on hubNashville, Metro's one-stop shop for information on city/county services. Neighborhood priorities will be the topic under discussion.

#### East Thompson Community Showcase

New name! Same time – third Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. 'til at Ken's Sushi! Thanks to Susan Marshall for her good work on and commitment (not to mention her songwriting and singing!!) to this event, which will be announced at the February Membership Meeting.

#### Bristol Ridge Ruins

Those present agreed that improvements to the unsightly wall and the unkempt area around it would be beneficial for everyone. It was suggested that ETC might approach the owners of the Bristol Ridge Apartments and ruins with an improvement plan that might include a mural and /or shrubbery and other plantings. Cost and maintenance would have to be considered. A small grant may be available from Metro.

### Upcoming events

- Thursday, February 15, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – ETC Quarterly Membership Meeting at Glengarry Elementary School
- Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 'til – East Thompson Community Showcase at Ken's Sushi
- Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – ETC SC Meeting at Ken's Sushi
- Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 'til – East Thompson Community Showcase at Ken's Sushi

### *Calendar of proposed events:*

- *Saturday, February 24 – **proposed ETC Clean-up Day***
  - *Sunday, April 22 – **proposed ETC Earth Day Clean-up Project***
  - *Saturday, April 28 – **proposed ETC Block Party***
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(PS – From the January 3 meeting – listed here as a reminder that we wanted to announce this at next week's Membership Meeting.

### Neighbor Spotlight

Originally envisioned to spotlight an ETC member, SC revised the scope to include interesting neighbors. Interviews will be conducted by Taylor Jones and presented in short snippets for easy upload onto the ETC website. Suggested interviewees include:

- Blossom AKA Santa Claus
- Marianne Mashburn
- Betty Curry
- Roger Yeager
- A local business owner (minority)
- Ethnic representatives
- The neighbor with the “never ending house on Curry”
- Unicyclist
- T.J.
- Ricky Gibbs

The spotlight will be mentioned at the next ETC Membership Meeting. Names of “interesting neighbors” will be requested at the meeting and also on facebook.)