

ECCO Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2010

6:30 p.m. Police and Safety Report – Officer L.C. Walker.

Burglaries are increasing because of holidays. A crime prevention tip sheet was distributed. Community Action offers ankle bracelets for the elderly and “at risk” persons. They also provide Data Dot DNA, a way to mark property that puts numbers to track if stolen.

President Fred Monk presided over the 7:00 general meeting.

Finances are in good shape with \$11,000. Some expenses still need to be paid.

The annual ECCO Thanksgiving Dinner was set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at Reformation Lutheran Church. The annual Holiday Party was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4 at Clayton King & Jeffrey’s home. Please RSVP.

Stephen Gibbs discussed Community Gardening, neighborhoods growing their own food. Discussed success of other gardens in town.

Virginia Bedford discussed the Food Co-Op, which is to start in January. Participation is limited and costs \$30 per month. Selected Co-Op members travel to the South Carolina Farmer’s Market two Fridays per month to purchase produce. Members pick up their produce on First and Third Saturdays.

The City is fixing a sewer line at Earlewood Park.

Rebekah Spratlin reported that the Dog Park is moving along nicely, with the grand opening planned for January. Rules and membership for the park have been completed. Mad Monkey is providing free service for Dog Park brochures and applications. Membership is \$25 per dog, with proof of shots, spay or neuter. The park is a “poop free” location; membership is revoked for non-scoopers. Rebekah will head the Dog Park Committee through ECCO. Other neighborhoods are involved. Membership provides a key code to enter the park.

The Bungalowfest was very successful with 450 to 500 people in attendance. 300 tickets were sold on site. ECCO received a \$5,000 Hospitality Tax Grant for the event.

The meeting was adjourned by Fred Monk.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia South, Secretary