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An Urgent Message to All Members

The Englewood Historic Preservation Society, now into its second year of existence, has realized some successes and some setbacks as we work toward fulfillment of our Mission. And as with any all volunteer organization, some members find that with various demands on their time, change in health, or change in employment conditions, they step back to less active participation, leaving opportunities for others to take up the challenge of leadership. And so we find ourselves at a crossroads, and invite those of you who wish to take a more active role in the new directions of our society to step forward and be counted.

Within the span of 3 months, three Members of the Board of Directors have found it necessary to step down. At the end of May, Vice President and Historian David Paschal, in mid-July, President Jim Jordan and this past week, At Large Board Member Christine Sues. All three had been founding members of the Englewood Historic Preservation Society, and have been invaluable in leading the society through its early stages of growth. We will miss their leadership skills.

It is urgent that we have a full slate of the four named offices (i.e. President, V.P., Secretary & Treasurer) and we will attend to that with a Special Election at our meeting on Wednesday, September 4th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at our new home in the Englewood City Center Community Center. At that time we will accept nominations

from the floor to fill the vacancy. If a current named officer is elected to the presidency, the newly vacated office must be filled by means of a second election. Any paid-up member in good standing can be nominated, and may submit the name of a nominee. You may nominate yourself, or ask someone to nominate you, or you may nominate someone else. If you choose to do that, please check with that person ahead of time to see whether he or she is willing to accept the nomination. For this Special Election, votes will be submitted by Board Members only.

I want to make it clearly understood that this is not a Regular Election. Per our Bylaws, nominations for our Regular Election will be taken during February, elections in March, and installation of new officers in April. At that time, all paid-up members will be eligible to vote.

I wish to personally thank our new members for recently joining our society, and also those who have recently renewed their membership. Those who are not presently up-to-date with their annual dues may become eligible to nominate or be nominated for office by submitting your dues payment at the time of our meeting on September 4th.

We look forward to your active participation. We have some exciting activities on the horizon, and we remain open to your ideas for even more and better things.

~ Paul Skizinski

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ENGLEWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY

~ Open House Recap

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On August 21, the Englewood Community Center was the scene of a grand celebration, as we hosted an Open House, which took the place of a guest speaker. Guests included many members and their families, as well as neighbors from the nearby apartments, and other visitors from Englewood and beyond. The unofficial count was approximately 45 to 50 attendees. There were refreshments of all kinds, door prizes, live entertainment by “The Encores”, an instrumental trio, a slideshow of historic photographs of Englewood, and periodic short presentations of historical trivia related to some of the photographs. The winner of the Grand Prize, two tickets to Cirque du Soleil, was Penny Anadiotis, who is not a member, but she earned her chops working with Shar on the planning of the Open House, and then volunteered for much of the evening at the reception table outside the entrance door. We need to invite her to join.

We want to thank Bill Abercrombie for renewing his membership, as well as Gloria Mielke, who convert-

ed her individual membership into a family membership to include her husband Charles. We also received completed new membership applications from Mariah Greenway, and David & Lisa Forster. In addition, three guests were the lucky winners of a one-year membership in EHPS, Yvonne Herrera, De’Vorah Kappers and Tone’ Carr. We offer a hearty “Welcome Aboard” to all. The greater our numbers, the stronger we are as we work toward achieving our mission.

A special thanks to Dave Cheadle, owner of the Community Center. He stepped out of his office long enough to accept a round of applause in appreciation for his hospitality. This facility will serve us well until such time as we have a building of our own. And I want to express my personal thanks to all who helped make this special event a huge success. It was truly a team effort, and those who contributed time, talent and treasure are too numerous to name. Every one of you is indispensable!

Thank you!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The EHPS is working to establish an ongoing Oral History Project. Spearheaded by Sharlene Barker, who obtained the idea from volunteers working under the auspices of the Littleton Historical Museum. Participants are asked to sign release forms, authorizing EHPS to record their stories. Those recordings will then remain in our archives, and ultimately will be transcribed into print as well.

Sharlene enlisted one of our members, Joann Michaelis, who has a ready source of senior residents of Englewood through her church and friends of Joann’s recently deceased mother. Ida May Nichol will also be helping with this program.

One interview has already taken place, and more are planned. This is just one more facet of the broad Mission of EHPS.





photo by Lindsey Runyan

AUGUST 5

The Englewood City Council voted on first reading to go forward with the sale of the depot and park to the Parson Printing Group. The vote was 5-2. Gillit and Jefferson argued the citizens of Englewood should have a chance to vote on the sale of land the City has been calling park land for the past fifteen years. The other five voted to sell the land without a vote of the people.

AUGUST 7

The group of citizens seeking to force the City to allow the citizens to vote on the sale of park land turned in their petitions. 519 qualified signatures were required, and more than 950 were turned in.

Also on August 7, the EHPS Board met for the first time at our new home at the City Center Community Center across from the library. Dave Cheadle, owner of the facility, had invited our organization to use the Community Center for our meetings and activities. He was there to greet the Board and other members who attended the meeting. Dave said how happy he was that we

had accepted his offer. He feels that a high profile group like ours lends greater credibility to his facility as a place where Englewood citizens can meet for a variety of activities.

The departure of former President Jim Jordan from EHPS has left a vacancy on the Board. Vice President Paul Skizinski assumed the position of Interim President, until such time as a Special Election takes place to fill the vacancy until the next Regular Election. Since not all Board Members were able to be present at the August meeting, a request was made and approved by those present to postpone the Special Election. It will probably be held in September. According to our Bylaws, the vacancy will be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors. However, any member may submit a his or her name, or the name of any other member, as a candidate for a vacant position.

The election cycle for officers has been established in the by-laws. Nominations will be taken during February, elections in March, installation of new officers in April. The board members serve staggered three year terms.

AUGUST 12

The City Attorney talked with the Council about the citizen initiative relating to parks and how to work with them. The Council could adopt the wording as is and it becomes law, or they could send it forward to be put on the ballot.

AUGUST 19

A crowd of 60 or more people were in attendance at the City Council

meeting. A show of hands indicated that around 45 people were there in support of EHPS, and at least 14 spoke in support of EHPS in our effort to obtain possession of the Englewood Train Depot, restore it and create a museum. In spite of that, the majority of Council Members were adamantly opposed to our offer, and took the final and official vote, to sell the Depot to Tom and Patti Parson.

Council had the first reading of the Ballot Proposal requiring a vote of the people before City Park land can be sold. After discussion, Council voted to allow the Proposal to move forward to second reading in September. It appears that they will either sign it into law as written without putting it on the ballot, or it will be on the ballot in November.

There was a positive note heard at the Council meeting, as several Council Members, including Mayor Randy Penn, expressed a desire to assist the Englewood Historic Preservation Society in obtaining a building they can call their home.



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LIBRARY ARCHIVES *Update*

The EHPS finished cataloging the items in the artifact room at the library on Sunday July 28. We now need to organize our notes and compare ours with the previous inventories. A future step will be to organize the items in related boxes since now they seem to be organized by the donators donors. We will keep everyone in the loop as it goes forward. Thank you everyone who helped with this project. Additionally regarding these stored artifacts, EHPS needs to come to an agreement with City Council and any other Englewood staffers who seem to have some interest in these items. It has been said that they had belonged to the old Englewood Historical Society, and were given to the City in lieu of payment of a debt. That whole idea is faulty! Those items belong to the People of Englewood, not any individual or group of City Officials, nor even to EHPS. However, EHPS is by virtue of its Mission the logical custodian of those artifacts.

REMINDER: Our new meeting days will be the first & third Wednesdays of the month, at the Community Center across from the library. The address is **901 Englewood Parkway, Suite 112.** Our history speakers will continue to make their presentations at the library on the last Fridays of each month, beginning at 3:00 p.m., until further notice. In September, our talk will be “Fascinating people in Englewood’s history”. More details to come in the next newsletter.

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