

Minutes of March 17, 2016

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was held at the Friendly City Civitan Building, 2510 Glendale Avenue, Durham NC

Attending: Terry R Kolacinski, Alice P Kolacinski, Bernie Page, Melissa Harrell, Debra Hawkins, Dan Singer, Jeff Bakalchuck, Fred Westmoreland

Minutes for February 16, 2016 meeting were approved as read

Treasurer's Report

Summary for February 1-28 2016

Members 96

Financial Activity:

Beginning balance:	\$ 5827.94
Income:	\$ 158.00
Expenses:	\$ 210.80
Ending balance:	\$ 5775.14

Community Business:

We will have guest speaker from ECWA in April.

A discussion of Newsletter/Spanish translation occurred. Bernie has obtained someone who will translate the Calendar of Events. That information will be submitted to Ian and Sandy.

We reviewed the upcoming calendar of events: Food Truck Rodeo Season Opener (roster, music, vouchers) and created a roster of NPNA Board Members serving as main representative or alternate of Membership Table for the upcoming Food Truck Rodeos.

Committee Business:

(A copy of the final report of the Donation Committee is printed on the pages two and three of these minutes.) Alice Kolacinski reported that the majority of the committee recommended that we not amend the current bylaws and that using the By Laws as a litmus test should avoid confusion and fulfil the mission of the NPNA association.

A motion was made to accept the report and not pursue the changing of the bylaws at this time. Alice was instructed to write a note of thanks to participants and disband the committee.

Dan Singer reported on the progress of moving money to Self Help for a contingency fund

No INC report, enquiry/discussion if requested to be make online to board list serv.

Meeting was adjourned.

Donation Committee recommendation:

Background:

Issue arose in May, 2015 when NPNA Board received requests for donations to Club Blvd PTA and a GoFundMe page. We were also asked to give monies to citizens who were watering trees.

The Food Truck rodeos musicians are allowed to “pass the hat.” A NPNA Donation Box/ Tree Fund box is located at the Membership Table. Collections and vendors other than Food Trucks were not encouraged/allowed.

Musician donations and any other occasional collections are not processed through treasurer. Tree fund monies and NPNA donations and T-shirt sales are forwarded to the treasurer

Seventeen members of NPNA were requested to serve on this committee. Ten agreed to serve. The predominate response was that membership monies should be spent only for expenses for NPNA.

“Definitely do not get into using NPNA funds for anything but NPNA activities. The listserve can be used to promote charities by members of the neighborhood as has been done (eg. fund raisers for Animal Protection Society or Club Blvd School, etc.), but NPNA should not be a source of funds. If you have a firm rule about it then there is never a question.”

“Seems to me this is a “slippery slope” and no good can come for NPNA from entertaining such requests – beyond those directly related to neighborhood activities, i.e. Halloween block party, luminaries, newsletter.”

“I want my membership money used for the benefit of our neighborhood. If an organization requests our help, I want it to be reviewed to determine if it supports the Northgate Park community or its physical presence.”

Litmus test By-laws

Section 2. The purposes of this Association shall be:

(1) to encourage and promote community pride in our neighborhood by providing a forum for neighborhood activity;

Newspaper, Picnic, NNO, Luminaries, Halloween, Yard Sale(s) website

(2) to be a voice for our common neighborhood interests by acting as liaison with governmental bodies and with institutions, schools, and businesses in and around our neighborhood, and to work with other neighborhood associations on common concerns;

ECWA dues, INC dues

(3) to serve as a focal point for maintenance and improvement of institutions and facilities serving our neighborhood, including parks, schools, and public safety services, and to provide an avenue for our neighborhood social activities;

Tree Fund Clean-up

Note -- Our neighborhood boundaries include Club Boulevard Magnet School Only those household within "walk zones" are assured attendance. Our residents' students attend three elementary schools: Club, Glenn School, and Holt year around. No middle school and high schools are within the boundaries of NPNA our residents' students attend various middle and high schools according to boundaries or magnet choice.

(4) to encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in all issues affecting our neighborhood, including land use, zoning changes, traffic patterns, and street modifications; and INC and ECWA provided forum/space for explanation of Storage unit on Club Blvd, Energy efficient renovations for houses in neighborhood, I-85 construction. New housing.

(5) to provide for the community welfare generally and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes. Provided, that no purpose for which this Association is organized, and no activity in which the Association engages, may be a purpose or activity that would disqualify the Association from qualifying as an exempt organization under Sections 501 (c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code,

Recognition of participants --Awards at Annual Meeting, Coffee/refreshments at events.

and Provided further, that this Association shall not intervene or participate in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Section 3. This Association is and shall remain a non-profit organization and no part of these net earnings thereof shall inure to any individual member.