

Minutes of Northgate Park Neighborhood Association
February 16, 2017

Present: Board members: Alice Kolacinski, Terry Kolacinski, Dan Singer, Karen Smith, Bernie Page, Deb Hawkins
NPNA member: Emily Wilkins

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Lavender "House": Deb reported that the foundation remains of the building in the park on Lavender are slated to be improved according to Assistant Director of Parks and Rec, Tom Dawson. This will consist of putting some fill inside the foundation "before mowing season". Also, as a safety measure, there is a plan to make the chimneys less appealing for children to climb on. At some time in the future there will be a celebration to inaugurate the renovated building remains.

Bulbs: Deb reported that Northgate Park volunteers helped to plant bulbs at Northgate Park Mall. Northgate Park Mall is very appreciative and plans to send NPNA a thank you in honor of the volunteers. Alice Kolacinski reported regarding the bulbs planted by the Garden Club. Bulbs were planted in the traffic circle by the Civitan building and hostas were planted in the park near the azaleas by the small pavilion. The soil was poor so a lot of preparation was done and enrichment was added and mulch placed. Receipts for the additions will be submitted by Cheryl Shifflet for the purchases. Reimbursement had been approved at a prior meeting.

Food Truck Rodeo: Plans are ongoing. Mary Alicia is working on a roster. Farrah Shapiro has solicited emails in support of the activity.

Protocols Chair: no report at this time, will report next meeting.

Finance Chair: no report at this time, will report next meeting.

Picnic: Dan will reserve the large picnic shelter for May 21.

Nominating committee: New board members and officers are needed. All are encouraged to seek potential candidates and report at the next meeting. Bernie will put out an appeal on the list serve several times asking for volunteers.

Speaker at March meeting: Deb reported that marketing and management from the Museum of Life and Science would like to give an update re plans for the bond money improvements. It was suggested that the report might be given at 6PM to facilitate attendance by parents with young children.

Newsletter was discussed including need for ads to finance the Spanish insert and consideration of whether there should be some written guidelines for the editor in this time of political turmoil. Several people will try to solicit ads from Hispanic businesses. 2 or 3 business card size ads would probably be enough to cover the Spanish insert.

Treasurer's report was received.

Report period: January 1-31 2017

Memberships: 113 (since April 1st)

Operating Funds:

Beginning balance	\$629.29
Income:	\$ 28.91
Expenses:	\$-26.03
Transfers:	\$ 0
Ending balance:	\$632.17

Contingency Funds:

Beginning balance:	\$4518.61
Income	\$ 3.91
Expenses	\$ 0
Transfers:	\$ 0
Ending balance	\$4522.52

Dan mentioned that Yadkin Bank, where we have our checking account, will soon merge into the larger First National Bank, headquartered in Pennsylvania. In the interest (no pun intended) of keeping our business and money local, he suggested that we explore options with other local banks. A likely option would be Self Help Credit Union, where we already have a money market account (our contingency fund), and which is headquartered in Durham. SHCU would probably be the easiest solution, as long as they provide a checking account that we (not-for-profit org.) can use, and at little or no cost, and provide needed services.

Member business: Emily announced that a Democratic Precinct Meeting will take place in the Media Center at Club Blvd School on Feb 28 from 6:15 to 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Page 2-16-17 draft 2 2-20-17