

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 01/17/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on January 17, 2008 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Bill Anderson (Duke Park), Susan Brooks, Lily Estoppey, Jennifer Kleckner, Cheryl Shiflett, Beth and Brad Yoder.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2629.69 with 98 paid memberships.
- November NPNA meeting minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:**

1) *NPNA Newsletter*

- Contributors should get items to Chris Husack by mid February so the newsletter can go out in March.
- All articles also should be sent to Line Dempsey at line@fastcoaching.com for inclusion on the website.
- Cheryl Shiflett will write an article about neighborhood watch and Durham's Neighborhood Street Tree Program.
- Mark Ambrose will write an article about the votive candles and CFLs NPNA has for sale.
- Jennifer Kleckner will write articles on the PAC2 items – Vacant House Directory, Neighborhood Clean Up,

2) *Membership Renewals*

- NPNA would like to double its membership by the end of the year.
- Bill Anderson will contact Julie Seagroves about getting neighbors on Delafield Avenue to join NPNA.

3) *The Park*

- The next park clean up will be on the first Saturday in March. Contact Mike Shiflett at mwshiflett@hotmail.com for more details.

4) *Night of Lights*

- The Night of Lights was held on Sunday, December 9 from 2:00-5:00 PM.
- Mark Ambrose has votive candles and CFLs left over from the event. He will put a message on the list serve and an article in the newsletter.

5) *NPNA Website: <http://www.ngpark.org>*

- Send content (especially photographs) and/or feedback to Line Dempsey at line@fastcoaching.com
- **New Business**

1) Family Fare Proposal

- The old BP gas station/ convenience store and the vacant pawn shop at the corner of Club and Roxboro is getting torn down. A new BP Family Fare gas station/ convenience store is being built in its place.
- The new gas station/ convenience store will look like the one at Broad and Markham.
- It will include a retention pond in the back of the building and a green space as a buffer zone between it and nearby homes.
- There needs to be a change in zoning as the developer, Lee Barnes, wants to have twelve gas pumps (two at each of the six stations).
- Cheryl Shiflett explained that until the new gas station is built, Lee Barnes would like to rent the former pawn shop for \$3350/ month with a \$3350 deposit. He will give a lease for two years, but he can give the occupant six months notice.
- Mark Ambrose voiced his concerns about left turns into the gas station from Club Blvd. A suggestion was made that patrons only be allowed to make a right turn in and a right turn out of the gas station from Club Blvd. Phil Loziuk would be the person to contact about this.
- Mark Ambrose looked at other Family Fares and noted that others do not have that many gas pumps. Cheryl Shiflett pointed out that more pumps mean more lights.
- Bill Anderson suggested that NPNA get Lee Barnes to speak at the next NPNA meeting about the plans for the gas station. Bill will contact Lee and then get in touch with Mark Ambrose and Jennifer Kleckner about this matter.
- Jennifer Kleckner will contact Tom Melby so he can shorten his talk on gardening to 20-30 minutes to allow time for Lee Barnes to speak.

2) Eatery Explorations

- Mami Nori's (?) on Davidson will be the next location. This restaurant has rotisserie chicken and a Salvadorean bakery. Mark Ambrose will post a date on the listserv.

3) Durham's Neighborhood Street Tree Program

- Cheryl Shiflett spoke about this program and will put an article in the newsletter. This program encourages residents to plant street trees in the right of way through a partnership with the city.
- These trees will not be planted under the current drought conditions, but if a resident is interested, he/she can get on the waiting list.
- More information can be found at http://www.durhamnc.gov/departments/general/tree_proposal.cfm or by contacting Alex Johnson, Urban Forestry Manager at 560-4197 or Alexander.Johnson@durhamnc.gov
- Trees will not be planted in Northgate Park until the park renovations are complete.

4) PAC2 Items

- The Department of Neighborhood Services is creating a Vacant House Directory. If you know of a vacant or boarded property, please call or e-mail the address to Toya Merritt, Community Relations Coordinator, at 560-4570, x233 or Toya.Merritt@durhamnc.gov to list the property in the Vacant House Directory.
- Durham's Great American Clean Up will be on March 1, 8, 15, and 29. On these dates, residents can bring junk and debris to the Transfer Station at no charge and swap usable items.
- Mitch Archer with Neighborhood Improvement Services can also schedule a date for a Neighborhood Clean Up. Jennifer Kleckner will contact him to schedule a date and to see if we need a minimum number of households to participate.
- Captain Larry Smith is the new commander for District 2. Jennifer Kleckner will contact him to see if he can speak at the March meeting. The date for the March meeting is TBD because of Holy Thursday.

5) Burglaries in the Neighborhood

- Cheryl Shiflett reminded people to call 911 whenever they see suspicious behavior. She will continue to set up meetings to increase awareness among residents of the Northgate Park neighborhood.
- Master Officer Steve Hall is the new Crime Prevention Officer for District 2. He can be reached at 560-4582 or at steve.hall@durhamnc.gov
- **Speaker – Bill Anderson on the Beaver Pond Business Association and Can You Spare a Change?**
 - Bill Anderson gave updates on the BPBA, namely the future development of the BP Family Fare at the corner of Club/Roxboro.
 - He also spoke about Can You Spare a Change, a campaign “to support alternatives to giving cash directly to panhandlers.” More information can be found at www.canyouspareachange.com The county commissioners recently voted on this with four voting for it and one against it. They will vote on it again as it needs to be unanimous to pass. The campaign will also begin work with Durham's City Council.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 02/21/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on February 21 at Mami Nora's on Davidson Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Bill Anderson (Duke Park), Lee Barnes, Tray Barnes, Susan Brooks, Gene Dillard, Jennifer Kleckner, Tom Melby, Nancy Rizzo, Julie Seagroves, Cheryl and Mike Shiflett, Karen Smith.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2600.40
- January NPNA meeting minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:**

1) *March NPNA Meeting*

- The March NPNA meeting will be on Thursday, 03/27 at Park View Baptist Church

2) *Newsletter*

- NPNA board members should look over the draft of the newsletter sent by Chris Husack and note any corrections and/or additions that should be made.

3) *Membership Renewals*

- NPNA would like to double its membership by the end of the year. Recruit, recruit, recruit.

3) *The Park*

- The next park clean up will be on the first Saturday in March. Contact Mike Shiflett at mwshiflett@hotmail.com for more details.

4) *Leftover Bulbs and Candles from Night of Lights*

- Mark Ambrose has votive candles and CFLs left over from the event. Contact him if you are interested in purchasing either of these items at mambrose@alumni.princeton.edu

• **New Business**

1) *May NPNA Meeting*

- The May NPNA meeting will be a garden tour in the neighborhood. Participants will meet at the picnic area in the park at 6:30 on 05/15 with the last house hosting a plant swap.
- The NPNA board will also meet at the Civitan Club at 6:30 on 05/22 to discuss business matters.
- The June NPNA meeting will be the annual picnic and elections.

2) *Neighborhood Watch/ Recruiting Members*

- Ashley Morgan and Julie Seagroves will be attending the block captain workshop on Saturday, 02/23. On Sunday, 02/24, Area Zero (their area) will host a small get together from 1:00 – 3:00 at 106 W. Delafield to meet each other, discuss what we learned at the workshop, and collect dues. All are welcome to join them.

- Julie Seagroves will also post something on the listserv about upcoming block workshops.

3) *Durham Central Cooperative Grocery*

- Jennifer Kleckner spoke about the formation of the DCGG north of downtown.

- The DCGG needs volunteers to serve on boards and committees to perform tasks such as developing a web site, selling membership shares (such as at the Farmer's Market), writing bylaws, looking at locations. If you are interested in participating, please contact Robin Arcus at robinarc@aol.com

• **Speaker – Tom Melby on Yards, Gardens, and Neighborhood Beautification**

- Tom Melby spoke about using landscaping to improve the beauty and value of one's property.

- He will start a garden committee and have a column in the newsletter.

- The suggestion was made that NPNA hold a fundraiser raffle with the winner receiving their yard improvements.

• **Speaker – Lee Barnes from Family Fare Convenience Stores**

- Lee Barnes would like to tear down the old BP gas station/ convenience store and the vacant pawn shop at the corner of Club and Roxboro. He would like to build a new BP Family Fare gas station/ convenience store in its place.

- The building has been in use as is for 25 years. It would become a Family Fare site as opposed to a site owned by the company but leased to others. This change will give more control over the operators.

- The new gas station/ convenience store will look like the one at Broad and Markham, only slightly larger. It will be open 24 hours/ day.

- The new building will be 3200 sq. ft.(down from 9000 sq. ft.) with 58% impervious surface (down from 98% impervious surface).

- The number of driveways will be reduced from 7 to 2. One car will be able to go in and one car out of each driveway at once.

- In order for the station to support 6 gas pumps, the zoning needs to be changed from neighborhood commercial to general commercial. Lee Barnes is unable to get a special use permit. It will be at least six months before the zoning is changed.

- The drawings have been approved by the DOT.

- The lighting at the site will be within the code for the City of Durham.

- Cheryl Shiflett relayed how the pay phone is often used for illegal activity and showed crime maps that detailed the higher number of burglaries in that area. Lee Barnes agrees to remove the pay phone when the new business begins. He will also consider on-site security if needed.
- Lee Barnes plans on having this business join the Beaver Pond Business Association when it is up and running.
- Cheryl Shiflett asks if a committee could be formed to work with Lee Barnes to brainstorm ideas for landscaping, safety, etc. Lee Barnes agrees to this committee.
- Additional information on this project can be found in the January 2008 NPNA Meeting Minutes.
- Lee Barnes can be reached at 800-313-6635, x13 or at www.familyfareconveniencestores.com

- **Speaker – Gene Dillard on Art in Northgate Park**

- Gene Dillard, a local artist who lives on Elgin Street, proposed his plan to install an archway in Northgate Park.
- He will need to meet with the landscape architect from Kline Design and Beth Timson from Durham Parks and Recreation to address safety and maintenance concerns.
- Gene Dillard estimates that the materials for the arch will cost \$1500.00.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 03/27/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on March 27 at Parkview Baptist Church on Acadia Street.
- Neighbors in attendance: Karen Alton, Mark Ambrose, Ginny Bowman (Northgate Associates), Susan Brooks, Marcie Fisher-Bourne, Jennifer Kleckner, Hope Marasco, Whitney May, Allen Phipps (Daly Seven, Inc.), Nancy Rizzo, Zulayka Santiago, Julie Seagroves, Dan Singer,
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2476.10
 - \$196.17 paid for the newsletter
 - 103 current memberships
- February NPNA meeting minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:**

1) *Membership Renewals*

- NPNA would like to double its membership by the end of the year. Recruit, recruit, recruit.

3) *The Park*

- The next park clean up will be in June. Contact Mike Shiflett at mwshiflett@hotmail.com for more details.

4) *Leftover Bulbs and Candles from Night of Lights*

- Mark Ambrose has votive candles and CFLs left over from the event. Contact him if you are interested in purchasing either of these items at mambrose@alumni.princeton.edu

5) *NPNA Garden Crawl will be on May 15*

- Mark Ambrose will contact Cheryl Shiflett and Tom Melby about organizing this event.

6) *NPNA Board Meeting on May 22*

- **New Business**

1) *License Checks on Highland Avenue*

- At 11:00 AM on Sunday, 03/23 (Easter), the Durham Police Department held a license check in the 2400 block of Highland Avenue.

- At this time, an officer holding a sign stood near *Don Becerra* (corner of Roxboro Road and Club Boulevard) indicating that a license check was ahead. A police officer was also stationed further down Club Boulevard (towards the park). Drivers frequently turned onto Highland Avenue in an attempt to avoid the license check and were approached by officers stationed there.

- Zulayka Santiago expressed concerns that the DPD is targeting the undocumented Latino community

and decreasing their safety by making them wary of the police and threatening their residency.

- Hope Marasco, a Caucasian neighbor, noted that she was waived through the checkpoint while Latinos were detained.

- Undocumented immigrants are prohibited from having drivers licenses as one needs a social security number to have a driver's license.

- Because some NC counties are working with ICE (under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), many undocumented immigrants are concerned about deportation.

- Zulayka suggests that a subcommittee be formed to further discuss this matter and reach out to the Latino community in the neighborhood. She will send an e-mail over the list serve about an upcoming meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Interested participants should e-mail her at zulayka2007@gmail.com

- There is some debate over whether license checks are done randomly or at neighbors' requests.

- Marcie Fisher-Bourne expressed concerns that the checkpoint held on 07/04/08 on Club Boulevard. (near Acadia Street) was requested by Mike and Cheryl Shiflett on behalf of NPNA and PAC2. She suggests that NPNA have a formal process by which it requests a checkpoint; however, NPNA does not request checkpoints as an organization.

- At the April 2008 meeting, Cheryl Shiflett explained that she and Mike told the DPD that they approve of license checks being held on Club Boulevard (near Acadia Street) due to the number of accidents at that location. They did not request a license check for any particular date or on behalf of NPNA or PAC2.

- At the April 2008 meeting, Cheryl Shiflett explained that she and Mike do make a date specific request for the speed trailer to be placed on Club Boulevard (near Acadia Street) prior to the start of school each year.

2) Eatery Explorations

- Mark Ambrose will post ideas and dates on the list serve.

• **Speakers – Ginny Bowman and Allen Phipps**

- Ginny Bowman is the managing general partner of Northgate Associates, which runs Northgate Mall.

- Allen Phipps is a broker with Daly Seven, Inc., a hotel management company that owns thirty-seven hotels in North Carolina and Virginia.

- Daly Seven has purchased the tract of land behind the BB&T (near Club Blvd. and Duke St.) and plans to build a limited service (no restaurant or meeting space) hotel on the site.

- They have applied for a franchise with Hampton Inn, and the hotel will have approximately 135 rooms.

- Ms. Bowman and Mr. Phipps are meeting with the surrounding neighborhoods before submitting their plans to the city.

- When plans are submitted to the city, they will request a zoning change and devise a development plan. This plan will be public record once it is filed downtown.
- Daly Seven hopes to have the necessary approvals by early September with the hotel completed 15-18 months afterward.
- Questions were raised about issues such as blight/ deterioration (Susan Brooks), amount of impervious surface (Julie Seagroves), storm water (Mark Ambrose), landscaping (Mark Ambrose), and employment of Durham residents.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 04/17/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on April 17 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Jennifer Kleckner, Nancy Kneepkens, Lt. E. Lyle O'Neal, Nancy Rizzo, Cheryl Shiflett, Capt. Larry Smith, and Andrea Stephens
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2536.10
 - 103 current memberships
- March NPNA meeting minutes were approved pending corrections.

- **Old Business:**

1) *The Park*

- The next park clean up will be in June. Cheryl Shiflett will e-mail Mark Ambrose with the date.
- The last park clean up was cancelled due to inclement weather.

2) *Leftover Bulbs and Candles from Night of Lights*

- Mark Ambrose has votive candles and CFLs left over from the event. Contact him if you are interested in purchasing either of these items at mambrose@alumni.princeton.edu

5) *NPNA Garden Crawl will be on May 15*

- Cheryl Shiflett has five participants so far, and she will send an e-mail to recruit more participants.
- Advertising for the event will take place at the park kiosk, on e-mail, balloons in participants' yards, and signs that advertise the time and meeting location.
- There will be refreshments at the last house on the crawl. Participants should drop off food in advance.
- Those interested in going on the tour should meet at 6:30 at the picnic shelter. At that location, there will be flyer/ map directing participants where to go.
- Nancy Rizzo volunteered to help create a map through a real estate computer program.

6) *Letter to Northgate Associates and Daly Seven, Inc.*

- Mark Ambrose will send a letter to the NPNA board that details approval for the hotel to be built by Northgate Mall.
- Mark will then send the letter to Northgate Associates and Daly Seven, Inc.

7) *NPNA Board Meeting will be held on May 22*

- **New Business**

1) *Elections at June Meeting/ Picnic*

- Cheryl Shiflett will call the city to reserve the picnic shelter for this event. The dates (in order of preference) are 06/22/08, 06/29/08, and 06/08/08.
- NPNA supports an INC resolution to exchange volunteer hours to reserve the shelter. Cheryl will inquire about this resolution to see if NPNA can get a refund if a deposit is needed to reserve the shelter.
- NPNA will need a nominating committee to hold elections.

2) *Northgate Park Neighborhood Clean Up*

- The Northgate Park Neighborhood Clean Up will be held on Saturday, 06/21.
- To advertise the event, Jennifer Kleckner will put an article in the newsletter that will come out in early June. She will ask participants to RSVP to her so she can create a map for the city.
- Jennifer Kleckner will also ask Zulayka Santiago to translate the article for Spanish speaking neighbors.

3) *NPNA Presence at Durham Latino Festival on 06/14 in Forest Hills Park*

- Mark Ambrose suggested that neighbors attend this festival to represent NPNA and increase communication with Latino neighbors.
- It was suggested that NPNA participate at this event with other neighborhoods through INC.
- **Speakers – Captain Larry Smith and Lt. E. Lyle O’Neal of the Durham Police Department**
 - Captain Smith has been recently promoted to the commander for district two and Lt. O’Neal works at the district two substation.
 - Captain Smith can be reached at 560-4582, x230 or at Larry.Smith@durhamnc.gov
 - Lt. O’Neal can be reached at 560-4582, x231 or at Elton.Oneal@durhamnc.gov
 - Captain Smith emphasized that it makes the community better when they meet the neighbors.
 - District Two covers 32 sq. miles, and there are 6-7 officers out at any given time.
 - Both officers subscribe to the PAC2 list serve. Residents can post concerns there in addition to directly contacting the officers.
 - Nancy Kneepkens is concerned about traffic backing up when customers are turning left into and pulling out of La Superior at 3325 North Roxboro Road. This concern is particularly problematic between the hours of 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Phil Loziuk of City Transportation is the person to contact about this concern.

- Cheryl Shiflett asks the officers about the prostitute that has been seen on East Ellerbee Street, but they do not seem to recall this person.
- Captain Smith addressed some questions about the license check that took place on Highland Avenue. He explained that they do not target specific races and instead are looking for drunk driving, narcotics, weapons violations, etc.
- Captain Smith explained that officers sometimes drivers are waved through the license checks because other officers are tied up writing citations.
- The officers explained that undocumented immigrants can get driver's licenses by going through their home country's consulate.
- Mark Ambrose expressed concern that Latinos are afraid to call the police because of Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- Captain Smith explained that license checks are about finding criminals, not illegal immigrants. Unless an illegal immigrant has committed a crime, he/ she will not be deported because of a license check.
- The Durham Police Department has distributed flyers to the Latino community that explains this policy but there is still fear within the Latino community.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 07/17/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on July 17, 2008 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Rick Bagel, Susan Brooks, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Charles Jardin (Parkview Baptist Church), Jennifer Kleckner, Nancy Kneepkens, Nancy Rizzo, Mike and Cheryl Shiflett, Andrea Stephens, Beth and Brad Yoder.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2269.44
 - \$120 deposited for memberships
 - \$0.38 deposited for interest
 - \$220.84 paid for July's picnic
- A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of placing envelopes in newsletters to boost membership.
- **President's Report**
 - Line Dempsey, the new president of NPNA, would like to develop standing committees headed by board members, streamline meetings, hear liaisons' reports at meetings, and have special guests at meetings present early in the meeting.
 - He also proposed that programming take place every other month.
- **Old Business**
 - Introduction of officers elected at the July picnic

President – Line Dempsey
Vice-President – Nancy Rizzo
Secretary – Jennifer Kleckner
Treasurer – Susan Brooks
Board Members – Mark Ambrose, Katie Coyle, Cheryl Shiflett, Brad and Beth Yoder
- **New Business**
 - 1) *Creation of Standing Committees/ Appointment of Chairs*
 - National Night Out – Line Dempsey
 - Yard Sale/ Neighborhood Clean Up – Jennifer Kleckner
 - Halloween Event – Cheryl Shiflett
 - Luminaries – Mark Ambrose and Mike Shiflett
 - Annual Picnic – Nancy Rizzo
 - Stream and Park Clean Ups – Katie Coyle and Mike Shiflett
 - Membership – Brad and Beth Yoder
 - Newsletter and Website – Katie Coyle and Line Dempsey
 - Neighborhood Watch – Cheryl Shiflett and Nancy Kneepkens

Programs – Nancy Rizzo and Brad Yoder

2) *Liaisons to Other Community Organizations*

PAC2 – Cheryl Shiflett

Adopt a Park – Mike Shiflett

INC – Mike Shiflett

Garden Club – Tom Melby (pending his approval)

3) *Park Renovations*

- The need for a standing committee in this area is discussed. Mike Shiflett will contact Page McCullough to see if Mike Woodard and Diane Catotti can come to the park and a board meeting to discuss the delay on renovations to the park.

4) *Hero Awards – INC*

- E-mail Mike Shiflett with nominations by 08/15/08.

5) *Club Blvd. Elementary School Renovations*

- Phase one includes a building addition (approved in 2003 bond) and phase two includes the renovations of the current building (approved in 2007 bond).

- Student drop off will change to Glendale Avenue.

- Mike Shiflett has a copy of the plans.

6) *National Night Out*

- NNO will be held on 08/05/08 from 6PM until 9PM in the 2500 block of Elgin/Acadia. Bring drinks, dessert, and a neighbor. NPNA will provide ice and cups.

- Susan Brooks will contact Page McCullough to see if she can get Diane Catotti and Mike Woodard to come to NNO.

- Line Dempsey will talk to Cheryl Shiflett about presenting information about neighborhood watch.

- Line Dempsey will put an article in the newsletter (to be distributed the weekend before NNO) about NNO and create a flyer to advertise for the event.

- For the membership committee, Beth Yoder will create a handout that explains what NPNA does to distribute at NNO and put in the next newsletter. This will create an opportunity for NPNA to recruit members and remind past members to renew their memberships.

7) *Parkview Baptist Church Cook Out*

- Parkview Baptist Church will have a cookout for the neighborhood on 08/09/08. The time is TBA.

8) *Yard Sale*

- Jennifer Kleckner will check her calendar to choose a date for the yard sale to be held in September or October.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 08/21/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on August 21 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Susan Brooks, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Terri Dempsey, Melissa Harrell, Charles Jardin, Jennifer Kleckner, Cynthia Kulstad, Page McCullough, Tom Melby, Nancy Rizzo, Cheryl Shiflett, Dan Singer, Andre Small, Andrea Stubbs, Wade Wall, Bradley Yoder.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2418.27
 - \$186.17 in expenses for the last newsletter.
- July NPNA meeting minutes were approved pending corrections.
- **Reports from Standing Committees**
 - 1) *National Night Out – Cheryl Shiflett*
 - NNO was well attended by neighbors, officers, and city council members.
 - 2) *Yard Sale – Jennifer Kleckner*
 - The neighborhood yard sale will be held on Saturday, 10/11 with a rain date of Sunday, 10/12.
 - 3) *Halloween Event – Cheryl Shiflett*
 - The Halloween event will be held on Friday, 10/31. Cheryl Shiflett has contacted Fred Broadwell about holding the event in the 2700 block of Elgin Street. She is waiting to hear back from him.
 - 4) *Partners Against Crime (PAC) – Cheryl Shiflett*
 - At the August PAC meeting, there was a discussion about problems that arise when using voice over internet phones to call 911. Users should check with their providers to make sure that they can call 911.
- **Old Business:**
 - 1) *Ad Hoc Committee Chaired by Page McCullough*
 - Alex Johnson, an urban forester employed by the city, will be visiting the park on Monday, 08/25 for a stream walk with neighbors. This stream walk will focus on the stream restoration of the portion of Ellerbee Creek that runs through Northgate Park.
 - 2) *Garden Club*
 - Tom Melby was nominated and elected to act as a liaison for this committee.
 - The garden club meets once a month and holds a potluck once a month.
 - They plan on having their workdays on Saturdays. For the time being, they will be working in a neighbor's yard. After renovations are complete, they plan on working in the park.

- **New Business**

- 1) *Reimbursement for Domain Name – Line Dempsey*

- Line Dempsey maintains NPNA's webpage.

- Cheryl Shiflett made a motion to reimburse Line for the domain name at a cost of \$15.00 per year. The motion was approved.

- 2) *Endorsement of Black Meadow Ridge by NPNA – Cheryl Shiflett and Line Dempsey*

- The Friends of West Point Park have asked for NPNA to endorse a letter that urges the preservation of Black Meadow Ridge, an area of North Durham that borders the Eno River.

- The area encompasses 60 acres and may be sold for development.

- For more information, visit www.fowpp.org/3901

- The neighbors voted to table this discussion until the next NPNA meeting.

- **Program – Update on Northgate Park Renovations**

- Guest in attendance are Marilee Martin from General Services, Beth Timson from Parks and Recreation, and John Wood, a landscape design architect.

- The project's history was distributed to neighbors in attendance and discussed by the guests and neighbors.

- Line Dempsey will put these documents in .pdf format and post them online.

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 11/20/08

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on November 20 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Jeff Bakalchuch, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Jennifer Kleckner, Nancy Kneepkens, Nancy Rizzo, Mike Shiflett, Bradley Yoder.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Balance → \$2251.33
 - Expenses - \$92.54 for yard sale, \$75.00 for Halloween fire dancer
 - \$20 deposit for two new members
 - 43 members total
- **Reports from Standing Committees**
 - 1) *Yard Sale – Jennifer Kleckner*
 - The neighborhood yard sale went well and had about 40 participants.
 - 2) *Park Clean Up – Mike Shiflett*
 - The next park clean up will be on December 13 at 10:00 AM. Participants will pick up dead limbs in preparation for the Night of Lights.
 - 3) *Night of Lights – Mark Ambrose and Mike Shiflett*
 - Night of Lights will be on December 14. Sales will begin at 1:30 PM and end at 4:30 or 5:00 PM.
 - Mike will get an inventory of the bags, and Mark will get an inventory of the sand.
 - NPNA has enough candles for the luminaries and will sell CFLs as a fundraiser at the event.
 - Luminaries will be 10/ \$5.00 for members and 10 / \$10.00 for non-members. With a purchase of luminaries, non-members will also receive membership in NPNA from December 2008 through June 2009.
 - 4) *Membership*
 - NPNA provides neighborhood support and solidarity on issues for members, but it needs money to keep going.
 - Suggestions were made to improve attendance at meetings. These suggestions include putting out an agenda before a meeting, listing and advertising the organization's accomplishments and committees, and manning a membership table at all NPNA sponsored events.
 - 5) *Newsletter*
 - The newsletter will go out one week before Night of Lights. It will need to be printed and given to Susan Brooks two weeks before then for distribution.
- **Old Business:**

1) Gas Station (Future Family Fare) on Club/Roxboro

- City planning approved rezoning for this area with stipulations made.
- Mike Shiflett and Line Dempsey attended this meeting.
- Lee Barnes, the owner, is committed to following through with the plans he has on paper.
- The number of entrances/exits on the site will be reduced from seven to two.

- **New Business**

1) Bulky Waste Pickup

- Line Dempsey discussed the city's new guidelines for bulky waste pickup. This information can be found online at http://www.durhamnc.gov/departments/solid/bulky_item.cfm

2) Future Speakers

- Bradley Yoder will try to get a representative from DATA to speak at January's meeting.