

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting- 01/15/09

Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.

Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Jeff Bakalchuck, Katie Coyle, Carol Henderson, Kirsten Ingebretsen, Page McCullough, Ian Pond, Nancy Rizzo, Nancy Sowa, Beth Yoder

Nancy Rizzo presided.

Documents: 11/20/08 NPNA meeting minutes
Agenda for Jan. 15th 2009 NPNA meeting
Yes We Cans! Food Drive flier
Coffee with the Council Meeting Schedule
Plant Lists Ellerbe Creek at Northgate Park

Nov. 20th, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Page McCullough suggested that copies of bylaws for parliamentary procedure be provided at future meetings.

Treasurer Report

Current balance: \$2671.65

Expenses since last report: \$160.68

Luminary Sales: \$321.00

Other income \$160.00 plus \$40.00 gift from Rick Payne

Current member households 63

Reports from Standing Committees

Luminary Sale:

There were no expenses this year for the Luminary sale. There was a surplus of supplies from last year and Mike Shiflett provided the sand.

Mark Ambrose noted that expenses in 2009 should be nominal as there is still a surplus of supplies.

Park Clean Up:

Neighbors participated in the clean up Dec. 13th prior to the luminary sale. The focus was on removing dead limbs and debris from the green areas. The limbs were used for the luminary sale "bonfire".

Next scheduled clean-up is either the first or second Saturday in March.

Park Renovations

Page McCullough reported that Phase One was approved at the City Council work session. No objections were raised. A formal vote will be held at the City Council meeting on Jan. 21st at 7:00.

General Services and Parks and Recreation have added Phase 2 as a priority to the city budget requests for next year.

It is strongly advised that neighbors attend one or more City Council for Coffee and Conversation meetings to lend support for the budget request. Jeff Bakalchuck noted that people from other neighborhoods will also be interested in supporting Phase 2.

Mark Ambrose will send a poll to the list serve regarding which meeting dates will work for most people. Page advised that the March meeting at Durham Public Schools Resource Center, Hillandale Rd. may work best for most people. A weeknight meeting and a Saturday meeting will be chosen.

Page will include information about the meetings in the neighborhood newsletter and the list serve.

Motions:

Civitan Club would like to have FREE ad space in the NPNA newsletter in exchange for the use of the building for our meetings. **Motion Passed.**

Lobby for Phase Two Northgate Park renovations at the Coffees with Council meetings. **Motion Passed.**

New Business:

The city has no pending plans for the vacant land across from BP on Club Blvd. per Mike Shiflett.

Wade Wall reviewed the Plant Lists for Ellerbe Creek at Northgate Park. He does not see any problems with the plantings. They are consistent with native plants in floodplains. The group discussed the possibility of adding or removing plants once the plantings have been established.

Future Program topics for meetings:

Club Boulevard School plans/renovations

New Park Design - (This won't be available until June due to the council budget vote.)

Invite guest speakers such as

- Animal Control and APS
- DATA representatives- (DATA has declined invitations in the past. Susan Brookes has a contact within DATA who may be able to help.)
- Neighborhood business owners

These should be scheduled well in advance of NPNA meetings.

Suggestion by Susan Brooks to print names of all paid members in the newsletter and thank all supporters/donors. This was declined. Some neighbors may feel that this invades their privacy. Mark suggested that we add a "box" on the membership forms asking if it is okay to publish names.

YES WE CAN NPNA food drive Jan 18th 2:30 to 4:30 at Tennis shelter to benefit Food Bank. Everyone come on down to support this good cause!

May 31, 2010 is Northgate Park's 70th anniversary. Page suggested that a celebration be planned. We could raise money to buy special trees for the park, e.g. late successional trees (these are trees that will last 100 years or more).

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Meeting – 02/19/09

- Meeting held at 6:30 PM on February 20 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.
- Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Shanna Bierman (Friendly City Civitan Club), Susan Brooks, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Jeremy Deyton, Frannie Gordrich, Jennifer Kleckner, Page McCullough, Cheryl Shiflett, Mike Shiflett, Beth Yoder.
- NPNA Board – Bylaws and Interpretation of the Monthly Meeting
 - Line Dempsey proposed that the board designate that Thursday meetings are board meetings that are open to the public until the bylaws can be changed to reflect otherwise.
 - Points discussed were establishing the right to vote for all NPNA members, adjusting the by-laws to establish a waiting period for NPNA members to vote, and going to a town meeting or representative format.
 - The board discussed this idea and ultimately decided not to vote on this issue until next time.
- January meeting minutes will be read and approved next time.
- Treasurer’s Report:
 - Balance → \$2691.00
 - \$30 deposit for memberships
 - 65 members total
- President’s Report
 - Billboards have been “banned” in Durham since 1988, i.e., they can not be built or repaired beyond 25%
 - Fairway wants to revoke the ban and put up moveable, electronic billboards. Cheryl Shiflett comments that adjusted information regarding this proposal will be put in the newspaper.
 - DPS needs mentors to help with the Graduation Project. This need will be put on the listserv and in newsletters.
- **Old Business:**
 - 1) *Gas Station (Future Family Fare) on Club/Roxboro*
 - Approval for rezoning at BP passed at the last city council meeting, but it is unknown when the new station will be built.
 - 2) *INC Resolution – Hens*
 - The board passed a motion to abstain from voting on this issue since it has become a moot point because the hens have been approved by City Council.
 - Mike Shiflett brings up the point that NPNA not make decisions based on neighbors’ disputes.

3) *INC Resolution – Bullet Ownership Bill*

- The bullet ownership bill reads as follows:

WHEREAS, handgun violence remains a serious problem in and threat to our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our public officials to write and enforce laws, and to devise programs, that contribute to the reduction of violence, public safety; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of violent crimes that result in death or serious bodily harm are committed with handguns, which are often illegally possessed by those who commit these crimes; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina places no restrictions on the sale of handgun ammunition that causes these deaths and serious bodily injury other than possessing a state identification and being 18 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, this unfettered access to handgun ammunition by persons who have already been convicted of violent crimes and therefore cannot legally possess weapons, or have for other reasons such as mental disability already been determined ineligible to lawfully possess a handgun, makes the state of North Carolina an unwitting purveyor of handgun bullets to persons who cannot legally possess handguns;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Durham Interneighborhood Council that the Interneighborhood Council formally state to the North Carolina Legislature its support of the Bullet Ownership Bill (BOB) to create a licensing procedure in North Carolina for the purchase of handgun ammunition, in order to promote public safety, gun safety, and common sense.

- NPNA board decides to abstain from taking a position on this issue. Mark Ambrose opposes.

- **New Business**

1) *Coffee with Council – Page McCullough*

- Phase Two needs are the renovations to the tennis court shelter (up to 50% of its appraised value), entryway stones, new picnic tables, safety surface for swings, sidewalk completion on Glendale

- Money for these renovations will come from general services and parks and recreation, and four council members need to vote in favor of them.

- Encourage people to attend Coffee with Council on 03/09 at 6:30 PM at DPS Staff Development Center on Hillandale Road

- Cheryl Shiflett suggest an early arrival for neighbors who plan on speaking → Page McCullough, Joann Able (ECWA), and Mike Shiflett (Adopt a Park)

- Katie Coyle will commit to helping organize carpooling at 6:00 PM on 03/09 in the parking lot opposite Park View Baptist Church.

- Susan Brooks will provide rides for neighbors who require pick up from their homes.

2) NPNA Meeting Times on the List Serve

- Mark Ambrose will change the end time to show an 8:00 PM end time

3) INC Membership Dues

- Dues are \$25.00/ year and NPNA owes from last year as well.
- Motion passed for NPNA to pay \$50.00 to the INC

4) Durham Water Disinfection

- Line will put information about this issue on the list serve.

5) NPNA Newsletter

- Line will get the newsletter to the printer by March 9

6) Ad Hoc Committee to Revise By-Laws

- Proposal passed for Katie Coyle to lead an ad hoc committee to revise NPNA's by-laws.

7) Park Clean Up

- The next park clean up will be on 03/14 from 10 AM until 12 PM

- **Presentation by Shanna Bierman, President of the Friendly City Civitan Club**

- FCCC meets on the first and third Mondays of each month from 12 PM – 1 PM for potluck lunches.
- They have speakers once a month and focus on helping people with disabilities.
- More information can be found at www.civitan.com

NPNA Meeting – March 19, 2009

Meeting held at 6:30 PM on March 19 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.

Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Jeff Bakalchuck, Susan Brooks, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Banks Dixon, Beth Highley, Jennifer Kleckner, Nancy Kneepkens, Carol Linden, Page McCullough, Rick Payne, Cheryl Shiflett, Mike Shiflett, Dan Singer, Natasha Teasley

INC Report – Mike Shiflett

- Two resolutions on billboards → Mike recommends that NPNA wait to make a decision on this issue.
- Copies of these resolutions can be found at the INC website
- Currently, can repair up to 25% each year; original ban in the mid 1980s
- Mike emphasizes that he has not made a decision one way or another regarding this issue and will vote however we want him to vote.
- Mike makes motion that we do not take a position and that he can take back to INC that NPNA does not have enough information to vote. Two opposed.
- In the event that the INC decides to vote on these two resolutions, Page moves that we support the resolution that supports UDO as it currently is. Mark opposed.
- Mark makes motion that we reject the pro-billboard motion. Passed.
- Changes to Neighborhood Protection Overlay District → would not allow developer to make change to zoning unless there is a supermajority of City Council in favor. Page makes motion to support. Passed
- Line mentions that the Bullet Bill passed through the INC.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Page moves that we approve the January minutes. Approved.
- Line moves that we approved February. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$2493.16 balance
\$50.00 expense to INC
\$178.14 newsletter
\$10.00 income from membership
66 members total

Old Business

- Coffee with Council – Page McCullough
 - o Bid under budget so money left over for additional expenses (decorative fencing for guardrail, 2 park benches, 5 additional trash cans, expand concrete walk along Acadia, new parking stops)
 - o Discussion of which ones to prioritize

- NP is in the stimulus package as well
- NP will have better handicapped access than it does now
- Thanks ECWA for supporting NP at Coffee with Council
- State will come back and do additional grading when things are drier.

New Business

- By Laws Discussion – Katie Coyle
 - Question about what the meeting is – board or membership?
 - If membership, all members' votes count. If board, only board can vote although open to everyone.
 - By-laws say that board can interpret the by-laws and amend them
 - Points of interest: Why commit to serve as a board member if everyone can vote?
 - If membership meeting, idea of members coming to vote on one issue.
 - Article 3.6 → board makes decisions on where/how money is spent
 - Better description of how we give notice for meetings, description of how members are defined (2.1), clarify boundaries (2.3), nominating committee needed (3.6d)
 - Boundaries need to be changed in by-laws to include Delafield
 - Line mentions article 5.3 should say “any meeting of the membership”
 - By-law committee will sit down and come back with proposals for changes
 - Boomer brings up point about 8 with amendments contradicting the points discussed earlier. For example, board being in charge of money.
 - Line addresses point that nominating committee will need to be formed since elections will be coming up

Adjournment of Meeting

Presentation by Banks Dixon – “Ellerbe Creek Week,” April 4-12

NPNA Meeting – May 21, 2009

Meeting held at 6:30 PM on May 21 at the Civitan Club on Glendale Avenue.

Neighbors in attendance: Mark Ambrose, Micah Copeland (Club Blvd. Elementary School), Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Jennifer Kleckner, Nancy Kneepkens, Page McCullough, Ian Pond, Cheryl Shiflett, Dan Singer, Brad Yoder

Update on Construction at Club Blvd. Elementary School – Micah Copeland, Principal

- A new addition will be added on where the trailers are currently sitting.
- The site will be treated like a construction site in a dense urban area.
- Phase one includes the following items: move trailers elsewhere on campus, add plants on Chamberlin, build a storm water retention pond (later will become a learning center) on the Club Blvd. side.
- Phase one will take approximately one year, but a contractor has not yet been hired.
- Enrollment will not increase as a result of the addition. Current enrollment is 475-500 students.
- Phase two will be a renovation of the existing building.

Old Business

- The Park – Page McCullough
 - o Phase one of the park will start in two weeks.
 - o Mosquito fish will be put in the retention pond.
 - o The City of Durham website lists the 2009-10 budget. The only money going to parks will be for an HVAC upgrade at Edison Johnson.
 - o Northgate Park's "wishlist" includes \$1 million for phase two.

New Business

- Neighborhood Hero Awards for NPNA
 - o 2008 – Jennifer Kleckner
 - o 2009 – Page McCullough
- National Night Out will be on August 4. Line Dempsey is taking charge of the event.
- A zoning hearing for the hotel to be built near Northgate Mall will be on June 2.
- The annual picnic will be on June 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.
 - o There was discussion about changing the time from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

- Susan Brooks will get back to Nancy Rizzo about how much the chicken cost last year. A suggestion was made to purchase the chicken at a local vendor such as Mami Nora's or King's.
- Nancy Rizzo and Nancy Kneepkens will organize the picnic.

- Formation of Committees

- Nominating Committee – Nancy Rizzo and Nancy Kneepkens
- Newsletter – Susan Brooks
- By-laws – Katie Coyle and Line Dempsey
- Current officer nominations include Line Dempsey (President), Katie Coyle (Vice-President), Dan Singer (Treasurer).
- Board member nominations include Jeff “Boomer” Bakalchuck, Cheryl Shiflett, Ian Pond and Carol Henderson, and Jennifer Kleckner

Adjournment of Meeting

Presentation by Sarah and Brandi from Trinity Design Build – “How to Make Older Homes Healthier and More Energy Efficient”

June 28, 2009

NPNA Annual Meeting

Minutes submitted by Line Dempsey

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Waived until the August meeting

Reports

Park Renovation Update – Page McCullough

Old Business

National Night Out – Scheduled for August 4, 2009. Same location as last year (2500 block of Acadia/Elgin in front of the park)

New Business

1) **Neighborhood Heroes Awards** – Thursday, June 18, 2009. Ms. Jennifer Kleckner - 2008 and Ms. Page McCullough – 2009 were honored

2) **NPNA Elections** – Annual Elections were then held. The following people were unanimously elected to the NPNA Board:

Line Dempsey – President

Katie Coyle – Vice President

Dan Singer – Treasurer

Alice Kolacinski – Secretary

Members – at – At Large: Cheryl Shifflet, Jennifer Kleckner, Ian Pond, Jeff “Boomer” Bakalchuck, and Nancy Rizzo

*Mr. Dempsey noted that Ms. Katie Coyle would be designated a signer for the bank account and that the new Treasurer would also be added. We will need to remove past signees from the account.

Adjournment of Meeting

July 16, 2009

NPNA Thursday Night Meeting (6:30)

Attendance: Jeff Bakalchuck, Katie Coyle, Line Dempsey, Alice Kolacinski, Carol Henderson, Page McCullough, Ian Pond, Nancy Rizzo, Cheryl Shiflett, Dan Singer,

Line Dempsey opened the meeting with congratulation and thanks to Nancy Rizzo for coordinating the Annual Picnic.

Dan Singer gave the Treasurer's Report which showed that total amount in the NPNA bank account on July 16, 2009 was \$2,471.69.

Reading and Approval of June minutes preceded the discussion of old business. The May minutes will be review in August.

Old Business items include

a review of NPNA's board email approval of

- Creation of ad hoc committee: Save the Dinosaur with Nancy Rizzo serving as Chair.
- Funding for a sponsorship of the Save the Dinosaur T-shirts which will display a NPNA emblem .
- an introduction of the NPNA Board of Directors:

Line Dempsey – President

Katie Coyle – Vice President

Dan Singer – Treasurer

Alice Kolacinski – Secretary

Members – at – At Large: Cheryl Shiflett, Jennifer Kleckner, Ian Pond, Jeff “Boomer” Bakalchuck, and Nancy Rizzo

Page McCullough reported about the Northgate Park Renovations and Nancy Rizzo reported on the “Save the Dinosaur” project with a committee member modeling the t-shirt and providing information about the publicity being generated by the website and “You-tube” videos.

New Business Items included

A budget request for \$250.00 for the National Night Out event to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 was approved. Cheryl Shiflett shared information about NNO and the police/community efforts to address the increase in house break-ins the Northgate Park areas has experienced since June. Cheryl urged members of the community to attend the monthly Partners Against Crime meetings held on the 2nd Monday at the Hillandale Education Center.

Approval of a request for reimbursements for Annual Meeting / Picnic and for reimbursement for

Website (\$15.00) fees.

Dan Singer presented his idea about Membership Fees being a sliding scale ranging from \$5.00 to \$15.00 with the household determining appropriate level of the fee.

Background Information: Section 1 of the NPNA constitution defines membership. Dues for the 2009-2010 are \$10.00 per household. The NPNA membership year runs from June to June. Northgate Park Association boundaries include approximately 1200 households. Prior membership totals have ranged from 160-90. In recent years, the membership has declined so that this year we have 40+ members to date. Funding for the NPNA activities comes from membership dues and Newsletter advertising revenues. The Newsletter and December "Night of Lights" are 95%+ self-supporting. Most of the "Halloween in the Park" expenses are born by the participants offering the treats.

Concerns raised about the dues were: fairness of sliding fee, would a reduction in fee increase membership?, What are the benefits of membership?. Are the members of the "Listserv for NPNA" considered members? How would we know who are members when voting occurs.? The discussion ended with a motion being passed to appoint a Membership Committee, comprised of Jeff "Boomer" Bakalchuck, Dan Singer and Katie Coyle.

Katie Coyle and Line Dempsey presented revision of the NPNA ByLaws. A lively discussion lead to a motion that the By-law Committee would work on revision and bring it back recommendations specifically on Article V , Membership Meetings. It was decided that the "regular" 3rd Thursday meeting is a "membership meeting" which would allow for NPNA members to vote according to Article II, Section I.(one.)

The Agenda Item to appoint committees was postponed and the meeting adjourned.

Photos of Board Members were taken after the adjournment.

NPNA August 20, 2009 meeting

6:30 pm –Civitan Club

Attending: Katie Coyle, Nancy Kneepken, Merdith Stewart, Susan Blanton
Mike Shiflett, Nancy Sowa, Cheryl Shiflett, Jennifer Kleckner, Jeremy Deyton, Andrea Stubb, Nicole Rider, Joel Ross, Mark Ambrose, Sam Wolff, Melissa Harrell, Alyssa. Sebastien Florand. Dan Singer, Alice Kolacinski, Page McCullough, Richard Millward

Katie Coyle opened the meeting by recognizing Captain Larry Smith of Durham Police Department, District 2 and Lt. Lyle O'Neal. Captain Smith and Lt. O'Neal provided a Northgate Park Incidents report for the 7/13/09–8/17/09 time frame. Captain Smith expressed their frustration with the increased crime activity because arrests have been made but crime has not abated. They shared information about additional policing activity in the neighborhood and encouraged citizens to stay observant and report criminal activity by calling 911 and to report suspicious activity by calling the non-emergency Durham Police contact number 560-4600. The information provided by calls and listserv information has been helpful.

Treasury Report-- Period: July 16 - August 19, 2009 Current memberships: 45
Beginning balance: \$2471.69
[Income: (+) 184.18 Expenses: (-) 433.90]
Ending balance: \$2221.97

Corrected minutes for the July NPNA meeting were approved.

Committee Reports: Approximately eight hundred (800) Bronto T-shirts have been sold to date .

Jennifer Kleckner reported that the Yard Sale date will be October 10th. September's newsletter will advertise the event.

Page McCulloch reported on the Northgate Park renovation and reminded the association that Phase 2 recommendations will be requested soon. There is no money allocated but the following items (from the December 2008 planning session) are still desirable:

- existing tennis court shelter repaired and maintained
- existing parking lot by shelter and court to be completely repaired
- Stone entrances repaired
- No circular loop at Elgin and Lavendar.

Issues such as an additional toddler unit and walkways need to be addressed. Because the recommendations for Phase 2 are due in the spring, Page urged that we make formal recommendation as soon as possible perhaps in November, but no later than January.

Katie Cole explained that the membership committee had met and was working on recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

October 15, 2009

NPNA Thursday Night Meeting (6:30) Friendly City Civitan Club, Glendale Ave

Attending: Page McCullough, Donald Clary, Dan Singer, Katie Coyle, Susan Brooks, Jessica Barnhill, Ian Pond, Carol Henderson, Mark Ambrose, Sebastien Florand, Laura Florand, Nancy Rizzo, Cheryl Shiflett, Mike Shiflett, Nancy Kneephen, Cynthia Kunlstead Alice Kolacinski

Katie Coyle presided at the meeting.

Minutes were read and approved after spelling of names were corrected.

Dan Singer gave the Treasurers Report :

NPNA has 52 residential members, 1 commercial member.	
Beginning Balance	\$2330.79
Income	75.52
Expenses	72.74 (Yard Sale reimbursement)
Ending Balance	2333.25

Old Business

- * Funding of the Elgin Street Halloween Festivities – approved via email (200.00).
- * Yard Sale reimbursement approved via email
- * Certificates for those who helped with Park Clean-up are ready for signature.
- * Committee Assignments:

National Night Out-- Line Dempsey -Chair Mike Shiflett

Neighborhood Watch-- Cheryl Shiflett and Nancy Kneephen Liaison
Durham Partners Against Crime District 2nd Monday of month meeting at 6pm
Durham Public Schools Staff Development Center
2107 Hillandale Road (just before Carver)

Newsletter/Media Committee-- Line Dempsey and Katie Coyle Co-chairs
Ian Pond (website support) Susan Brooks

Yard Sale-- Jennifer Kleckner

Halloween-Katie Coyle Chair/NPNA Liaison , Donald Clary –Elgin Street Liaison

Night of Lights /Luminaries– Carol Henderson, Chair; Mark J. Ambrose - Mike Shiflett
Usually 2nd Sunday of December (coordinate with other neighborhood associations)

Stream and Park Clean Up-- Mike Shiflett Ian Pond
2nd Saturday every other month –in December night before Night of Lights

Annual Meeting (Picnic)--Nancy Rizzo

Programming– Katie Coyle,Chair Alice Kolacinski Ian Pond

Membership -Jeff 'Boomer' Bakalchuck– Chair, Dan Singer, Ian Pond
(Katie Coyle served from August–October.)

Bylaws ad hoc Committee -Line Dempsey and Katie Coyle Co-chairs

Park Renovation ad hoc Committee - Page McCullough-Chair Sebastien Florand, Laura Florand, Cheryl Shiflett

Bronto – Nancy Rizzo

INC representative-Mike Shiflett Alternate – Cheryl Shiflett

*Bronto Committee

Nancy Rizzo reported that on November 15th Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Bronto committee is planning to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the statue from 1 to 4 on the Bronto's front lawn. Some of the activities include; raffles, photos with Bronto, music, childrens' entertainment, your video memories, Only Burger Bus, City and County officials and a Proclamation from the Mayor's office.

New Business:

Donald Clary-updated the group about plans for the 3rd Annual 27 Elgin Street Halloween Festival scheduled October 31 from 5:30–8:30 pm. He has a permit to block the street and will be publishing a call for volunteers and the finalized list of events on the list-serve.

Exhibits: NC Museum of Life + Science (snakes, spiders and creepy crawlies) and NPNA
Entertainment: Fire Dancer appearing at 7:00 pm, Stilt Walkers, roving Street Performers and games. The Only Burger Bus and the Celebracion Juice Station will be positioned just outside the festival area on Gresham.

Katie Coyle volunteered to coordinate the NPNA volunteer table schedule.

Park Renovation Committee – No Mow Areas Discussion

A discussion of the easements—the areas turned over to the state for the purpose of stream restoration (no mow areas) and concerns of association members about the planned planting and subsequent 5 year non-management of those areas lead the passage of a motion to authorize Page McCullough to request that Durham city council ask the state to alter the easements for stream restoration so that portions of play areas are restored. We also authorized her to ask that NPNA representatives be involved in the city's negotiations with the state for a planting scheme that will minimize sight line/safety issues and a maintenance that will aggressively attack invasives. (A working City Council committee is meeting on October 22nd -Page McCullough and Sebastian Florand will share concerns and graphics:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA/files/Northgate%20Park%20%20No%20Mow%20zones/>

INC update/request for action:

Mike Shiflett, our INC representative reported that the Inter-Neighborhood Council is currently considering some proposed by-law changes
<http://www.durham-inc.org/20081214155/INC-Membership/bylawsupdate.html>
The change garnering most of the discussion is Section 7: Voting. The INC is currently reviewing whether or not to include an attendance requirement for voting members. If included, INC is still determining what the attendance record should be. The NPNA association voted to support the change in INC by-laws concerning a "Conflict-of-interest" clause but we do not support attendance requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

November 19, 2009

NPNA Thursday Night Meeting (6:30) Friendly City Civitan Club, Glendale Ave

Attending: Page McCullough, Line Dempsey, Katie Coyle, Dan Singer, Cheryl Shiflett, Nancy Rizzo, Alice Kolacinski

Line Dempsey presided at the meeting.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Treasurers Report : NPNA has 67 residential members, 1 commercial member.

Beginning Balance	\$2333.25
Income	167.19
Expenses	200.00 (Elgin St. Halloween reimbursement)
Ending Balance	2300.44

Old Business:

Nancy Rizzo reported that between 300-350 attended and the fund raised during the restoration campaign were over \$20,000. She capsulized the events of the Dino Birthday Bash providing a copy of the proclamation Mike Woodward read for the Association records and sharing some of the reactions of the Westcott family members. Videos about Bronto exist at the web page www.savethebronto.com or the Facebook page "Brontosaurus Durhamite". The renaming of the portion of the trail in front of Bronto to The Westcott Dinosaur Trail is proceeding through official channels.

Page McCullough reported that she and members of the association concerned with the "no mow zone" appeared before the City Stream Restoration committee to present the NPNA concerns. That committee agreed to sent a letter offering to pay for swapped plants and entered into discussions which ultimately lead to permission to mow 12 feet on the greenway trail. Leftover stimulus monies may be available for other repairs that the NPNA has requested.

New Business:

In reviewing minutes which included a summary of committees, a consensus decision was reached that the Neighborhood Clean up committee (which arranged bulky item pickup days) was not necessary since the city has instituted weekly bulk (two items per week) clean up. That decision was formally adopted.

A discussion of the "rock-throwing incidents along Club Blvd." lead to a motion that an informational letter will be sent by the Neighborhood Watch subcommittee to the Family Investment and Real Estate Company . The letter will address the association's members concerns about the public safety issues of the situation.

LUMINARIES are to be sold the weekend of December 13th weather permitting for the Night of Lights. Carol Henderson is chairing/coordinating that effort.

Newsletter information submissions should be ready by Wednesday, November 25th for a December publication. A question was raised about Spring NPNA sponsored events similar to the Garden Crawl held in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

