NPNA Meeting Minutes September 17 2015

**Present:**

**Board Members:**

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

**Neighborhood Members:**

Nancy Kneepkens, Jeanine Tregay

The meeting was called to order, quorum declared.

**Approval of minutes** of August meeting was deferred pending corrections.

**Community Business**:

**Tree watering**: Since the trees are soon going dormant, it was decided to wait until spring to get the tree gators from the city. Clarification: When an NPNA resident is conscientiously watering a newly planted public tree, they may apply for and be granted freedom from dues for that year’s membership in NPNA.

**Elgin Street Halloween Block Party**: A food truck has been confirmed. Discussion about how much the neighborhood valued the event. Terry moved and Jeff seconded that, following tradition, up to $300 be authorized for supplies and entertainment at the party.

**Luminaries**: Discussion that the luminaries are an important event for Northgate Park. . Possible dates for the luminaries are Dec 13 (would be during Hanukah and **Park Clean Up** will be Dec 12) or Dec. 20.

A coordinator is needed for luminaries. *Coordinator duties*: obtain supplies of candles, sand and bags from Ian and Carol and supplement if needed. Recruit volunteers to sell sets to members and to set up bags around the park and clean them up the following day. Debra will contact Ian and Carol and start looking for a coordinator volunteer.

Consider connecting luminaries to the 75th anniversary of North Gate Park, perhaps with stamps or cutouts on the bags.

**Committee Business**:

**Treasurers Report for August** was presented by Dan. Approved with correction.

Beginning balance: $ 4801.87  
Income: $ 517.42  
Expenses: $ 212.26  
Ending balance: $ 5107.03

 Memberships:  
Current (2015-2016):  
Residential: 73 (+1)  
Commercial: 0

**August Action Items** were completed

**Contribution Policy Working Group:** Following much discussion, it was decided by consensus that Alice will revise a letter and use it to initiate an internet call for NPNA member volunteers who will write a contribution policy to be included in the bylaws. This policy will define when contributions may be made by NPNA to individuals or individual institutions. No new contributions will be made by NPNA until the bylaws are amended at the next general membership meeting.

**List Serve Policy** was discussed. The current list serve policy will be sent out again to all board members as well as a draft of a content bullying and etiquette advisory. There was general agreement that a bullying policy should be adopted. The wording of the final advisory is deferred until the next meeting, after all board members have a chance to review and comment.

**Newsletter** policy was discussed regarding how to include as many contributions as possible. Including ads, which make the newsletter self-supporting, limits content. Possible ways to include more contributors include shorter articles. No consensus was reached.

**Neighborhood family requesting permission for messages from neighborhood friends**. The family of Bob Kucera has requested that they be allowed to set up something that neighborhood friends could use to write a message and sign for Bob, who recently suffered a stroke. Unanimously approved that the Kucera family be allowed to set up something at the next food truck rodeo.

Adjourned: Melissa moved and Dan seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

These draft minutes respectfully submitted by Bernie Page