

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019 7 to 8 pm
Informational session by Chris Huggins at 6:30
Friendly City Civitan Club 2510 Glendale Ave

In attendance: Board members: Kara Andrade, Alice Kolacinski, Ian Pond (Treasurer), Tom Melby, Mike Shiflett, Sue Gilberston
Community members: Jess Wilkenson , Alex Boyd, Donna Crounce

Board meeting

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. July Minutes approved

III. Treasurer's July Report received

Report period:	July 1st 2019-July 31st 2019			
Fiscal period:	April 1st 2019 - March 31st 2020			
Memberships:	77	Current, since April 1st		
	1	Pre-paid for 2020		
				Total
Operating fund:	Contingency fund			
Beginning balance	2398.58	Beginning balance	4168.44	6567.02
Income	73	Income	6.38	79.38
Expenses	167.32	Expenses	0	167.32
Transfers	0	Transfers	0	

Ending balance 2304.26

Ending balance 4174.82

6479.08

IV. Committee Reports

Didn't include committee as individual committees, instead we focus on a project we were interested in working on earlier in the year.

- Mike: Clean-up of the parks, worked on National Night Out
- Ian: On-leash signs around the park have finally been put up. They will help to put social pressure on people.
- Alice: Discussion about if there is a necessity to re-write part of the by-laws due to the concern that a landowner might get more than one vote because they own more houses in the neighborhood. No action.
- Kara: Park security and the community garden. She reported only one shady transaction in the month and met with Sue and Bernie about starting a community garden at her house.
- Sue: community garden idea, working with Bernie and Kara.
- Tom: maintenance in the park and filling holes throughout the park.

V. Unfinished business

1. Financial review committee will report next month Sue, Cheryl, Dan, Ian
2. Certificate(s) of Appreciation to Don Becerra for pinata - Bernie dropped it off.
3. New board meeting/retreat? It's important to consider the best timing and larger objectives.
4. **Motion:** Board agreed to move to assume the role of disburser and to disburse Chris Huggins' grant.

New Business

1. Neighborhood yard sale: Traditionally, a date when people in the neighborhood choose to do a yard sale on the same day. Tom Keiger, tomkeiger@gmail.com coordinated last year. He has not confirmed. Sue will email Tom to confirm whether he's coordinating.
2. Discussion regarding showing support for St Paul's which has had several recent break-ins. Since St Paul's is in Colonial Village, it will be handled by their neighborhood association (CVNA). NPNA representatives are attending CVNA meetings (1st Sunday of the month at 4pm at St. Pauls) and working together to coordinate issues with each other.
3. ICE raids were discussed: It would be good to get a sense of the criteria.
4. The police department is trying to have more presence around the park. In response to complaints of motorcycles speeding around the neighborhood, they are issuing tickets. They also ask citizens to tell them the number on the license plate of speeding motorcycles.
5. Mike apologized for posting something on the list as president of Northgate Park
6. Tom suggested investigating getting co-working spaces around the neighborhood. He is interested in a pilot test at St Paul's Methodist. He and Kara will work on that.

Announcements/Events

Food truck rodeo/membership table assignments -
Kara and Mike

Future Food Truck NPNA table roster:

Aug 22	Alice Kolacinski	Alt	Mike Shiflett (5-5:50)
Sept 26	Keith Cochran	Alt	Ian Pon
Oct 24	Ian Pond	Alt	Jeremy Jorgensen

Northgate Park quarterly clean up: Sept 14th 8 am-12 pm

Adjournment

Note: Motions passed on line during last month:

Motion passed July 23 2019: Deb proceed with the sign-up for watering the traffic circle plantings with the understanding that NPNA will reimburse Joyce for the overage on her water bill (amount it is greater this year than last for these specific months) up to \$30 a month for July, August and September (possible \$90 total).

Motion passed on July 30: Send a letter of support to Chris Huggins on Farthing St. who is writing a Neighborhood Improvement Services Grant to do improvement and trail maintenance on the wooded trails behind the Edison Johnson Aquatic Center.

Special informational session by Chris Huggins

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A. Update

Grant has been submitted by Chris to Neighborhood Improvement Services proposing to use natural surfaces such as dirt and rocks to do trail improvements focusing on managing water runoff on two sections of the trail just off of the Ellerbee Creek bike path that are part of Rock Quarry Park and that desperately need to be re-routed due to erosion and allow the land to heal itself. Durham Parks and Rec have expressed that they are on board with the plan since these trails are on DPR property.

Concerns from Ian

- a. Need to take into account the new dog park.
- b. Is there a conflict here between us and what the city shouldn't be doing.
- c. Buffer rules around streets.

Chris showed a picture of the area

Chris requested that NPNA would accept the money and Chris would take care of disbursement.

The proposal includes a reveal party at Edison Johnson and signage to get more kids and family using those trails.

There is also a Durham County grant to help design the trails.

They should know by the end of August if the grant is approved. In October they have a three-month window, so have it done by the holidays.

Annette Smith (DPR) is excited about doing the trail. It's one of the largest non-wooden areas that the city doesn't own.