

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
February 21 2019

Friendly City Civitan Club 2510 Glendale Ave

Ahead of the Board Meeting, Dana Hornkohl Dana.Hornkohl@durhamnc.gov from Durham Public Works, Cherri Smith chersmith@dconc.gov from Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District and Chris Dreps chris@ellerbecreek.org of Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association (ECWA) discussed Ellerbe Creek in Northgate Park and the history of development, flooding and stormwater management.

ECWA is now in its 20th year and currently owns 420 acres in the watershed, increasing to 450 acres next month. Closest preserves to Northgate Park are The Rocks and Beaver Marsh. Chris showed old 1955 maps of Durham showing that much of the City was already built out with no stormwater management other than get it to the creek asap. The Water treatment plant came on stream 1934.

NGP wasn't formally established until 1940s but there were houses around much earlier.

US Army Corps of Engineers carried out straightening/channelization of creeks after the floods of 1957.

In a forested environment, rainfall dissipates via 10% groundwater, 25% run off, 65% evaporation versus a developed area where the split is more 10/40/50.

By 2005, storm water pipes were in place moving water to the creek even faster. By 2013, 10000 such storm pipes were in use.

Falls Lake was formed in 1981

60s/70s Federal Clean Water Act

1990s Stormwater Utility created

Late 70s national flood insurance project came in

Dana shared that Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds are available to help communities recover from impairment.

Historical annual rainfall of 40" in Durham has trended over recent years to 50" with 80" of rain in most of Durham during 2018 including Sept 17th Florence total of 8"-12"

Four locations were submitted for EWP financial support including Farthing/Higbee confluence where significant bank erosion has occurred.

Looks like funds will be available and can also restore lost ground (onsite visit happened today). Funds can be potentially within 10 days if immediate action is called for.

Board Members attending: Alice Kolacinski, Bernie Page, Dan Singer, Deb Hawkins, Ian Pond, Jeremy Jorgensen, Keith Cochran, Mike Shiflett, Tom Melby
Residents attending: Carol Henderson, Susan Brooks, Donna Cronce, Mark Ambrose, Nancy Kneepkens, Kara Andrade.

Emailed prior to meeting: January minutes, January Treasurer's Reports, suggestions for bylaws, updated NPNA annual calendar segment, food truck rodeo survey and information, on-line motion re Go Daddy, listserv guidelines suggestions, NNO registration

7:05 Call to Order and Introductions

Approval of January Minutes, accepted as issued

Treasurer's January Report, accepted as issued

Financial Summary Report period: January 1-31, 2019 Fiscal period: April 2018 - March 2019

Memberships: 105 (current, since April 1st) 2 (pre-paid for next membership year)

Operating fund: Contingency fund:

Beginning balance: \$ 1431.80 Beginning balance: \$ 4130.00

Income: \$ 18.00 Income: \$ 6.63

Expenses: \$ -176.24 Expenses: \$ 0.00

Transfers: \$ 0.00 Transfers: \$ 0.00

Ending balance: \$ 1273.56 Ending balance: \$ 4136.63

Committee/Liaison updates and reports:

Food Truck Rodeos Northgate Park Food Truck Rodeo Residential Survey was circulated by Farrah, she is acquiring permit from Parks and Rec and Durham Police and lining up trucks

National Night Out NPNA is registered at National Association of Town Watch (NATW) by Mike Shiflett, 2019 NPNA NNO chair

Listserv Keith. Proposal document covering listserv management, usage and appeals process was issued ahead of meeting. Motion passed.

Bylaws Alice.

Article III Section 6 amendment passed

Article IV Committees amendment passed

Article III Government – amendment passed

Article II Membership Section 2

Payments made after Jan 1st apply to the following year.

Amend application form to indicate which year membership applies to. Dan/Ian to partner

New Business:

Annual meeting date was set as May 19th with a raindate of Sunday, June 2nd

Annual Egg Hunt, Jeremy Sunday April 14th, Saturday 20th as raindate.

Financial review committee appointments (Dan, Ian, Sue, Cheryl have volunteered) **Motion** to approve them passed

Announcements:

Ought we ask for a delay in Planning changes proposals? Expanded Housing Choices – proposal requesting delay allowing more input passed. Bernie to issue link to listserv.

Please sign up for food truck rodeo membership table

Annual Meeting and Picnic needs volunteers to reserve shelter(Dan), staff NPNA table and to chair food(Mike/Tom) and kid activities (not resolved).

8:05 PM Adjourn

On Line Motion by Ian: Our website domain registration (northgateparknc.org) with Go Daddy is up for renewal before 2/24. We can renew for \$20.17 per year. We have that amount budgeted for this February and an equal amount in 2019 but I'd rather renew for a longer period (We went for one year last year to allow time to investigate switching to a cheaper service but I don't think the potential cost saving is worth the effort) I'd like to propose we extend the registration for five years which is a cost of \$100.85 including tax. **Passed**