

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board
September 17, 2020
Agenda

(Online meeting due to national emergency from Covid 19)

NPNA Board Members Keith Cochran, President, Tom Melby, VP, Bernie Page, Secretary, Ian Pond, Treasurer, Alice Kolacinski, Dwayne Taylor, Eli Meyerhoff, Marty Jorgensen, Rebecca Reyes, Sue Gilbertson, Tiffany Frye, Alice Langrell

NPNA members: Nyssa Collins, Emmy Grace, Lindsey Crawford, Nancy Sowa, John Robinson, Kara Andrade, Deb Hawkins

Call to order 7:01

Administrative:

- Minutes from July 2020 accepted
- Treasurer's report August 2020 accepted

Report period:	Aug 1st 2020-Aug 31st 2020			
Fiscal period:	April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021			
Memberships:	54 Current, since April 1st			
	0 Pre-paid for 2021			
				Total
Operating fund:	Contingency fund			
Beginning balance	1739.06	Beginning balance	4219.43	5958.49
Income	43	Income	0.93	43.93
Expenses	152.56	Expenses	0	152.56
Transfers	0	Transfers	0	
Ending balance	1629.5	Ending balance	4220.36	5849.86

Announcements:

- NPNA Financials reforecast based on COVID assumptions – circulated
- Socially distanced modified version of NPNA Food Truck rodeos starts September 17th and continue bi-weekly through October.
- Artistic crosswalk by Club Blvd Elementary – moving forward
- Tree planting - City Alex Johnson has responded that they can purchase on our behalf in multiples of 50 trees per species at a cost of around \$20 each. To get a mix of species we could partner with other neighborhoods. Forest Hills are interested in partnering and will discuss at their next meeting end-September.
- NPNA Logo - no action taken to date (Ian)

Old business:

- NPNA Website Redesign/move (Taylor, Ian) pending
- NPNA Policies (Ian) pending
- Alternative Policing / National Night Out (Eli, Chantelle) pending
- Northgate Mall Committee (Eli, Taylor) A couple of more meetings with Walltown Committee and did a walk around. Some professors from NC State are working with the committee. Northwood has hired a consultant firm that is doing a separate community engagement process that Eli does not feel is grounded in the community, but is possibly creating a superficial appearance of engagement. Last night Ian attended meeting by the developer. They have been doing outreach and currently say they are planning a central park of 3-4 acres. Buildings around the park are currently limited to 4 stories. They are appealing that stating it will limit affordable housing. Office blocks and hotels not around park are planned to be 12 stories. Concern that their surveys have a slant. Currently they have not identified an interested grocery or hotel. They plan 16 more months of development and planning. Perhaps as a board we should state which process we considerate legitimate. Need more neighborhoods than just Walltown to put pressure on developer, and Trinity Park and Watts Hillandale are already working with Walltown.

New business:

- Catfish sculpture / Art in the Park (Nyssa Collins) Lives on Farthing. Nyssa and two others built a sculpture, a catfish, made out of trash from Ellerbee Creek and Walnut Creek. They have been asked to keep it in Raleigh for a year. Question if it could be installed in Northgate Park. Would have to ask Park and Rec. Another location would be possibly the traffic circle or a small park on Murray. A public art subgroup is formed. Nyssa accepted chair. Deb said she would link Nyssa to other artists.
- Luminaries tentative plan was circulated (Bernie) After much discussion due to Covid restrictions, we agreed on the plan that we will have a luminary event. We will try to have luminaries around the park as usual. We will solicit volunteers who will agree to make up sets in multiples of 11. They will make up the sets in their homes and take 10 to the park and set them around the park. They will keep the extra one and light it at their home. We also will solicit clean up volunteers for the following day.
- Motion: NPNA buy 660 candles and bags. Passed.
- Tennis court/pickle ball Betheseda Park has double marked pickle ball/tennis courts a few hours each week. Constraints in Northgate Park due to flood plain restrictions.
- Spanish speaking neighbors: Eli: Put on agenda for next month ways we might engage more with Latinx neighbors.
Deb reported she is working on the No Truck sign for Washington St and the replacement trees on Ruby St.

Hearing from our neighbors:

Comments from Trey Rush were circulated

To be recorded in the minutes:

- Online motion:
"Motion to allow but not require NPNA to hold twice monthly food truck pop-ups consisting of either solo trucks or dinner plus dessert trucks, with the option to cancel if needed, subject to approval of Durham Parks and Recreation, and conducted according to existing pandemic guidelines, under the guidance of the Food Truck Pop-up Committee, with the public advised of safe social distancing guidelines and that they will be attending at their own risk." Passed 9/9/20

Adjourn 8:10 pm

Catfish sculpture