

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board

January 21, 2021

Minutes

(Online meeting due to national emergency from Covid 19)

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

Association Members: Emmy Grace, Deb Hawkins

Call to order 7PM

Administrative:

- Minutes from November 2020 approved
- Treasurer's report November and December 2020 accepted

Report period:	Nov 1st 2020-Nov 30th 2020			
Fiscal period:	April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021			
Memberships:	61	Current, since April 1st		
	5	Pre-paid for 2021		
				Total
Operating fund:		Contingency fund		
Beginning balance	1502.5	Beginning balance	4222.16	5724.66
Income	674	Income	0.87	674.87
Expenses	634.02	Expenses	0	634.02
Transfers	0	Transfers	0	
Ending balance	1542.48	Ending balance	4223.03	5765.51

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Report period:	Dec 1st 2020-Dec 31st 2020			
Fiscal period:	April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021			
Memberships:	65	Current, since April 1st		
	17	Pre-paid for 2021		
				Total
Operating fund:		Contingency fund		
Beginning balance	1542.48	Beginning balance	4223.03	5765.51
Income	1149	Income	0.9	1149.9
Expenses	117.58	Expenses	0	117.58
Transfers	0	Transfers	0	
Ending balance	2573.9	Ending balance	4223.93	6797.83

Ice Breaker: Name, Place of birth, length of living in NG Park Taylor will do ice breaker next time

Old business:

- Logo Committee Update Marty: Working on getting to a process to put on list serve before the next meeting. Still need to come up with specific budget.

New business:

- Food Truck Rodeo We need to get volunteers to start with permitting (Farrah Shapiro) Deb does promotional only. Consider one or two trucks that complies with state restrictions. Start in spring, possibly do 1 truck every 2 weeks. Deb wants to step back from entertainment activities so if anyone would like to take on that role, she is glad to share her info. Keith will contact Farrah and see what she feels is workable.
- Budget guidance, membership and advertising rates for next financial year (see attachment) Ian will draft up a draft version of the budget, thinking that we will do a paper version perhaps the last 2 issues, and need to come up with income. Currently have zero advertisers due to online newsletter. Keith, Eli, Bernie will work with Ian.
- NPNA Stuff and where it lives (see attachment) IF large sign is located, Ian is glad to recycle it.
- Tree planting update: Tom: Trees planting day Feb 7. Keep Durham Beautiful will put out a sign up on line 11 am-3 pm, four 1 hour shifts. 100 trees to plant. There are a number of ash trees left in park which will interfere with planting trees. Probably will have some in yards, not under power lines. Ian will investigate a postal option. Email Tom with name of anyone who wants a tree.
- City of Durham voting is still looking for input regarding crossing on Club Blvd by school.
- Tennis Courts: Tom Parks and Rec will convert current two tennis courts into one tennis court and 2 pickle courts in 2023

Hearing from our neighbors:

- Deb: DOT has completed signage for Washington /W Club to improve traffic safety. Signage will point traffic along Club to Duke to get to I-85. Additional trees will be placed on Ruby by city.

To be recorded in the minutes:

- Luminary Committee Report: When we decided to go ahead with a modified luminary event this year, it was with a lot of uncertainty. We thought even if we had only 20 or 40 luminaires around the park, it would be a little light for the neighborhood. We thought we could store the leftover candles and bags for next year. So we did our little thing, bought the supplies and made up packs and directions, hoping at least a couple of neighbors would volunteer to do a pack or two.

But you all far surpassed our hopes. We ran out of packs because so many neighbors made up luminaries. You decorated them with poignant designs, ranging from gorgeous art to wry comments to heartfelt wishes to toddler drawings. (The photos on the NPNA facebook page highlight some of the luminaries). The wonderful committee members Marty Jorgensen, Sue Gilbertson, and Tiffany Frye did a lot of work and a fantastic job organizing the luminary event, making up the packs to give out, and cleaning up. But any time the job seemed to be getting too large, you neighbors stepped in. Thanks to you all for pitching in on all the jobs, especially the tedious ones like lighting the luminaries and cleaning up the soggy bags on Sunday.

A few of us set out to try to bring a little light to our neighbors. We were "standing on the shoulders" of those who have set up Northgate Park luminaries for more than a decade. But profoundly to me was the neighborliness of so many of us, coming together, each trusting that others would also join in, each with our own contribution, to make a whole that was far lovelier than anything that a few people could do alone. The luminaries were a beautiful physical sight, hundreds and hundreds of tiny lights glowing in the dark night. They were also a balm for my soul, hundreds and hundreds of wishes of joy, comfort, humor and beauty. They were a visual representation that acting in faith and friendliness can produce wonders. Thanks to all! (and especially to Bernie, Tiff, Sue and Marty)

- The Ruby Street fencing replacement enquiry / project bid approval has been completed, we have new fencing installed
- Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors, we have reached the target funding for our tree planting program, raising a grand total so far of \$1795.83!

Donations

7	Tree Hugger	\$1-\$49
13	Tree Champion	\$50-\$199
3	Lorax	\$200+
23	Total to date	\$1820.83

Adjourn 8:02 PM

Attachments

Agreed in May 2014 minutes:

			Editions	
	1	2	3	4
Member/non-profit				
	35	60	80	95
Non-Member/non-resident commercial				
Business card	\$55	\$90	\$120	\$145
1/8	\$70	\$120	\$160	\$190
1/4	\$140	\$241	\$321	\$381
1/2	\$281	\$482	\$643	\$763
Full	\$562	\$964	\$1,286	\$1,527

NPNA Stuff

Farrah (I think)

- Miscellaneous children's toys for food truck rodeos (hula hoops, Frisbees, play balls, soap bubbles etc.)

Bernie

- Blue (formerly teal) pumpkin used at Elgin St Halloween event

Ian and Carol:

- 8 traffic cones
- Multiple sets of multicolored light strings for park shelter décor for luminaries
Luminary leftovers: 140 bags, 250 candles, several lighters, yard signs for event and winter cookie cutters for decoration of luminaries.
- 2 one gallon hot drink urns (for water, coffee and tea only or need a lengthy cleaning)
- 4 fluorescent vests
- Folding table
- yard signs for food truck rodeos
- Articles of Incorporation
- Informal history - newsletter copies, Bronto recapitulation stuff
- 2 T-shirts, 5 small inflatable brontos
- Misc catering supplies
- Treasurer stuff
- Newsletter Copies

Susan Thorne

- some history stuff

Civitan Club (or lost in the sands of time) :

large NPNA meeting sign