

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board

February 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ0ldOChrjIrGdFNE8fd4uyZqv1t9uIrto0h>

**Board Members Present:** Keith M. Cochran (President), Ian Pond, (Treasurer) Dwayne Taylor (Vice President) Alice Kolacinski, Eric Miller, Bernie Page (Secretary) Tiffany Frye

**NPNA Members Present:** Joel Ross, Deb Hawkins

**Call to order 7:02**

**Traffic Calming – Joel Ross**

- Things to know and do: please see report below

**Administrative:**

- Minutes from January 2022 accepted
- Time to start thinking of Board Members/Officers for 2022/2023
- Treasurer's report January 2022 accepted

Report period: January 1st, 2022-January 31st, 2022

Fiscal period: April 1st, 2021 - March 31st, 2022

Memberships: 111 Current, since April 1st  
09 Pre-paid for 2022

Operating fund:

Beginning balance 2175.61

Income 73.72

Expenses 4.81

Transfers 0.00

Ending balance 2243.80

Contingency fund

Beginning balance 4232.55

Income 0.72

Expenses 0.00

Transfers 0.00

Ending balance 4233.27

- Appointment of Financial Audit Team: Sue Gilbertson and Keith Cochran

**Old business:**

- Egg Hunt April 16 2022 Tiffany and Eric and two neighborhood volunteers are working on a hunt. Tiffany requested up to \$125 total for eggs, prizes and basket decorating. Motion passed. Kari recommends that for future replacements we consider non-plastic. Keystone Church is interested in supporting.

**New business:**

- Annual Meeting Motion that the date be May 14 with a rain date of May 21 2-4 pm carried. Motion that the picnic be in person picnic with a hybrid option for business portion carried.
- National Night Out – August 2, 2022 - annual community-building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie Kari said she would help if Mike Shiflett would take the lead.

Alice asked that we consider moving NPNA historical documents and memorabilia to Durham County Public Library Alice will get a statement from the library of their policies re neighborhood documents

Ian announced that remediation of the very eroded Ellerbee Creek banks has started at end of Farthing and will continue. Erosion has been very severe in some places including the end of Farthing and

the end of Glendale  
A massive project to repair storm water drainage along the north side of Club from Farthing to Acadia will start soon. During the repair at least 17 trees will be removed.

**Committee Reports:**

- 2022 – 2023 NPNA Draft Budget discussed
- Communication Committee
  - logos will send out via email to discuss on line

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:06**

**Report from Joel re Traffic Calming:**

**Background:**

- NP has been reported to have 4 of the 10 highest collision rate intersections in the city
- The I85/Roxboro/Avondale intersection has lots of collisions and has been the subject of lots of emails on the npna listserve
- While collision rates are going up both regionally and nationally, this intersection seems to be particularly problematic due in part to poor design and placement of signals
- The city has formally committed to the Vision Zero program with the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries. It also provided a framework for City departments and community stakeholders to work together to achieve this goal.

**Actions:**

Joel has called and emailed and filled out online requests for both the city and state multiple times over the last 3+ months. Keith has sent multiple emails as well.

Joel posted a copy of Joel's email to NC DOT to NPNA listserv, newsletter, and nextdoor. Contact listed was the first one Joel had and that person should have forwarded any follow up comments to his division chief.

**Results:**

- State initially asked the neighborhood to designate a single point of contact. A response to that was just received today (2/17/22).
- Online request to state punted the I85/roxboro and murray/duke st intersections to the city even though those intersections involve state managed roads
- City has not responded to multiple emails and phone messages as of yet
- City is looking at improving pedestrian crossings at I85/roxboro/avondale which may have the secondary effect of improving signals for vehicle traffic
- The city has a well described petition process for traffic calming requests. Immediate neighbors have the most influence.
- The state does not have a petition process.

**Conclusions/Suggestions:**

- This is very much a squeaky wheel situation.
- Major changes take a LONG time. We should get in line now.
- NPNA should consider designating high priority projects.
- Continue follow up with city and state contacts directly with a single point of contact.
- If that does not move forward, have a group effort to have neighborhood submit online requests to city and state.
- It's hard to move bureaucracies to move and change but it is possible. I have been a member of groups who have done this before.

**Contacts:**

**District Engineer for NCDOT**

**John Sandor**

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**NCDOT contact us webform**

<https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?UnitName=PIO&sourceUrl=/contact/>

**Director of City Transportation group**

**Sean Egan**

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**City Contact suggested by NCDOT**

**Pete Nicholas**

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**Requests for traffic calming**

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## **City of Durham OneCall**

<https://durhamnc.gov/2996/Durham-One-Call-Online-Request>

## **Resources:**

### **Map of who manages which roads**

<https://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2211>

### **Status of current transportation related projects**

<https://durhamnc.gov/3034/Current-Plans-and-Projects>

### **City Vision Zero commitment and info**

<https://durhamnc.gov/2995/Vision-Zero>

### **Options for traffic calming**

<https://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17550/Traffic-Calming-Guidelines-2017?bidId=>

a web based searchable map of who maintains which roads. It's on the city maps site:

<https://durhamnc.gov/1455/Interactive-Maps>