

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2024, 7:00 PM  
Civitan Club on Glendale

**Board Members**

Keith Cochran (Vice President), Kari Grace (Secretary), Charlie Smith (Treasurer), Alice Kolacinski, Claire Alexander Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Lisa Boggs, and Tate Halverson

**Other Attendees**

Andrea Davis, Mallory Davis, Stephanie Davis, and Susan Brooks

**Call to order – 7:03**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Administrative:**

- January 2024 minutes - accepted
- Monthly financial summaries November and December 2023 and January 2024

<b>Nov '23</b>	<b>Monthly total Income</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Monthly total expense</b>	<b>2.47</b>
	<i>Membership</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Bank/PayPal fees</i>	<i>2.47</i>
<b>Dec '23</b>	<b>Monthly total Income</b>	<b>50.10</b>	<b>Monthly total expense</b>	<b>203.07</b>
	<i>Membership</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>Bank/PayPal fees</i>	<i>3.07</i>
	<i>Interest</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>Halloween Candy</i>	<i>200</i>
<b>Jan '24</b>	<b>Monthly total income</b>	<b>60.17</b>	<b>Monthly total expense</b>	<b>260.78</b>
	<i>Membership</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Bank/PayPal fees</i>	<i>3.37</i>
	<i>Interest</i>	<i>12.17</i>	<i>Luminaries</i>	<i>257.41</i>

- INC dues need to be paid; Keith will share info on payment process with Charlie
- Annual domain fee needs to be paid

**Announcements:** None

**Old business:** None

**New business:**

- Discussion and action on purchase of new NPNA event signs
  - Explore option for velcro spots to allow for date updates
  - Add blank spot for a removable “\_\_\_/\_\_\_” on all signs except for Food Truck sign, which can just have “Thursday”
  - Make a sign for the annual meeting and also order five
  - Will delay action on purchase of signs until design revisions are reviewed
- Appointment of year-end financial audit team
  - Keith, Tate, Dwayne, and Charlie volunteered to serve on the team
- Discussion and action on proposed by-laws amendment (see bolded, underlined, green text on last page)

- There were varying levels of comfort with the proposed added language and perceived expectations of the board's role but interest in encouraging more participation and advocacy around topics of neighborhood interest.
- As a first step will start with convening on community issues by inviting speakers for special meetings or to events like food truck rodeo for engagement
- Forum to facilitate the community to carry out action rather than charging the board to make endorsements or take action
- Bylaw amendment proposal will be tabled
- Kari and Claire to initiate an avenue for lead in park conversations
- Discussion on 2024 Northgate Park Night Out
  - Durham's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024.
  - Other neighborhoods have invited multiple organizations to attend for broader representation of community services and safety, similar to last year
  - A subcommittee of NPNA will organize ideas on potential event
  - Will continue discussion at meeting next month
- Discussion on Ellerbe Creek sediment pollution
  - This could be an opportunity to Invite speakers from the City or organizations knowledgeable about the issue

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Newsletter
  - Kari shared a schedule update that newsletter is being sent to the printer this week
  - Need to reach out to sponsors/advertisers
    - Charlie will create a list of past sponsors and share to the board for volunteers to contact them and inquire about renewing advertisements or initiating new sponsors

#### **Hearing from our neighbors and open discussion:**

**To be recorded in the minutes:** None

**Adjourn – 8:20pm**

Section 2. The purposes of this Association shall be:

- (1) to encourage and promote community pride in our neighborhood by providing a forum for neighborhood activity;
- (2) to be a voice for our common neighborhood interests by acting as liaison with governmental bodies and with institutions, schools, and businesses in and around our neighborhood, and to work with other neighborhood associations on common concerns;
- (3) to serve as a focal point for maintenance and improvement of institutions and facilities serving our neighborhood, including parks, schools, and public safety services, and to provide an avenue for our neighborhood social activities;
- (4) to encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in all issues affecting our neighborhood, including land use, zoning changes, traffic patterns, and street modifications; and
- (5) to provide for the community welfare generally and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Provided, that no purpose for which this Association is organized, and no activity in which the Association engages, may be a purpose or activity that would disqualify the Association from qualifying as an exempt organization under Sections 501 (c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and

Provided further, that this Association shall not intervene or participate in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding limitation, NPNA shall have the right, power and authority to oppose or support legislative or administrative change in order to accomplish the organization's purposes.