

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

Board Members

Keith Cochran (President), Kari Grace (Vice President), Eric Miller (Acting Treasurer), Claire Alexander Smith (Secretary), Alice Kolacinski, Andrea Davis, Charlie Smith, Lisa Boggs, and Nancy Kneepkens

Other Attendees

Emmy Grace
John Robinson
Susan Brooks
Carrie Heinonen
Chris Huggins

Call to order - 7:03

Welcome/Introductions

Administrative:

- Minutes from July 2024 - minutes accepted
- Monthly Finance Summary July 2024 - report accepted

Memberships:		62Current, since August 1st			
		92Pre-paid for 2024/25			
					Total
Operating fund:		Contingency fund			
Beginning balance	2260.38	Beginning balance	2428.00		4688.38
Income	29.77	Income	6.77		36.54
Expenses	52.62	Expenses	0.00		52.62
Transfers		Transfers	0.00		
Ending balance	2230.76	Ending balance	2434.77		4665.53

Announcements:

- Next Food Truck Rodeo on 8/22

Hearing from our neighbors:

Carrie Heinonen, President & CEO at the Museum of Life and Science

The Museum of Life and Science is a major institution in the middle of a neighborhood. With that juxtaposition in mind, Carrie is a big believer in reaching out and getting feedback from the community.

- Visibility into upcoming changes
 - 2016 Bond Funding, updates included: Woodland classrooms, Earth Moves exhibit, Parking Deck, animal quarantine building, Barnes Welcome Hall, Play to Learn Area, Warehouse, Wetland Walkway
 - Earth Moves won a Silver Medal for design at the International Design Awards & Play to Learn won a Bronze - both thanks to the museum's in-house design team
 - Fiscal Year 2023
 - 640,000 visitors and growing!
 - 86,000 free visitors (community days, Durham Public School trips, teachers, free under 3)
 - Outreach programs actively working within community to identify families that would benefit from discounted memberships
 - 17,000 member households - aiming for 10% of this total to be discounted membership households
 - NOAA named museum as a [Center for Excellence](#)
 - 2022 Bond Funding, upcoming plans: Weather exhibit expanded into Climate focus, working with biotechnology companies to upgrade upstairs exhibits, amenities for growing visitorship including cafe expansion for multi-season utilization, dark sky compliant lighting to accommodate additional afterhours events
- Feedback/questions/suggestions:
 - Meeting rooms are available to rent! Essentially the entire facility is open to rent in some way, shape or form. lots of size spaces.
 - Including their international design [award winning woodland classrooms](#)
 - Museum can facilitate team building programs and events as well as renting space
 - [Birthday parties](#) still held there (Saturdays & Sundays)
 - Summer Camp held annually
- Discussion of Murray Ave improvement opportunities:
 - Speedbumps, light, etc. have been added
 - Many would like to see the bus stop returned to the Museum area (Edison Johnson, etc.)
 - Community members can vocalize desire to local officials (city, county)
 - would involve cross-town route addition (currently doesn't exist) - very long term vision
 - Go Durham & Bike Durham
- Communications:
 - [Community Days](#) - NPNA board to place dates in upcoming newsletter and share in listserv
 - Listserv - opportunities for added awareness
 - 1st day of summer camp, pickup/drop-off times, holidays at the park evening events, etc. to help folks adjust commutes/schedules/known about

Open Discussion: Neighborhood Safety and Gun Violence - Chris Huggins

- Recounted recent violent crime incidents within the neighborhood

- 106 E Club Blvd shooting incident, along with other shooting and car theft incidents
- Chris is here reaching out and imploring neighbors to join together in advocating for a safer community and acknowledging that no one is sure how to go about that
- Information given on [PAC 2](#) (Partners Against Crime District 2) - an potential avenue for further communication & information from law enforcement and city organizations
 - Meeting is at Edison Johnson, 2nd Monday of every month
 - Calling and reporting even small, minor incidents helps create a clearer picture of crime in our neighborhood - leading to potential appropriate staffing of resources in our area
 - Share meeting reminders in Listserv - Nancy to forward to NPNA listserv
 - Who is assigned to our neighborhood - Capt. Jonathon Friedrich (*invite to September NPNA meeting*)
 - capt of district 2
 - 919-560-4582 ext. 29243
 - Jonathon.Friedrich@DurhamNC.gov
- Neighborhood Watch mentioned as a possibility - upcoming agenda item? Gauge interest in participation?
- Upcoming newsletter topic: Introduction to PACT 2
- Lack of media coverage
 - [9th Street Journal](#) - Duke journalists more open to looking into local issues in need of investigation
- Neighborhood Improvement Services - Ki Hickman 919-560-1647 ext. 34268
 - Another way of holding whoever owns property responsible for upkeep and maintenance
 - Also represented at PAC2 meetings, along with Parks and Rec
 - Ki.Hickman@DurhamNC.gov

Old business:

National Night Out (Nancy) – final planning discussion / action

- Durham NNO to take place on October 1st 2024 5:30-7:30 pm
- Mike & Nancy brainstormed from previous years:
 - Mike is bringing 2 tables to hold an information
 - Nancy confirmed that a fire truck will be there unless actively needed!
 - Mike may be able to organize a motorcycle group - more info to come
 - Police are coming - can only guarantee one officer will come by due to numbers/staffing
 - coordinated from registered list of Durham NNO participating events
 - HEART team - getting pamphlets to hand out
 - Free gun locks come available from the Health Dept. - someone is coming to hand them out along with brochures
 - *Pending* - prescription drug disposal officer
 - Parks & Rec - games being brought (giant Jenga), asked for large shelter (pending, potentially free use)
 - Neighborhood Improvement Services - Ki Hickman
 - Mike is doing food:

- Requesting a \$300 budget for reimbursement for frozen treats, looking to discuss with Locopops
 - Nancy made motion, Charlie seconds - approved
- PACT 2 brochures will be available
- Bike Durham - discussion still to come
- Mutual Aid & Beyond Policing
 - invited & welcome
- NPNA board member name tags (Mike)
- Mike Shiflett taking the lead on directing volunteers/helpers - go to him with questions or letting him know you want to help
- Extreme weather - police department will cancel, any other weather conditions are at our discretion
- Mike has an NNO banner

To be recorded in the minutes:

- Charlie Smith - head of new committee (later named Committee for a Safer Northgate)
 - gathering safety concerns at upcoming Food Truck Rodeo
- Andrea Davis brought t-shirt mockups for attendees to weigh-in on - further fundraising discussion to occur in upcoming meeting

Adjourn