

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board
 February 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
 Civitan Club – Glendale Ave
 Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Keith M Cochran (President), Kari Grace (Vice President), Eric Miller (Treasurer), Finn Katz, and Joel Ross

Guests: Bernie Page, Sammy Truong

Call to order – 7:07 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Our neighbor Sammy Truong shared information about MeshCore messaging, which is a community-owned radio infrastructure that keeps neighbors connected when internet and phone networks fail. The devices are battery and solar power compatible and can be used via standalone devices or devices that transmit to a cell phone. The technology is open source and developed at the grassroots level; no subscription is required. This also makes it an alternative to big corporations for sharing text messages through public channels, private channels, or direct messaging. As more people participate, the network grows, widening the range.

Hearing from our neighbors: none

Administrative:

- Minutes January 2026 – accepted
- Monthly Finance Summary, January 2026 - accepted

Report period:	Jan1, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026				
Fiscal period:	Jan 1 2026 - Dec 31 2026				
Memberships:	Current, Jan 1, 152026				
	First Horizon	PayPal	Self Help		Total
Beginning balance	2405.77	6.79	2519.43		4931.99
Income	0.00	258.00	3.75		261.75
Expenses	239.25	28.71	0.00		267.96
Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Ending balance	2166.52	236.08	2523.18		4925.78

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee - NPNA Nonprofit status/IRS EIN – Eric shared that he has not received any further communication from the IRS.

Old business:

- Garden Tour Update – Kari will follow up with Alice on gardens of interest and questions about format.
- Neighborhood Cookie Exchange – Keith shared that four people signed up for the event, but it was not held due to low participation. We will try again later.
- Food Truck Rodeo – Keith posted to the listserv the open food truck coordinator volunteer. Finn may be interested.

New business:

- NPNA Inventory – Keith is taking inventory of association supplies. If you have supplies, let him know so that we can determine what we have and if anything is missing.
- CVNA Board Seat – Keith shared that Colonial Village is getting organized to reactivate their board and suggested having an ex-officio/non-voting Colonial Village member on the NPNA board and vis versa. This may not require attendance to every meeting depending on agenda items. Keith moved to add a seat; Eric seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Club Blvd Elementary – Keith has talked with the school principal about future collaboration for an unspecified project/initiative. We will need to fill out a form. Please think about ideas for potential projects, such as a clean up event.
- LDO / UDO – working group – Due to community interest in the draft development regulations, Keith asked the board if there was interest in forming a neighborhood working group. Inter Neighborhood Council (INC) has a working group on the topic. There was not substantial interest from the board in forming a group; therefore, Keith will report back on INC activity regarding the matter.
- National Historic Neighborhood Designation – Keith shared that a representative will speak at next month's meeting about historic preservation and possible neighborhood designation.
- Lead in the Parks Meeting – Keith shared that NCDEQ is still working on completing reports, which is anticipated to take six more weeks. An informational meeting about remediation is being planned for March 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at Perfect Lovers to get general consensus from neighbors about park remediation options. It costs \$125 to reserve the

space. Keith made a motion to reserve a space for the meeting for \$125. Eric seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Announcements: none

Open discussion: none

To be recorded in the minutes: none

Adjourn 8:16 p.m.