

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board
March 19, 2026, 7:00 PM
Civitan Club – Glendale Ave
MINUTES

Attendees: Keith M Cochran (President), Kari Grace (Vice President), Eric Miller (Treasurer), Claire Alexander Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Emmy Grace, and Joel Ross

Call to order: 7:01 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Heather Slane of hmwPreservation shared information about the process of Northgate Park applying for National Register Historic District designation.

- The National Register designation, unlike local historic districts with zoning overlays (like Morehead Hill and Trinity Heights and others) has no regulation attached. Owners can change, add on to, even demolish houses without any oversight.
- The designation is considered honorary, and the main benefit to National Register listing is the availability of state and federal tax credits for rehabbing buildings in the district. Properties with the district are eligible for 15% of rehab costs back as a state income tax credits (like a rebate). A 20% national tax credit is available for income producing properties, including rental property.
- Conducting a building inventory is one of the required steps for a designation application. Due to the size of the neighborhood, this could take a while and be more costly to prepare.
- The timeframe is approximately three years – one year for preparation, one year for review of the application, and listing in the final year.
- The inventory and application are typically done by a consultant; there may be an opportunity for a small group of volunteers to help to reduce the cost, which Heather estimates would be approximately \$40,000.

Sunny, a third grade teacher at Club Boulevard Elementary shared information about opportunities to support the school and volunteer.

- Contribute to providing meals for Teacher Appreciation Week, the first week of May
- Cheer on students on May 6 for Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day
- Volunteer to help at Springfest on 6/10/26 to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary; roles might include staff game stations or serving popcorn
- Serve as a proctor for end of year testing in late May to early June; sessions are three hours long
- Volunteer to tutor with math and reading

Administrative:

- Minutes February 2026 - accepted
- Monthly Finance Summary, February 2026 – no comments
- NPNA Nonprofit status/IRS EIN – Eric shared that there are not any updates on this item

Report period:	Feb 1 - 28, 2026				
Fiscal period:	Jan 1 2026 - Dec 31 2026				
Memberships:	25				
	First Horizon	PayPal	Self Help		Total
Beginning balance	2166.52	236.08	2523.18		4925.78
Income	70.00	143.00	3.37		216.37
Expenses	0.00	5.26	0.00		5.26
Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Ending balance	2236.52	373.82	2526.55		5136.89

Hearing from our neighbors: none

Committee reports:

- Garden Tour Update – Kari shared feedback from last month’s meeting with Alice
- Food Truck Rodeo – Finn will serve as the coordinator this year, still working to secure trucks
- Lead in the Parks Meeting – Keith gave a summary of the 3/16 meeting held at Perfect Lovers
 - Approximately 1.79 acres are impacted by the contamination, mostly in the vicinity of the playgrounds
 - Cap and cover seems to be the best option for Northgate Park; playgrounds will need to be relocated
 - DEQ’s report is anticipated to be released in April, followed by a 30-day comment period
 - Keith proposed doing a quick survey of neighbors to collect feedback and compiling sample language based on feedback to encourage neighbors to use when commenting
 - DEQ will only pay for cap and cover mitigation
 - A powerpoint will be shared

Old business:

- NPNA Inventory – if you have any association supplies, please inform Keith

New business:

- Think about running for an officer position for the 2026 - 2027 slate

Announcements: none

Open discussion: none

To be recorded in the minutes:

- Andrea Davis proposed an online motion that "NPNA donates \$250 to Brogden Band Boosters 501-3c." Motion seconded by Kari Grace. Quorum established; motion passed unanimously during online voting period.

Adjourn: 7:47 p.m.