

# The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: April 3, 2018

Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report

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Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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## Attendance Report

2018 Perfect Attendance	<b>15/25</b>	Suspended From Voting	<b>2/25</b>
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### 2018 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

MEMBER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Albany Park	X	X	X	X								
Asherton Grove	X	X	X	X								
Blendon Chase	X	X	X	X								
Blendon Park	9	10	X	1								
Blendon Woods	1	X	X	1								
Clinton Estates	X	X	X	1								
Cooper Woods	X	X	X	X								
Forest Park	X	X	X	X								
Friendship Village	X	X	X	X								
Karmel Woodward Pk	X	X	X	X								
Lee & Ulry	X	X	1	2								
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	1	X	X								
Minerva Park	X	X	X	X								
NSHAC	1	2	3	4								
Northland Alliance	X	X	X	X								
NABA	X	X	1	X								
Parkshire Commons	X	X	X	X								
Preston Commons	X	X	X	X								
The Village of Preston Woods	6	7	X	X								
Rolling Ridge	X	X	X	X								
Salem	X	X	X	X								
Sharon Woods	X	X	X	X								
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X	X								
Waltham	1	X	X	X								
Woodstream East	X	1	X	X								

KEY	SUSPENDED & MISSED	SUSPENDED & ATTENDED	GOOD STANDING	NUMBERS DENOTE CONSECUTIVE MISSES
	SUSPENSION (voting privileges forfeiture)	A MEMBER IN GREEN HAS PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR		A MEMBER IN RED TEXT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF EXPULSION ELIGIBILITY

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM**

<p><b>Roll Call</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll was taken. See above chart for details.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Liaison Reports</b></p>	
<p><b>Columbus Fire Department</b> Station 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one from the Fire Department attended.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Columbus Police Department</b> Officer Scott Clinger Officer Larry Geis Officer John Stafford CRT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block Watch Meeting had good information on peddlers</li> <li>Next Block Watch Coordinators Meeting 7pm Tuesday June 19; City Attorney will speak; 1120 Morse Rd.</li> <li>The Beechcroft Newsstand on 161 was broken into and \$13K was stolen, per Dave Cooper. No update from police.</li> <li>Video doorbells and home video surveillance cameras are helpful to police. It often captures vehicle license plates and suspects' faces. Ring Doorbell is a popular brand. A case of stolen packages was solved when the person was identified and the suspect turned himself in for drug treatment. The person may be prosecuted for multiple unsolved cases. The photos and videos can be emailed right to police.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City Attorney's Office</b> Bill Sperlazza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one from the City Attorney's Office attended.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Columbus Community Liaison</b> Chris Suel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharon Woods neighborhood sign: working on getting moved out of Devonshire.</li> <li>Chris went to Maize-Morse meeting and is working on issues presented there including streetlight being knocked down.</li> <li>Strawberry Farms has been awarded PRIDE week, which will take place the first week in June.</li> <li>The Northland area was awarded \$9 million for infrastructure/capital projects from the Mayor's budget, announced recently.</li> <li>Bruce Black and Nora Gerber, Department of Neighborhoods: Described the Neighborhood PRIDE program, where all city services are focused on a specific neighborhood. This program is awarded by application on an annual basis. Activities include Mobility Monday, Evening with the Mayor Tuesday, Wednesday Wellness &amp; Community Walk, Neighborhood Safety Academy Thursday, Friday cookout. The free lunches and dinners are open to anyone in Northland because the idea is to build a sense of community. Join us at Hawthorne Elementary School May 10 all school day to help with bicycle helmet fitting for all of the school children.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FACT &amp; Consider Biking</b> David Roseman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Roseman of Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries and Consider Biking gave an update. Earth Week activities will be kicking off April 14-22 <a href="#">Green Columbus</a> and <a href="#">EarthDayColumbus.org</a>. Register a volunteer opportunity or find a volunteer event. FACT is doing a <a href="#">cleanup at Casto Park April 21</a> 9am to noon. Free tree to plant if you help. 161 Clean Up is one of the events registered.</li> <li>Morse Road is going to be adding a dedicated southbound turn lane from Morse Rd to Sunbury Road south. This will cause a delay in getting a connector to the Alum Creek Path on the south side of Morse so both projects can be done together. (There is an access from the north side of Morse Road to the Alum Creek Trail.)</li> <li>Steward and Stygler 5,000-foot extension will include a shared-use path. Unfortunately it's just short of connecting to the Big Walnut Trail. Consider Biking is pushing for a completed connection.</li> <li>Widening Cleveland Avenue near St. Ann's is underway.</li> </ul>

	<p>There is going to be a bike lane on the new portion of Cleveland Avenue in Westerville, and the city of Columbus will extend it south of 270 to the CMAX bus stop at Corporate Exchange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The high water is pushing trash from the streets into the streams and rivers. Once the water goes down, trash and litter will be left on the sides and will need to be cleaned up.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Columbus Public Library Liaison</b> Keith Hanson (Karl Road Branch Manager)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Friends of the Library Big Book Sale</a> April 12-15 at the Main Library Auditorium. Proceeds support activities at the library branches.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Carnegie Authors Series</a>: Sandra Cisneros, author of House on Mango Street April 20. Registration opens April 6.</li> <li>• Karl Road Branch. April begins new series of computer classes. We have many free classes for computer use, Internet and software. Classes are Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am with no registration required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Northland Area Business Association</b> Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a busy time of year for NABA. First shredding day first Saturday in May at the Kroger on Morse Road.</li> <li>• We have heard complaints of crime happening in parking lot at new Kroger on Morse Road, including panhandling in parking lot. Dave has assured the people who complained that he will be working with the police department, city attorney and Kroger security. Dave encourages everyone to report all crime right away. It's a beautiful new store and since we've lost so many supermarkets, we need to take care of the ones we have left.</li> <li>• George Schmidt: we have a cleanup Saturday. White Castle is sponsoring breakfast.</li> <li>• Flag Day June 14 we're going to have a Flag Day Celebration on 161 with flags lining the road. We're going to have a celebration that evening at Columbus Square with the Northland Marching Band. We're working toward diversity and including all of our immigrant businesses. 50 states, 50 cultures. Please volunteer and publicize to your civic associations and schools.</li> <li>• A member asked more about crime at Kroger – Dave Cooper mentioned that it's private property, so we need people to call in when they see something.</li> </ul>
<b>Selected Discussions</b>	
<p><b>Round Table Discussion: 161 Corridor Study</b></p>	<p>Reynaldo Stargell, Administrator for Traffic Management at City of Columbus and Ryan Lowe, Traffic Engineering Section Manager</p> <p>The study focused on I-71 and Cleveland Avenue MORPC Top Crash Intersections – these have been on the list for several years running:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 161 and Maple Canyon</li> <li>• #9 161 at Cleveland Avenue</li> <li>• #19 161 at Karl Road</li> </ul> <p>161 has service roads (collector/distributor roads). Normally there are 32 conflict points in a typical intersection. These roads provide a benefit to limit the number of driveway accesses, but this creates 96 conflict points in the intersection. There have been three public presentations in 2016 and 2017 to discuss plans.</p> <p>The plan contains some short-term and long-term proposals.</p> <p><b>Long Term Preferred Alternative:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medians to block left turns from service roads. For those who now have to turn right, they can move through the intersection and use a mini-roundabout on the opposite</li> </ol>

	<p>side to turn around. (A member suggested making the median pointed/peaked at the top to discourage panhandlers.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Maintain services roads as two-way traffic. (One-way service road idea was not pragmatic. Eliminating service roads for driveway access was not practical due to more conflict points and legally needing to provide businesses access to a public road.)</li> <li>3. The service roads will be reconstructed or repaved.</li> <li>4. Construction of a shared use path for pedestrians on 161.</li> </ol> <p><b>Short Term Alternative A:</b> Additional light at 161 and Cleveland Avenue: A lot of the crashes are because people trying to get out of the Speedway and other businesses are cutting across stopped traffic and trying to turn. We are going to install an additional traffic light north of the main light, scheduled for summer/fall 2019.</p> <p><b>Short Term Alternative B:</b> Don't Block the Box: Striped pavement to keep people out of the service road intersection and permit right turn only from service road during busy times.</p> <p><b>Short Term Alternative C:</b> Protected Left Turn: Instead of allowing people to turn on green OR green arrow, allow the turn on green arrow only.</p> <p>MORPC grant application funding will influence timing of the project. Cost may be about \$15 million.</p> <p>Members asked about efficacy of yellow stanchions to prevent cutting corners and driving over medians.</p> <p>George Schmidt commented that traffic is often backed up past where the roundabout is going to be. School buses also impact this and cause backed up traffic. Signal timing may help, city officials said.</p> <p>Members commented that the aesthetics could be improved with buried utilities and pole-mounted traffic signals but city officials expressed doubt about the feasibility of burying the utility wires.</p>
<p>Sudarshan Pyakurel, Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhutanese Community – ours in Columbus is one of the largest in the United States. Ethnic Nepalese from the nation of Bhutan. Both words are used interchangeably.</li> <li>• We have a small grant to educate neighborhood groups about our community.</li> <li>• We are doing our annual health fair April 28 11am to 4pm</li> <li>• We are doing education to schools, apartments and civic associations. Our community is filled with very hard-working folks who are home buyers. Our people are going and working with many employers. However our teenagers growing up here have typical immigrant transition struggles, as well as our elderly who are not familiar here and sometimes cross against traffic. If you are with a school or civic association, we can come talk to your group to explain about our culture. We are also educating our culture to integrate better into Columbus. Contact him at <a href="mailto:spyakurel@bnccohio.org">spyakurel@bnccohio.org</a> or 614-396-8965.</li> <li>• George Schmidt said two Bhutanese families adopted</li> </ul>

	landscaping boxes and people from that community participate in clean ups, which he appreciates.
<b>NCC Officer Reports</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b> Felix Quachey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminder that the Banquet expense is not an optional part of fees for membership in NCC. It is an additional piece of the membership that underwrites the event and allows us to avoid a fundraising drive just to host the event.</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b> Alice Foeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks for turning in RSVPs and registrations for banquet</li> <li>Devonshire has applied to application to the NCC and the Executive Committee will be reviewing that pending approval.</li> </ul>
<b>Vice President</b> Roger Davidson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reported participation in the 161 Task Force Cleanup Day</li> </ul>
<b>President</b> Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress on community nonprofit center: A roundtable was held at Imprem food pantry and we attended. PNC Bank, Councilmember Remy, etc. attended. We want to open a community center that would be a one-stop location for families. On Friday we'll be touring the Continent to see if that might be a possible location.</li> <li>The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government will be holding <a href="#">Candidates Night on April 12</a> at the Delaware Community Center for Education; 19 candidates for the primary for the Ohio's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Channel 6 will broadcast it live. Also a <a href="#">Forum on Ballot Issues</a> May 3, St. Philips Episcopal in downtown Columbus for State Issue 1 (redistricting US Congressional districts), and Issue 3 (Columbus City Council charter amendments to city charter).</li> </ul>
<b>NCC Committee Reports</b>	
<b>Nominating Committee</b> Ken Gilbert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<b>Banquet Committee</b> Alicia Ward, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banquet Committee – all is going well. You can buy tickets online at the NCC website under Events. Tickets sales end Wed. April 11.</li> </ul>
<b>Independence Day Parade Committee</b> Emmanuel Remy, Chair Web site is <a href="http://northlandparade.org">northlandparade.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an important tradition and we need someone to step up and take charge of the parade committee.</li> <li>If you wish to assist, call 614-645-8502. Sandra Lopez will serve as contact for Councilman Remy.</li> </ul>
<b>Development Committee</b> Dave Paul, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please don't unsubscribe to outside groups and emails from the NCC listserv, as this unsubscribes the entire listserv.</li> <li>Shredding Day – This will be our 23<sup>rd</sup> Kroger Morse Rd 10-2pm. Need volunteers. More information is available on the NCC events page.</li> <li>Development agenda included Hamilton Road development for a residential development to face the freeway to promote HQ Flats. They are not obnoxious. We recommended approval.</li> <li>The Ohio State University is purchasing a portion of the Target site at Hamilton Road to open an ambulatory care center to provide some hospital services and doctor's offices. We recommended approval.</li> <li>The remaining portion of that shopping center had changes to the layout to accommodate OSU development, including a different and smaller Target store. We recommended approval.</li> <li>At 161 and Route 3 we had a request for a cellular antenna and used car sales business. They applied previously and we suggested they try again since their application wasn't complete enough to review.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silver Smiles wants to add U-Haul leasing. Former McDonalds on Morse Road – Proposal to build Moo-Moo Car Wash there.</li> <li>• Homeport application on Sunbury Road may come back to us for some adjustments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Graphics and Code Task Force</b> Bill Logan, Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill distributed a thorough report on Bench Advertising Status. The council passed new rules that added benches to the prohibited list for signage. The city started removing them and they were sued by the bench company, who won. The settlement obligated the city to keep the bench billboard advertising that was installed by 1976. All installed after that were illegal. The city cannot and will not deal with the benches because the bench billboard companies are responsible for keeping to the court judgment. New benches are being installed illegally. 186% increase in the ones that appear. For example at Morse and Karl, COTA established a bus stop on Karl Road. Shortly after, a bench billboard appeared on the sidewalk. Bill wrote it up as a code violation. Once it's reported officially, they have to contact the bench billboard company and tell them their bench is in the wrong place. In this case, they removed it and put it across the street and put it in the grass at the fire station, where it sits to this day.</li> <li>• Bill is asking for NCC's formal support to take this to the city. Please review his report, which was distributed at the meeting and on the listserv.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Discussions</b>	
<b>Other Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Other New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Forum</b> Comments, Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra Lopez spoke on behalf of Councilmember Liz Brown, chair of the City's Finance Committee. Meetings to hear about the budget and give feedback will be held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 7 10am Far East Rec Center</li> <li>• April 10 6:30pm Marion Franklin Rec Center</li> <li>• April 11 Glenwood 6:30pm rec center</li> <li>• April 14 2pm Linden Community Rec Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 PM**

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