

The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: May 1, 2018

Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report

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Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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Attendance Report

2018 Perfect Attendance	16/26	Suspended From Voting	2/26
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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	X							
Asherton Grove	X	X	X	X	X							
Blendon Chase	X	X	X	X	X							
Blendon Park	9	10	X	1	X							
Blendon Woods	1	X	X	1	X							
Clinton Estates	X	X	X	1	X							
Cooper Woods	X	X	X	X	X							
Devonshire					X							
Forest Park	X	X	X	X	X							
Friendship Village	X	X	X	X	X							
Karmel Woodward Pk	X	X	X	X	X							
Lee & Ulry	X	X	1	2	X							
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	1	X	X	X							
Minerva Park	X	X	X	X	X							
NSHAC	1	2	3	4	5							
Northland Alliance	X	X	X	X	X							
NABA	X	X	1	X	X							
Parkshire Commons	X	X	X	X	X							
Preston Commons	X	X	X	X	X							
The Village of Preston Woods	6	7	X	X	X							
Rolling Ridge	X	X	X	X	X							
Salem	X	X	X	X	X							
Sharon Woods	X	X	X	X	X							
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X	X	X							
Waltham	1	X	X	X	X							
Woodstream East	X	1	X	X	1							

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>Roll Call</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll was taken. See above chart for details.
<p>Liaison Reports</p>	
<p>Columbus Fire Department Station 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one from the Fire Department attended.
<p>Columbus Police Department Officer Scott Clinger Officer Eric Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Block Watch Coordinators Meeting is at 7pm Tuesday June 19; Zack Klein, City Attorney will speak; 1120 Morse Rd. From May 9-16 please change porch lights to blue lights for Light Central Ohio Blue. There are many corporate sponsors. Lightcentralohioblue.org Dave Paul asked about incident on Walford. Officer Clinger said he would send the official press release out as soon as it's available. Until then he cannot comment. Sharon Woods representative asked if the police have to deal with bed bugs. Officer Clinger said the police do have to take precautions to prevent infesting their own homes. Bill Logan asked about one legislative proposal before City Council that includes possession of burglary tools as a city offense. Officer Clinger said burglary tools are only considered such if they are used in a burglary. Officer Clinger said he is pleased at some of the new legislation that will help fight crime. Panhandlers at the Kroger update: It's up to the management to take care of that. They have a security guard on the inside, but they don't have anyone on the outside. If they want people to patronize the place, they have to make people feel safe. If someone calls to report a crime, it's the police department's responsibility to come, but the management has to press charges. At Uly and Warner, a representative reported seeing people driving into the construction site late at night. Police recommended those who see it should call the nonemergency number, although there have been no reports of large theft of equipment. The vehicles could be private security. Officer Jones reiterated if anyone thinks there is anything suspicious at anytime, they should call. David Roseman asked about how panhandlers are treated. Officer Clinger said you are allowed to panhandle, but you aren't allowed to be in the middle of the street or anywhere in the road. (They can be on sidewalk or the right-of-way for the road.) Bothering people can fall under disorderly conduct. A representative complained of parking issues around the Jobs and Family Services building.
<p>City Attorney's Office Bill Sperlazza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one from the City Attorney's Office attended.
<p>Columbus Public Library Liaison Andrea Villanueva (Karl Road Branch)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer programs will be ramping up soon, including the summer reading challenge. May 10 5pm, Somali author will be visiting Karl Road branch. Carnegie Authors Series: Sandra Cisneros, author of House on Mango Street May 20 2pm. We are still accepting VolunTeens. They have to be 12 years old. Applications are online.
<p>FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Roseman of Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries and Consider Biking gave an update. Thanks to everyone who helped at the Earth Day work sites.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May is Bike Month and Bike to Work Week nationally is May 14-18. • Bike to Work Day in Columbus is Friday May 18. If you work downtown, there are multiple locations around the city where people can meet and ride as a group. Dave will be leading a group from Easton Soccer Field Parking Lot at 7am. • Widening Cleveland Avenue near St. Ann's is underway. They are almost ready to pave a shared-use side path on the new portion of Cleveland Avenue (eastern side) in Westerville, and the city of Columbus will extended it south of 270 to the CMAX bus stop at Corporate Exchange/Community Park Dr. • MORPC issued their first air quality alert today, May 1. • Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries expressed concerns because they adopted a conservation area and a 25-foot swath was mowed and trees were mown down. This was done to accommodate sewer enlargement. The city said they will replace some of the trees. Roseman noted that development in and near flood plains are the cause of destructive sewer enlargement projects. Roseman encouraged us to be watchdogs in our own area for destruction of natural habitat in the city. • There is a new Bikeshare program pilot, bright green Lime Bikes. You can rent a bike using your smartphone. With CoGo you have to put the bike back in the docks. Lime Bikes don't have to be returned to a dock.
<p>Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. We'll welcome new citizens at a ceremony. Please volunteer and publicize to your civic associations and schools. We need to raise \$28,000 to get the grass cut along 161 during the summer, and this will help. • There are 53 restaurants on 161 representing 21 ethnicities. We're creating a passport to help generate business with an incentive. George asked for help distributing information about the Flag Sponsorship and the Passport. • Check out new 161 website: https://www.naba161taskforce.org/ • Dave Cooper made a motion to support the effort of the 161 Task Force's Flag Day Celebration. Don Schneider seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. • This is a busy time of year for NABA. The first shredding day will be the second Saturday in May at the Kroger on Morse Road. • 161 Task Force has a cleanup Saturday. White Castle is sponsoring breakfast. • A July 24 Chipotle fundraiser is planned. • July 4 Parade Theme has been announced: 1968 Celebrating 50 Years of Innovation, Collaboration and Momentum • Save the Date: Sept. 13 NABA Golf Outing at York Golf Club in Worthington. • Dave passed out the Walk with a Doc schedule.
<p>City of Columbus Community Liaison Chris Suel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris announced that the city hired someone to cover the other six areas he has been also covering in addition to ours. He thanked us for being patient.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Salem Civic for hosting Chris at their recent meeting. • Chris sent the bench advertising issues to the city attorney. We are working together with public service to figure out how to move forward with that. • Some transitions with code enforcement staff and moving people to different locations and shifts, but the city is bringing on new people and should be fully staffed by summer. • Discussion occurred about resolution of 311 complaints. Chris said once things are resolved, they are going to email the resolution of the complaint to the person who submitted it on the electronic ones rather than having people check their own requests repeatedly. • Charles Young of Blendon Park, said on Menerey Lane near Discount Drug Mart (Hamilton and 161), they have a lot of semi trucks parking there long term. We have reported it to the police and our police liaison officer. He says Menerey Road is not a city street, although Columbus plows and services the road.
<p>Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example of the bench sign problem: A new Burger King near Karl and Morse was opened. Then a bench appeared there. As of today there are two. Other area commissions are complaining about the same thing. We're asking the city to remove the unauthorized benches. • Bill said when he communicates with the city, he's just a citizen. If he communicates on behalf of the NCC, it carries more weight. It's important for Bill to have the council's support. This issue has been going on for 40 years because of the underlying legal problem. Bill is acting as a coordinator for the area commissions, too, to work with the city. • NCC sent out extensive information from Bill's reports and recommendations and a proposed motion to support. • There was discussion of whether or not NCC would be sued by the bench advertisers. Dave Paul feels that if the NCC requests the city to act, we will be more in the clear, versus whether or not we personally malign the sign companies and protest. Bill said the city has requested that we use the 311 request system to support bench signs. That allows us to report it and the city to decide whether or not it's illegal. Felix explained that we have liability insurance for events and meetings. Our insurance covers us for the scope of what our normal activities are, which he thinks this would be. We do not have directors' and officer's insurance. <p>Jeff Duffield (Preston Commons) made a motion that the NCC: "<u>Acknowledges</u> that the private advertising benches in the ROW are a problem in Northland as outlined in the Report dated 03-31-2018. <u>Supports</u> the Five (5) Recommendations listed to help remedy the many problems [emailed] <u>Authorizes</u> the Northland Code Coordinator as the point person for Northland in working with the City and others to effect a positive solution. CONDITIONED on Felix verifying that our liability coverage protects us." Motion Seconded by Pat Hammel of Salem. The members voted unanimously in favor. The motion carried.</p>

Selected Discussions	
NCC Officer Reports	
Treasurer Felix Quachey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banquet costs equaled \$2556.84; All funds/ticket payments are not in yet. Nothing else out of the ordinary for the budget.
Secretary Alice Foeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of Mayor's Night at PRIDE A suggestion of having alternates go to Strawberry Farms PRIDE event was popular. Sharon Woods had it 10 years ago and there wasn't that much access to the mayor and his people anyway due to crowded attendance. Decision was to keep NCC Meeting as scheduled.
Vice President Roger Davidson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger Davidson moved to accept Devonshire into the NCC. Alice Foeller seconded. All unanimously approved, the motion carried, and Devonshire was welcomed with applause.
President Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia has been hearing good things from the City of Columbus, but nothing official that can be publicly disclosed at this time. There is progress moving forward toward a nonprofit center. The banquet went well. We had a new award, the Presidential Volunteer Award, which is issued by the US Government for volunteerism. It's a good way that all of the civics can track hours and give this award to volunteers. Alicia encouraged everyone to track his/her hours. The bronze award only requires 9 hours per month. We want to submit even more of them next year. Voter's Forum at St. Phillips Episcopal in Columbus. More information at the website.
NCC Committee Reports	
Nominating Committee John Kirkpatrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Banquet Committee Alicia Ward, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The banquet was successful and well attended.
Independence Day Parade Committee Emmanuel Remy, Chair Web site is northlandparade.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emmanuel was not present, and Alicia Ward presented information: NCC definitely needs a vice-chair for this committee. Emmanuel has been working toward additional parade entries, such as bagpipers and a military flyover. Civic associations were concerned about investing in parade materials without knowing the status of the committee. It was agreed that Alicia will tell Emmanuel he has one week to decide whether to move forward, and we will request again a co-chair volunteer.
Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Development Committee met April 25 to review five cases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Request to increase height of cell tower near Easton north of Morse Road near Sam's Club to 173 feet. They recommended approval pending clarification of some numbers in the case. Homeport rezoning of 5 acres for multifamily workforce housing of 60 units at 5019 Sunbury Rd. just south of Stelzer. They recommended disapproval 15-0. Former McDonalds near Yogi's Hoagies in Woodward Park. Moo Moo Car Wash is proposing drive thru car wash. They recommended approval with the condition that they make the utility poles the correct height. Variance to allow storage of semi trucks and trailers at 5346 Sinclair Rd. Recommended approval 8-7. Site near Waffle House near Route 3 asking to rezone to continue auto sales. They recommended approval

	<p>pending agreements to provide dumpster enclosure, screening and bicycle parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shredding Day – This will be our 23rd event. It will be held at Kroger Morse Rd May 12 from 10am-2pm. We need volunteers. More information is available on the NCC events page.
<p>Graphics and Code Task Force (II) Bill Logan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill has been watching out for campaign signs placed illegally. Any reporting of code and sign violations need to be reported through 311 system for logging and tracking. Code enforcement: Steve Glasgow is filling in on second shift. City is hiring for additional staff.
Additional Discussions	
Other Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Other New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p>Open Forum Comments, Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharon Woods is trying something new with membership drive. They plan to give out gift cards at National Night Out for new members. Devonshire, Albany Park, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms and more are having Garage Sale May 19 Morse Maize, Clinton Estates and Karmel Woodward Park are the following week.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 PM

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