

The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: July 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report

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Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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Attendance Report

2019 Perfect Attendance	9/23	Suspended From Voting	2/23
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2019 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

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

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: 7:03 PM

<p>Roll Call</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Foeller
<p>Liaison Reports</p>	
<p>Columbus Fire Department Station 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
<p>Columbus Police Department Officers Scott Clinger / Larry Geis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New app launched. Columbus Police Mobile is the name of the app. If it is a busy night and there's a car accident and we say if there's no injury, we can't come, you used to have to come downtown to fill out the report. Now you can download it and send it in by postal mail, saving you a trip downtown. • John Kirkpatrick had a comment about semis parking on residential streets on Beechcroft. Mary had the same comment at Tuftsville and Parkshire Commons. Officer Clinger said to call the non-emergency number and press star. One hour parking for loading and unloading is allowed for semis.
<p>City Attorney Bill Sperlazza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawthorne Suites on Quarterhorse Drive – we negotiated with them and we have a signed agreement with them for a permanent injunction for any future owner, they will need lighting and camera equipment, security guards, and a multitude of procedures at the front desk to require valid ID, etc. That will be in place by the end of the month and we will have a hotel that will be a lot safer.
<p>FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycling Street Smarts guide is available because the Ohio Bicycling Federation paid to print these. This booklet will teach you how to ride safely on the roads. If you need copies, contact David. • Worthington adopted a Complete Streets policy. Columbus has adopted a policy that says they like Complete Streets but won't always implement that. Reminder, the law says vehicles must give us three feet berth when we are on the road. Juveniles are allowed to bicycle on sidewalk. Adults must ride on the road, with the exception of multi-use paths or greenway trails. • Electric bicycles are classified as vehicles under Ohio Revised Code, so they are allowed on roads. Metro Parks says vehicles are not allowed on paths, but they will look the other way for e-bikes. • Electric scooters are neither a bicycle nor a vehicle at this point. Legislation is pending. • Resident complained about a gas-powered ATV being operated on the street by a small kid with no license plates and no safety gear. He was advised to call police non-emergency.
<p>Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith was unable to attend, but David Roseman said he attended the library planning meeting and they will build a new library twice as big at Karl Road in front of the existing library. The CEO of the library was present at the meeting.
<p>Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 13 Clean-up on 161. We had a great turnout at the last one, and we thank all of them especially Xenos. • August 22, Golf Outing for NABA at York Country Club, which is a beautiful place to play. The proceeds go to NABA and 20% will go to Elevate Northland. Nabacolumbus.org
<p>City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akaiinyah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred was here but most of the comments went to Councilmember Dorans. Chris will be back in a few weeks.
<p>Selected Discussions</p>	
<p>Round Table Discussion Rob Dorans: radorans@columbus.gov 614-645-8201 Hannah Miller, legislative assistant hnmiller@columbus.gov 614-645-5568</p>	<p>Columbus City Council Member Rob Dorans. With a city of 890,000 people, we rely on people like the members of NCC to participate. Councilmember Dorans chairs public utilities, technology and neighborhoods. My focus is to have the city provide living wage careers in our community. We have a lot of income disparity. We want people to have security, a safe neighborhood, secure retirement.</p>

Alice: brought up the 161 roundabouts. NCC and police and fire did not like the plan that was chosen.

Pat: The 161 road improvement stops at I-71 and doesn't include the section of Northland west of I-71.

David Roseman: Northland has been asking for sidewalks in a lot of areas. We understand because of the stormwater manual we have to deal with the stormwater runoff as part of the engineering for sidewalks. It would be easier to get sidewalks if we could exempt sidewalks from stormwater provisions. Rob: We have asked them to address this.

Jarrold: There is a park at Ulry and Warner being built. There are a dozen communities within walking distance, and Ulry Rd speed limit is 50 mph, and there are not sidewalks connecting to this park. Sidewalks are integral to neighborhoods. Rob: Connectivity matters.

Felix: Forest Park East Park, it's just sitting there. I always thought it was part of the elementary school. Athletic groups host sports without adequate parking and park on the grass. People ask me what is the plan for this space. Northland doesn't have a splash pad or anything like that, so that would be an idea. Rob and Dave Paul said as there is a search for a new director, the development of the park will wait, but parking problems can be addressed. Rob: Parks commission is keenly aware of where there are gaps in the proliferation of parks and recreation resources across the neighborhoods. The commission often meets at 1111 E Broad St., but not always. They are public meetings.

David Roseman: 50% of sidewalks are missing in Columbus. Cooper Road for example. We're facing transportation issues because rec and parks doesn't communicate with public roads and utilities. Rob: There is a conversation in the city about the annexation philosophy because of the issues in the parts of the city that already exist and aren't fully supported. Also, the city's thoroughfare plan guides Public Service and is 25 years old.

Roger: We granted the city an easement to put in a sidewalk to connect us to the park. The developer is slow to provide the complete paperwork to get that implemented.

Jarrold: Is there any discussion by the city about living wage in the City of Columbus outside of what's already been implemented. Also we have food deserts. The city knows it's been going on. People have to take the bus to buy food or groceries at convenience stores. Rob: The state pre-empted the cities from raising the minimum wage above the state. But we can use tax incentives to demand jobs that are required to have better wages. We are a growing city, which is a great position to be in.

Felix: The more affluent areas have private security and services, etc. and can take care of themselves, so let's invest in the places that can't do that.

Alice: We don't have enough police resources. Rob: That's on our radar. The police department hasn't kept up with population growth. A lot of people are about to retire also. That's two gaps. The hiring of the chief has brought out larger issues about safety in the city.

Resident: We were supposed to get streetlights by 2020, and that was scrapped. How do we get them in our neighborhoods? In the older neighborhoods? Rob: Submit a request to 311 so it is recorded and we know where people are asking for them. Also I've been talking to public services about having a comprehensive plan instead of an ad hoc approach. We don't have a plan as to who will get them by when.

Pat: The Green Columbus plan has no provision for dark skylighting and overcoming residential resistance to light pollution.

David Cooper: Maple Canyon got street lights a year ago and they didn't turn them on. Rob: I will look into that.

Rob thanked NCC members for the work we all do. "Constituency and advocacy are very important to me."

Treasurer Felix Quachey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had the banquet check from online ticket payment that came in. We have donations and parade expenses, including police security and portable bathroom facilities.
Secretary Alice Foeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes have been provided in advance of the meeting. Are there any corrections to the minutes? Hearing no corrections, the minutes have been approved by unanimous consent. Woodstream East is in suspension for non-attendance.
Vice President Roger Davidson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next month is our picnic at Northland Swim Club! It will be on the 2nd Tuesday, August 13 from 6-8pm.
President Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevate Northland had a great turnout for our business finance class – about 30 students! We want to get these small businesses growing in a way that helps our entire community. We met with the Land Bank to see if they can secure property that will suit us. We met with a representative from the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. She is going to offer classes for nonprofits and civic associations on grantwriting and the legal compliance around that so you will receive more grants in the future. Look for details in a few weeks. Alice gave an update on the 161 Market Study. We now have a consultant group, Arch City, which has been selected. They are enthused and the funding will be disbursed before council goes into recess so they can get started.
NCC Committee Reports	
Independence Day Parade Committee Web site is northlandparade.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Many Faces of Northland: United We Stand Roger said the parade will be Thursday, ready or not! We will be having a meeting afterward to see what can be improved. He will be requesting upgrades to the website to allow online payment and we will discuss becoming a 501c3 to allow people to deduct their donations.
Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had two cases where the applicants were ready, and in addition we had a presentation by the Dept. of Building and Zoning on the pilot program for zoning notification signs, so that when there is a zoning case pending, there is a large sign posted so people can weigh in by calling the city's phone number. Case #1 was for a senior independent housing facility, four stories high, at the location across from Giant Eagle on Roche Dr. by National Church Residences. We had some residents who didn't feel the project matched the character of the neighborhood to the south. We felt it was typical of nearby development on 161, and we recommended approval with the condition that they pursue shared parking with neighboring buildings. Case #2 did not have the required materials for Commercial Planned Development, so we converted it to an informal discussion and they described a bank to be constructed on a Hamilton Road site. They are looking to co-locate a bank and a Merrill Lynch office. No recommendation. They will come back at the end of this month. Parkridge Neighborhood, which is not a member, has had residents who have complained vigorously about speeding. It is a connector on the bikeway system. The city has come back with a proposed plan. The city has approached us since they don't have an active civic association to lay groundwork for an open house so the neighbors can gather input and communicate with the city. ABLE roofing has provisionally volunteered to host the meeting. Darrel McCoy was the representative, according to John Kirkpatrick.
Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan, Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report.

Additional Discussions	
Other Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
Other New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
Open Forum Comments, Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia noted that representatives from Northland visited a grieving Bhutanese family whose teen son drown in a river on a hiking trip and brought them gifts. They invited us to their end of mourning celebration July 10 9:30 to 1p at the family's home or the community center, followed by prayers in the afternoon from 1-3pm. The community center is 4646 Tamarack Blvd. It would show the support of our community to theirs. • Jarrod: There's a strong possibility our HOA will sue a roofing company for being predatory toward one of the neighbors, a single mom, despite knowing that we can only have one color to comply with our rules. I hope cooler heads prevail, but their VP of sales was upset. Suzanne said Blendon Chase did work with the same company successfully and everything was good. Alicia suggested Yelp is a great place to warn people about questionable contractors. • Bring a dish to share at the picnic!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM	
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