

# The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: Sept. 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report

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Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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## Attendance Report

2019 Perfect Attendance	<b>8/23</b>	Suspended From Voting	<b>3/23</b>
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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	X	X			
Asherton Grove	X	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Blendon Chase	X	X	X	X	1	X	X	X	X			
Blendon Woods	1	2	X	1	2	3	X	1	X			
Clinton Estates	X	X	1	X	X	1	X	X	X			
Cooper Woods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Devonshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Forest Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Friendship Village	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	X			
Karmel Woodward Pk	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	2	X			
Lee & Ulry	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	X	X	1	X	X	1	X	1			
Minerva Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	2	X			
Northland Alliance	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
NABA	1	X	X	X	X	1	X	X	X			
Parkshire Commons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Preston Commons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Rolling Ridge	X	1	X	X	1	X	X	X	X			
Salem	X	X	X	X	X	1	X	X	X			
Sharon Woods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Waltham	X	X	X	1	2	X	1	2	3			
Woodstream East	1	2	X	X	1	2	3	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: 7:03 PM**

<p><b>Roll Call</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice Foeller</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 Report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Columbus Police Department</b> Officers Scott Clinger / Larry Geis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer Clinger – You cannot file a report if you are not personally the victim of the crime, for example if you saw something happen to your neighbor’s house, your neighbor must file the report. But you can call the police if something is happening on someone else’s property.</li> <li>• Officer Jones – We are finding out more from Facebook and NextDoor than people calling the police. We need people to call the police. If people call the police, that’s the only way we will get more police officers assigned and get accurate information about the crime. You can also use the app or the columbuspolice.org website to submit reports.</li> <li>• Officer Stafford – PACT (Policing and Community Together) is starting up this week. They will be addressing problem businesses and some other things the vice unit previously addressed.</li> <li>• Member question: there is a right-turn only at Maple Canyon and 161 for the service road traffic, but people are still going straight or turning left toward the light. Officer Clinger says every time he sees it he pulls them over.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City Attorney’s Office</b> Sara Pomeroy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America’s Best Value Inn on Sinclair – we succeeded in getting an order to secure the building. They are allowed to have a few workers staying there. We are seeing some progress there and they will have to comply with all of the orders.</li> <li>• Member question: Trash and hoarding on Forest Hills and Ponderosa. Sara will check and reopen the case if possible.</li> <li>• Member question: Some of our hotels on 161 have left their national affiliations and become independent. Sometimes this is a red flag. Are you monitoring? (The old Comfort Inn and the Days Inn at 161 and I-71.) Sara says it is on our radar. Their monthly hotel meeting is tomorrow.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FACT &amp; Consider Biking</b> David Roseman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are several bike path ramps and connectors and sidepaths are in the works, that had been delayed. Side path addition to Ulry at Old Hamilton.</li> <li>• Asherton Grove: They are going to widen Central College including a 10-foot wide shared-use path.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Columbus Public Library Liaison</b> Keith Hanson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are transitioning from summer to seeing the school students at the library using the Homework Help Center.</li> <li>• Homework Help center 4-7 pm weekdays for school-aged students to get homework help, print papers, etc. We have 40 to 50 students at Karl Road and more than 100 at the Northern Lights branch. The library staff is a fulltime coordinator plus aides, and we have some college interns and community volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, you need to apply and have a background check. We also have student volunteers, such as high school students.</li> <li>• We are seeing a large group of kids K-12 taking part in our after school snack from Children’s Hunger Alliance at 4 pm weekdays.</li> <li>• Reading Buddies M, Tue, Wed. We are the largest branch for this program. K-3 reading help.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Karl Rd. building is not completely finalized, but public meetings are over, so contact Keith if you have further input. “It’s going to be amazing.” 40,000 square feet, two stories, much more meeting space, etc.</li> <li>• At the Main Library we have a <a href="#">Carnegie Author Series on Jesmyn Ward, Sunday 9/22.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Northland Area Business Association</b> Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The golf outing was a big success. Thanks to all who contributed.</li> <li>• Thanks to all who helped with the Litter clean up last month</li> <li>• <a href="#">NABA Luncheon</a> will be Sept. 10 at Ashland University’s Columbus Center and the speaker will be Rep. David Leland. Please accept our challenge to invite a New American business owner or neighbor as your guest. As a reward, your second registration will be \$5 off.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Columbus Community Liaison</b> Alfred Akainyah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Columbus Community Engagement</b> Sandra R. López</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
<b>Selected Discussions</b>	
<p><b>Round Table Discussion</b> Franklin County Engineer Cornell Robertson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Franklin County Engineer Cornell Robertson</p> <p>Franklin County Engineer’s office is similar to ODOT but on a smaller scale. We are responsible for roads and bridges. We work with county auditor and county commissioners to update our GIS and paper maps. We are conducting corridor studies on Ferris from Karl to Westerville Road and in other areas in Northland. This will help determine if drainage and turn signals are adequate. This is how we contribute to Smart Columbus by augmenting the first mile/last mile of peoples’ trips.</p> <p>We have community outreach, such as Touch-a-Truck, job shadowing and STEM for students.</p> <p>Roger thanked Cornell for participating in our July 4<sup>th</sup> parade with a snow plow.</p> <p>Question: How do we distinguish between city and county jurisdictions – County jurisdiction roads have a solid black line on the atlas. We are authorized to work anywhere within the county. We are known for working well with other agencies cooperatively.</p> <p>We write resolutions that we present to the county commissioners to provide an open forum for the public to see how we intent to use the funds. On complex projects among agencies we have agreements.</p> <p>We think roundabouts are a tool for consideration, but not a cure-all. Where they are a good fit, they can improve safety. Single-lane roundabouts minimize decisions, and slow traffic from all directions or people racing to catch a light.</p> <p>Question: Speed limits and changing them. We’ve had townships that want to agree to lower them but ODOT will disagree. I heard there may be legislation that will allow more “home rule” on speed limits. Engineer Cornell does not have an update on this. We usually do a speed study.</p> <p>Question: On Cooper Road, which used to be Franklin County and now is mixed jurisdiction. We thought it should be 35mph all the way, but it is 45mph. Another example is Jewett and Community Park that doesn’t seem to be logical.</p>

	<p>Question on snow plowing- how do you coordinate: We come to an agreement on who is going to plow what, because it doesn't make sense to stop at the corporate limit signs. We have lots of agreements that make sense. We have about 800 lane miles we are responsible, but we plow about 1200 lane miles because it makes more sense.</p> <p>Question: Bike route 50 across Hoover dam pedestrian path is going to be closed and there needs to be an alternate route other than Central College.</p> <p>Question: We have four of the top fatality intersections. They were improved with the red light cameras, but they took them out. What can the county do to get them back? Cornell will look into that and check with legal council.</p>
<b>NCC Officer Reports</b>	
<p><b>Treasurer</b> Felix Quachey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● August was quiet in terms of expenses and revenues. We did have a misplaced check from the banquet and we had to get a reissue and it's been deposited. We also had income/expense for some earmarked funds for the 161 Task Force that were in a bank account we didn't know about. We deposited the check and reissued to 161 Task Force.</li> <li>● Directors &amp; Officers Insurance – The cost of \$774 annually was within the amount approved by vote.</li> <li>● Felix is continuing to straighten out bank accounts by the end of the year.</li> <li>● Clinton Estates needs to cash their award check. Felix needs the STEM club at Beechcroft High School to cash their check.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secretary</b> Alice Foeller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Having heard no changes or objections, the August minutes are approved as presented</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vice President</b> Roger Davidson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>
<p><b>President</b> Alicia Ward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On Aug. 30 the speed limit on Old Dublin-Granville Road was dropped to 35 mph.</li> <li>● September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am - 2 pm The Northland Community Bazaar at Epworth United Methodist Church</li> <li>● Elevate Northland's next Monthly Organizational Meeting Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at Ashland University</li> <li>● September 28<sup>th</sup> 12 pm Elevate Northland's Second International Neighbor Potluck at Ashland University</li> <li>● October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet the Candidates 6:30 Meet and Greet - 7:00 Forum Featuring - City Council, School Board, Environmental Judge, Municipal Judges, Franklin County Children Services Levy</li> <li>● Elevate Northland will have a class on how to leverage free library resources to help your small business. Check their website <a href="http://elevatenorthland.org">elevatenorthland.org</a></li> <li>● Zoning training – Go to <a href="http://Columbus.gov/areacommissionbzstraining">Columbus.gov/areacommissionbzstraining</a> and registration ends tonight</li> </ul>
<b>NCC Committee Reports</b>	
<p><b>Independence Day Parade Committee</b> Web site is <a href="http://northlandparade.org">northlandparade.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanks to all of the volunteers and committee members who helped with the parade. We had a meeting Aug. 17 to go over the good and things that could be improved. Oct. 26 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Kroger in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room.</li> <li>● We didn't lose any money so we are going to put it to good use planning ahead and getting things in place for next year, such as online payment and publicity.</li> </ul>

<b>Banquet Committee</b> Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
<b>Development Committee</b> Dave Paul, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We met Aug. 28 and had five cases.</li> <li>Case 1 – Sharon Woods residential garage. Mr. Sullivan is a good neighbor and his neighbors came to support him. He wants a three car garage in a district that has mostly two-car garages. When you apply for a variance, you have to state that it presents a hardship. There should be something about your property that makes it difficult or impossible to comply. “I want” is not a hardship statement. His hardship is that he didn’t want to park his truck in the street. He thought it might improve traffic flow. It turns out he has a very shallow property with not much backyard. That was something unique about his property that led to not enough parking space. He’s going to come back to us with a statement of hardship.</li> <li>Case 2 – Kroger wanted a fuel station digital sign. We approved this unanimously, including changes to the site plan that were suggested to them by the Development Committee.</li> <li>Case 3 – for a monument sign for an auto repair shop that has no roadway frontage to continue to have a sign, which became part of another parcel due to Swensons changes. Their request for an off-premises sign we recommended approval</li> <li>Case 4 – Twins Buick wants a second sign like their first sign on a large pole. But the new sign ordinance says no new pole signs, so that we can improve over time with a common aesthetic. The applicants’ argument was that the other dealerships have two signs that are pole signs. But that doesn’t mean they can put a new sign that doesn’t conform. The committee didn’t have a problem with a second sign advertising used cars, but we didn’t support having the sign be a pole sign. They are going to ask the Graphics Commission to give them an exception.</li> <li>Case 5 – Community Montessori School zoning change to open in part of the Karl Road Christian Church at 5400 Karl Road. We recommended approval.</li> <li>Next meeting Sept. 25</li> </ul>
<b>Graphics and Code Task Force</b> Bill Logan, Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign violations (temporary signs) have been fewer than usual.</li> <li>No graffiti reported to me for a few months. Please report it to me if you see it.</li> <li>Zoning SR requests. Over the summer, people expanded their driveway widths. We wrote them up. Code came out and cited them. There is nothing in the code that prevents people from paving over their entire front yard. However, code does prevent you from parking a vehicle in the setback (between the sidewalk and your house) except you can park one vehicle in front of your garage door. If you have a two-car garage, you can park one in front of each door, but you can’t put cars behind other cars. So the city cited people for parking the cars instead of expanding their driveways. Except people have 20 days to move the vehicle. Bill would like to add something to code to prevent paving the front lawn.</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>

<b>Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 PM</b>
<b>NCC Officer contact</b>

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