



June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

| 2020 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 Woods | 0 | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Clinton Estates | X | 1 | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Cooperwoods | X | X | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Devonshire | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Elevate Northland | | | X | | X | 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 | 1 | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Maize Morse Tri-Area | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Minerva Park | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Northland Alliance | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| NABA | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Parkshire Commons | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Preston Commons | X | X | X | | 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 | X | | | | | | |
| Woodstream East | X | X | X | | | X | | | | | | |

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| 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 |

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| Roll Call | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Foeller |
| Liaison Reports | |
| FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground has been broken at the Karl Road location already. Curbside pickup at the Karl Road branch began today. You can reserve books to pickup and you |

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| | <p>can return books. Many of the branches are now doing this. Mon-Thurs 11-7, Fri and Sat 11-6. You can use the WiFi in the parking lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some locations have fax/copy service. There's a limit on how many people can be in the branch and Karl will be opening for that soon. You'll need to make a reservation. • Grab-and-go lunches are available for kids via drive-thru in the parking lot • There are two teams of five working at the branch on alternating days. We are bringing more staff back from furlough. • The time capsule was found! It was where we thought it was. The bad news is that the seal was broken and it was a mess of moldy papers. Some things in plastic bags survived, such as an older tape format recording of an NCC meeting. They've been left out to dry. We had hoped to have something to share at the ribbon cutting but things didn't look good. • Books to help children understand racism: https://cml.bibliocommons.com/list/share/1114076107_cmljcy18/1649427749_books_to_help_children_understand_racism |
| <p>Northland Area Business Association Alice Foeller</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June luncheon cancelled – working on virtual speaker • NABA membership is not off too much from prior year • 161 mowing: We received word from the city that they are unable to coordinate their mowing schedule with ours. We have been encouraged to call 311 to report high grass that is interfering with sight lines for traffic. • June cleanup is Saturday June 13. Please bring your own gloves and masks and prepare to gather litter in a properly distanced way from others who are not in your family group. |
| <p>City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akainyah aaakainyah@columbus.gov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints about flooding and demonstrating, upset residents • Please log your complaints on 311 so we can track them • Jarod: I understand that there are a lot of people who are concerned about policing tactics and police brutality, but sending complaints to the police doesn't seem effective when we are complaining to the people who caused the problem. I'm unhappy and there are other people who are unhappy too. I would have liked to have had someone to come here and discuss this with us. • Alfred said he shares the concerns but doesn't have any answers. (Sandra Lopez later addressed this issue.) |

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- There have been complaints about flooding, but answers have been slow because of not much staff in city office.
- I was there at the demonstrations Saturday May 30, along with Commissioner Kevin Boyce, Council President Shannon Hardin, U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty, and I was sprayed and they were sprayed. It was not our finest hour.
- I think all of us know police officers who do an incredible job
- In City Council meeting yesterday, Council President Hardin addressed this. Please watch the [meeting on YouTube](#) that included the mayor and the chief addressing issues.
- I encourage anyone who has feeling and concerns on either sides of the issue. Send an email to Council President Hardin. We want to address complaints of poice misconduct. A lot of businesses were damaged.
- For those who are wondering why are we protesting something that happened in another city, we have had issues of police brutality in our city, and this is a moment to look at how we treat other people, how do we address these issues ourselves. That includes me and the biases I carry.
- Alice Foeller shared that the implicit bias training by the city of Columbus had us look at how do we invite people to our civic associations and how did they get there ... because they ask us to come. This means it's people we already know and that tends to be people who look like us. It takes work and conscious effort to invite new people and mentor others through the process of becoming part of things.
- Sandra said we get a lot of "hate mail" usually, but it's been overwhelming this week.
- Margaret from Woodstream: Does Columbus Police have a civilian oversight committee. The answer is no, but it has been recommended by several studies. Sandra: I have been around police training and citizen's police academy. What's asked of police officers is a lot. You have to be a social worker, a security guard, a mental health worker and much more. Once I received a complaint from someone in Northland that a police officer came to take a burglary report and he did his job but he was rude. I didn't know what to do about it, but I asked around and I was told you have to understand they could have come from a serious crime scene. But that's not to excuse brutality. And no, we do not have a civilian review committee. It's something that was recommended to us by consultants but it has not been implemented.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the letter from Council President Hardin, he addresses what the challenges are. ● At the heart of this issue is the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police – the union). If you remember, one of our officers was caught on tape kicking a man who was already on the ground in handcuffs. The officer was fired, and the FOP put up a billboard from the police saying, “Mayor, we have no faith in you.” And the officer was reinstated with back pay. ● I encourage you to do a citizen’s police academy. You go through simulations that show you how difficult it is in the moment. I have a lot of compassion for police officers but we also deserve better. ● Jarod: Our rights are just important as the windows in the businesses. Whether we agree or not, our right to march in our streets is a fundamental right. Nothing has gotten better. We have a report that the council received a year ago and nothing has been done. I’m so unhappy. We are not represented in this situation and our rights are being trounced upon. ● Sandra: This feels different and I believe in social change. We are able to affect change. ● Ken: Citizen ride-alongs are permitted and we should try to do those. The Columbus citizen police academy does not exist currently, but the Franklin County Sheriff’s office has one. |
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Selected Discussions

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| <p>Round Table Discussion</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew Mazak from Vogt Strategic Insights ● LINK TO POWERPOINT PRESENTATION HERE ● This market study was commissioned by the city, and this section Andrew is presenting on tonight is focused on residential housing. ● We have a higher percentage of renters in Northland (49%) than the average for Columbus or the state, but that is to be expected in a lower income area. ● We don’t have many government-subsidized apartments, but because we have older buildings (more than half built in the ‘70s), we have a lot of affordable apartments anyway. Most of our duplexes and quad-plexes are similar (fair to mediocre and older). As economists, we like to see a continuum of low-cost housing to high-end, newer apartments so people can move up. We don’t have much on the higher end. ● The report concluded that Northland demand could support several hundred more units, including low-income, affordable, and a few upscale. There is also a demand for multi-family housing for seniors. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is also demand for owner-occupied housing, although the study didn't focus on that. • Andrew said it's difficult to quantify what the tipping point is for rental vs owner-occupied. • Dave Slowbe: Concern from residents in areas with low housing density is when an apartment complex is built and the profits are not reinvested – it was built as high-end, but it doesn't stay that way. Is there a way to address/prevent this? As a market analyst we don't get involved with that as much as demand. • Dave Slowbe: We have a lot of vacant retail. I have seen in other communities having apartments located up above small businesses and restaurants. It was a place to go. It worked. Andrew: Over the Rhine in Cincinnati has become revitalized in this way and it was in very bad shape. |
| NCC Officer Reports | |
| Treasurer Felix Quachey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| Secretary Alice Foeller | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from May accepted into the record • Attendance this meeting will count |
| Vice President Roger Davidson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| President Alicia Ward | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next month we'll do a best practices roundtable for us to share with each other what is working and not working in our neighborhoods. • We will work on our summer picnic and if we can't have it at the swim club in August we will solicit suggestions for another location • Elevate Northland is launching an online marketplace for small businesses. It will feature merchants who live or work in the Northland area. It can be expensive for merchants to set up their own e-commerce website, but they can be part of a communal site where they can list their own items and receive payment for them. We will charge 3 percent of their sales to participate, and those funds will go to support the nonprofit. |
| NCC Committee Reports | |
| Independence Day Parade Committee Web site is northlandparade.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We voted at the last meeting to cancel the parade. |
| Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave acknowledged the applicants and the members who reviewed all of these materials in their homes and participated on Zoom. • Case #1 Al Rosa Villa site on Sinclair Road. Proposed 190-unit housing project. They are applying for a funding grant which is competitive. This is the same funding that National Church Residences has received. They were making sure it would be feasible to build this before they apply. The committee understood the application and the use, but we were not happy about the coverage of the entire site with little green space. We recommended approval with a recommendation to include more green space. • Case #2 at the Bank of America at Morse Road near Karl, which was recently built. Requesting a larger sign on the east elevation |

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| | <p>of the building from 15 to 54 square feet, to help people navigating the plaza and parking lot to see that they are Bank of America. We didn't feel they established a hardship different from any others. We voted to recommend disapproval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case #3 was postponed. The property was owned by Walt Reiner. His widow is hoping to sell it to someone who would like to put a tree service from Northland looking for a new space. They will come back at the end of this month. • Case #4 was a "look-see" and it is to allow a fence to remain in a non-conforming location at Chipotle on Morse Rd. near Hamilton Rd. The zoning was amended in 2014 that would disallow the fence, and they would like to keep the fence where it was, but they would like to add a drive-thru lane for call-ahead order pickup. • Next meeting June 24. |
| <p>Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan, Coordinator</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. Bill has expressed in the past he would be happy to train an understudy. Please step up and reach out to him. |
| <p>Additional Discussions</p> | |
| <p>Other Old Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none |
| <p>Other New Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none |
| <p>Open Forum Comments, Announcements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jared Brown: We have such a diverse community and it is impacted by what has happened over the weekend. I feel like maybe the NCC doesn't feel like the place to make a statement, but we say we represent 110,000 people, but if that's true we need to say we care how the police treat people. I'm concerned that we have citizens who were not permitted to use their constitutional rights to march. • Dave Paul: Proposed that someone, perhaps Jared, prepare a statement from NCC on where we stand. • Alicia: We can craft a careful statement that acknowledges that rioting goes too far and lumps the demonstrators in with criminal activities. • Margaret: I share many of these sentiments. We also have to know that there are outside influencers that are sending people in to create havoc, who are not the demonstrators or people living here. • Pat: We can also voice our opinions to the police union. Things like disciplinary procedures are negotiating items. We have a right to address all of the institutional stakeholders and let them know what our opinions are. • Sandra: I love Northland. I shop here. I get my hair done in Northland. I feel welcome. I feel included. I think a statement saying that is the kind of community we want to be. And we expect everyone in Columbus to receive the same the treatment from police officers and public officials. It doesn't have to be political, and can say what kind of community you are, and as taxpayers, what are the kinds of things you expect and want to fund. In the last year the city paid \$450K to Stormy Daniels as a settlement. At the same time our schools were closed because they don't have air conditioning. <p>The group discussed drafting such a statement from NCC. We will work on that in between meetings and approve at the next meeting. Sandra Lopez shared a link to a statement created by the University Area Commission.</p> |

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