



Aug 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

2020 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	X		X	X	X	X				
Blendon Chase	X	X	X		X	X	X	1				
Blendon Woods	0	X	X			1	2	3				
Clinton Estates	X	1	X			X	X	X				
Cooperwoods	X	X	X			X	X	X				
Devonshire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Elevate Northland			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	X				
Lee & Ulry	1	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	X	X		X	X	1	2				
Minerva Park	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Northland Alliance	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
NABA	X	X	X			1	X	X				
Parkshire Commons	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Preston Commons	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Rolling Ridge	X	X	X			X	X	X				
Salem	X	X	X			X	X	X				
Sharon Woods	X	X	X		X	1	X	X				
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Woodstream East	X	X	X			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

Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Foeller
Liaison Reports	
City Attorney's Office Sarah Pomeroy 614-645-8619, scpomeroy@columbus.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For nuisance abatement lawsuits, we usually need narcotics or prostitution, to bring a lawsuit, but there is a city provision that allows us to use violent crime. 5301 Hedgewood – numerous drive-by shootings in the past month. Our office is bringing a lawsuit against the property under the Columbus statute and we plan to use this as a model. The remedies are not as severe,

	<p>but in this case we don't have the narcotics evidence. We are waiting to see if we can bring some code violations in as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Davidson thanked Sarah for researching a neighbor with an ax-throwing target.
<p>Columbus Police Larry Geiss and Scott Clinger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the house on Hedgewood, people are showing up at all hours and shooting this house up, and there are innocent neighbors next door. I want you to know we'll work as hard as we can. – Scott. • Should we call non-emergency for commercial vehicles parked in residential streets? – John Kirkpatrick. Larry and Scott will look for it and will ask for patrol to also enforce. • Officer Eric Jones still has more medical appointments and won't be back on patrol until at least the end of August. Cards can be sent in care of Larry Geiss at 1150 Morse Rd.
<p>FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
<p>Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The library is offering limited free copying if you need that, for just a few pages. We're seeing about 100 to 150 people a day for pickup/dropoff. • We are taking it week by week in terms of opening up for access to computers. • Everyone is welcome to use the WiFi in the parking lot, but we know not everyone has their own device. • 40 to 50 families are taking advantage of the grab-and-go breakfast and lunch for each child in their families. This will continue through Aug. 21. After school starts, we aren't sure what will happen with our usual after-school snack service. • We are not sure what Homework Help will look like. We plan to offer virtual homework help to try to help parents and students. We are also putting resources together. We are interested in partnering with other agencies to bring together social service help for assistance of various kinds. • We wrapped up our Summer Reading Challenge and lots of kids earned prizes. • Last week we started a Virtual Kindergarten Success Club. This is to help kids prepare for kindergarten. • We making progress with the construction of the new library. You can see the footprint of the building and the elevator shafts. • Librarians can also make a packet of books for you to take even with special requests for adults or kids, such as books with horses in them, etc. • Fred Helser thanked Keith for the audiobooks that are available through the library website and app.
<p>Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 161 Task Force is having a clean up this Saturday from 9-12. This is a litter clean up. Bring your own gloves and wear something bright. We will supply grabbers and trash bags. • NABA Golf Outing is cancelled. • 161 Task Force meeting Thursday – This is not a public meeting, but you can leave feedback on the project using the link https://publicinput.com/H718
<p>City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akainyah aaakainyah@columbus.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug. 15 – a training on zoning in the city. The deadline to register is Aug 12

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Virtual Town Hall Series. The North Side one will be Aug. 31 5-6:30p. Topics will include what city departments are doing in Northland. Illegal dumping, neighborhood safety, My Brother’s Keeper, Mission Zero, charter amendments. We are putting a whole team together to do these and be a great resource for the residents. www.Facebook/cbusneighbor • Other than that we are working on neighborhood complaints, which are mostly code violations. • Dave thanked Alfred for forwarding materials to Rolling Ridge.
<p>Sandra R. López Division of Community Engagement srlopez@columbus.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra is deferring mostly to Council President Hardin. • Council passed a number of measures related to policing and community safety. • I haven’t heard complaints in Northland around short-term rentals and AirBNBs, Council Member Dorans is handling those. You can send them to Sandra.
Selected Discussions	
<p>Round Table Discussion City Council President Shannon Hardin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Hardin praised NCC because we bring many issues to the table, but we also bring solutions. You represent one of the most diverse areas of the city. • These have been the most challenging of times to be in leadership. I thought Covid was our thing. I thought that would be the thing that defined my career. But then we had massive demonstrations that swept the country and certainly impacted Columbus. • These issues were very personal. With Covid we were worried about our personal health and our family members. With racial demonstrations, whether you are black or white, we were worried about whether we would tear each other apart. • As a community we have learned a lot about Covid. Wearing a mask works. It’s not a political statement. It’s a scientific fact. Until we have an effective vaccine, we are going to have to keep this up for awhile. It’s hard. We can’t have big cookouts and birthday parties. • Health commissioner Mashika Roberts has provided sound leadership. • We announced a closure of bars at 10p. People were not (and really could not) social distance at bars. • We recently passed a series of bills that addressed policing reforms. Many people see police and feel a great sense of safety. Other people, like myself as a Black man, don’t have that same feeling. We have talks with our sons about what to do if you are pulled over, and it’s a conversation out of fear. We all know this, but it’s not how it ought to be. This conversation is about how we can better ourselves. I agreed with what people were protesting about and what they were asking for. • We created short-term and long-term goals for policing reforms. Many of the protesters were not engaged like you are in NCC and don’t understand government and how we could not make a change the next day. But we set a goal of 4-5 weeks out. The reforms were around No-knock warrants, police affiliation with hate groups, demilitarization of police in terms of weapons and tools, and independent civilian review. We hosted over 24 hours of public hearings and heard from 100s of people testifying and thousands of emails. I was extremely proud of Columbus and my colleagues. We met with the police department and the FOP and the administration many times. We voted on those four pieces in July and passed them.

- We were the largest city in the country that doesn't have civilian review. What we passed is that the residents will be able to vote on this. We are still bound by the police contract. We look forward to entering those negotiations this November backed by the vote of the residents. We believe it's important to add it to the city charter/constitution.
- I feel we are just getting started. These four things are not police reform. What I want to invite neighbors into a conversation of reimagining policing. Are we asking police to deal with mental health, drugs, domestic situations and asking too much? If I see my neighbor with dementia having an argument with her son, do I need to call a police officer with a gun, or could I call 911 and get a social worker to come de-escalate that situation? Maybe we've not been supporting our police officers, who signed up for work most of us would not do, as best we can.
- Prior to these issues, transit and housing were critical and still are.
- Bill Logan asked how do we define the hate groups in the legislation. Hardin: we worked with the FOP on that. They were eager to agree. When we first got into it, the First Amendment smacks you in the face. So we are going to create a registry of hate groups. They have to be about inciting violence against certain types of folks. A harder definition is what does "affiliation" mean? There's still work to be done, but we've used policy to state our values.
- Jennifer Myers asked what is the city doing to get young people to register to vote. Hardin: I am committed to being "obnoxious" in getting the voter registration out. Water bills will have voter registration forms. A large pizza company and a fast food company will be passing out voter registration. It's not going to be that safe for older people to work the polls. We need young people to step up and be poll workers. Youth can be paid for their time and have an excused absence from school. We also want people to vote early or by mail.
- Pat Hammel asked if the civilian review board would be trained in information about how police collective bargaining works? Hardin: The devil is in the details. The biggest opponents of body cameras was the FOP. Now the biggest proponents of them is the FOP. Times are changing. We want to create a board made up of informed folks. We want a well-trained staff who can do the investigations that can hold up in court or administrative hearings.
- Alicia asked if the Citizen's Police Academy will be brought back. Hardin said it would behoove everyone to understand the job police are asked to do. I pushed my council members to do ride-alongs and talk with police officers. We as council members learned things and that's why we ended up in a different place than we started out. I think we have asked police to solve every nasty issue in our community. My cousin is a female police officer and I rode along with her. It was scary for me watching her. I think it's important for everyone to step in the shoes of a police officer. And it's important for us as citizens to reevaluate what we've asked of them.
- If we are going to solve our affordable housing issues, we're going to have to talk about transit. It costs \$8500 a year for residents to have a car. If we took away that necessity, think what that would allow people to do in terms of housing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill Logan: In 10 years will we still be the City of Columbus or be another name? Hardin: I was supportive of taking the statue down, but I do think the name Columbus is different. The name is good if we ourselves are good. ● Alice Foeller expressed being concerned about the roundabouts. Knowing it's mostly an ODOT project, it impacts the neighbors and the local businesses and we are concerned we are hosting an experiment with this unusual solution. We want to feel the city has our backs. Council President Hardin said he was not well-versed on this project but would have his staff look into it.
NCC Officer Reports	
Treasurer Felix Quachey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No treasurers report this evening. We will do two months' worth next meeting.
Secretary Alice Foeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes from July are entered into the record, hearing no objections.
Vice President Roger Davidson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report
President Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elevate Northland is now one of the Neighborhood Referral Partners for the city grants and loans being awarded to small businesses. We are one of the organizations going to help small businesses apply. ● Aug 8 10a to noon at the YMCA. There will be another event in a few weeks. Watch your email for that. This is primarily a food giveaway for those in need, but if you want to donate food, you may. ● Our Elevate Northland's Online Marketplace is up and running! Our goal is to add 10 vendors and 50 customers by Aug. 23. So far we have three vendors and two customers, so please come a buy some affordably, locally made items. You'll need to arrange pickup directly with the vendors. Most of them do not offer shipping. https://shop.elevatenorthland.org ● We have a census video competition. It ends Sept. 10. Please enter your creative video ideas. We want them in all languages including English. We need everyone to be counted for political representation and funding. ● We are still looking for a building with a commercial kitchen in it, in the heart of Northland. It needs to have COTA stops nearby. ● Northwoods Career Prep is offering a pathway to a high school diploma for people from ages 15 to 21. They are located inside Ashland University campus on 161. This is far superior to a GED. ● Next Elevate Northland Community Meeting is Aug. 12. Please join as noon on Zoom. ● On Aug. 13 is the 161 Task Force Meeting. ODOT will be hosting it, to present the plan for the 161 corridor. We want to push for nice looking barricades and traffic signals poles, etc. We're surrounded on three sides by very attractive suburbs. There's no reason for us to look slummy. As long as they are constructing, we'd like nicer infrastructure. Dave Paul: I talked with Angela Fedek – she's the engineer from the city. I asked her if this is invitation only or if we can share it. She said they do plan to have a public event but this meeting should not be huge. They want to go deep and it's only an hour-long meeting. We should have NCC folks and people from Forest Park and Sharon Woods attend. But we don't want to overwhelm the meeting. There is a link where you can contribute public input. Please review the information at the

	site and you can type in your input, although we don't want everyone on the call. https://publicinput.com/H718
NCC Committee Reports	
Independence Day Parade Committee Web site is northlandparade.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case 1: Johnny Appleseed and Westerville Road. There was an area being used basically as a dump. They stopped dumping there, but it wasn't really cleaned up. Russell Tree Service proposed using it for their offices, truck headquarters, and to mulch brush for their customers. We supported their project unanimously. We asked that they include sidewalks on their frontage on Johnny Appleseed Court. Case 2 was a look-see or review with no recommendation requested. This case was for the Haemmerl Center on Morse Road, which was in discussion with Mid-Ohio Food Collective for them to have a food pantry that is a grocery-store concept. More dignified for the client. They had identified this site. They let us know that the morning before the case, Ascension Lutheran went into contract with another buyer. But we continued to discuss it with them and they presented what they are trying to accomplish and we were able to recommend other sites that may work.
Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan, Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 illegal signs removed last month. No graffiti. Eight code enforcement actions were residential. We've been trying to be gentle with the businesses, due to the difficulty of them staying in business. Too many vehicles in the driveway. Truck cabs parking in the driveways. The political season is upon us. Political signs in the right of way are still illegal and will be removed. You may put them on your personal property in your yard. A public service announcement is a different kind of sign and has different rules, but there is a limit of one political sign per yard. However we don't usually notice unless there is a complaint. We've never had a complaint about graduation signs, etc.
Additional Discussions	
Other Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Other New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Turtle has been a member in the past and they were not a member but they have applied to join again. The executive committee has reviewed their application and have approved them to be considered by the larger group. Roger moves to approve. John Kirkpatrick seconds. The vote was unanimous to approve. Dave Slowbe – there are very large housing developments completing work on Lee/Ulry area. The bike path is starting to connect the communities. Sharon Woods put out its first newsletter since January. 2020 Census Video Contest Submission - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch4wZex4qz7Oup2d4yWEpt27f-wQrQxgWBJo3DwLjkbWyKw/viewform
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