



Oct 6, 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	X	X		
Asherton Grove	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Blendon Chase	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	X	X		
Blendon Woods	0	X	X			1	2	3	X	4		
Clinton Estates	X	1	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Cooperwoods	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Devonshire	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Elevate Northland			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	X	X		
Karmel Woodward Pk	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lee & Ulry	1	X	X		X	X	X	X	1	X		
Little Turtle									X	X		
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	X	X		X	X	1	2	X	3		
Minerva Park	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Northland Alliance	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
NABA	X	X	X			1	X	X	X	1		
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	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Salem	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Sharon Woods	X	X	X		X	1	X	X	X	X		
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Woodstream East	X	X	X			X	X	1	X	X		

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"> Due to a number of issues at the Red Roof Inn on 161, 1221 E Dublin Granville, SE corner of 161 and I-71, including prostitution, I am in the process of filing paperwork against them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wedgewood property with the drive-by shootings – the owner agreed to be boarded up and cleaned up. We are still finalizing the court order. • Liquor objection season is coming up. If you know of high crime locations that have liquor sales, please let Sarah know. The main one is Cleveland and Fuji – Yates beverage center – that’s the one we are investigating.
<p>Columbus Police Larry Geiss and Scott Clinger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 1: You are required to have your Driver’s License, ID, tags on your car must be updated. The emergency was declared March 9 and could have not been able to renew them, but now they need to be taken care of by Dec. 1. • Tonight would have been National Night Out – it has been totally cancelled in terms of events, but go ahead and turn on your porch lights please. • Officer Jones is still off. Not sure if he will return. He may end up retiring prior to coming back fulltime. That job can’t be filled while he is out on injury, so we will need to wait for his decision. But myself and Officer Geiss will try to cover.
<p>FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman djroseman@msn.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our tree nursery campaign with American Forests and supported by the City of Columbus and the Columbus Foundation, we are giving away hundreds of trees in three-gallon containers. We will have our second tree giveaway in Hilltop and give away about 250 free trees to people living in Columbus, especially for people who are not able to purchase a tree during this time. Sign-up: https://buff.ly/3j1PLsr • If you would like to sign-up to volunteer and distribute these free trees on-site, here’s the link: https://buff.ly/3ioAE11 If a civic would like to come get any remaining trees to bring them back and give away in your neighborhood, the final remaining pick up date at Hilltop 442 S. Terrace Avenue on Saturday Oct 17
<p>Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Karl Road branch is now open. But we still offer curbside service if you don’t want to come in. Copy and fax service is available, as well as our regular services. You can also browse the stacks again. We have a spot for parents to sit with their kids to use the internet for school. • Construction of the new building is really taking shape. This Friday we will have a virtual “topping off” of the last crossbeam ceremony, since we had to cancel our groundbreaking. The link was sent out, and it’s Friday at 10 a.m. and our CEO will be there with the architects. It will also be recorded for viewing later. • We are a Children’s Hunger Alliance Snack location – you can pick up a shelf-stable snack. The kids don’t have to be with you, and you can pick them up. • We are a polling site at the library, so next month on voting day, the branch will be closed for browsing and will be concentrating on making sure the voting goes smoothly.
<p>Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Northland business and institutions map will be available at NABA – this is being built

	<p>now and you can see a start to it at the site already.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 15 at noon NABA Kevin Wheeler will be the speaker. This will be via Zoom
<p>City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akainyah aaakainyah@columbus.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census has been extended to end of October • If you saw the Early Voting Center, you saw there were lines already there. Go ahead and vote! • Town hall for city – We have one for New Americans this Oct 8 from 5-6:30 on Facebook Live. • Flooding issues update: They are going to take a look at the Maize-Morse and Woodward Park drainage system, and once they have the full picture, they will issue an RFP to choose a vendor to create a solution. • John Kirkpatrick – I called the city about a sewer lid that had a piece fall off, and in just 45 minutes someone came out to mark it with paint and a cone and I am grateful for the quick response. • From a city perspective, we are not encouraging trick or treating.
<p>Sandra R. López Division of Community Engagement srlopez@columbus.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow Council Council President Hardin and Council Member Mitch Brown will have a hearing about the police review board and a dashboard on the progress on police reforms. It will be at 5p available online at the city's YouTube channel and City Council's Facebook. • Next Wed Oct. 14 at 5:30 we will host a Latino Town Hall with Council President Hardin. This is a good opportunity to connect with Hispanic residents and businesses. • We are also working in partnership with the Hispanic Chamber Northland Sat Oct. 17 10-2 at Sola Luna next to Hoyo's Kitchen handing out information for business owners who wants to understand Covid guidelines.
Selected Discussions	
<p>Round Table Discussion</p> <p>Brad Westall, RLA Planning Manager for Columbus Recreation and Parks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec and Parks is heavily engaged in the trail systems all over the region. The Olentangy and the Scioto and downtown trails get a lot of attention, but the Alum Creek Trail is very near and dear to our hearts in Northland. 22 miles of Alum Creek trail was completed in 2018, connecting Strawberry Farms and other neighborhood parks with Westerville on the north and it goes south down through Easton, Bexley and all the way to Three Creeks. However, the communities of Little Turtle, Cherrybottom, Ulry, etc are isolated by 161, Sunbury Road and and I-270 isolate these communities from the existing bike paths. People have to drive just a few miles to get to the metro park or the store. There is no safe road or routes available. Here's what we want to do to help solve it. (See the PDF) • With this trail, you could ride a bike from Little Turtle to Easton in 20 or 25 minutes. We also propose to partner with Metro Parks for several bicycle entrances to Blendon Woods. There are many jobs in the Hamilton Road corridor, and

	<p>Easton and New Albany. It would include a 1000-foot boardwalk section through the wetlands of Little Turtle Bottomlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are asking your support to write a grant to MORPC. • Questions: David Slowbe: Can the communities at Ulry and East be connected to Hoover in the later stages of connecting the trails to the Hoover area? Also there is danger at the Ulry/Warner curve. Yes looking at Central College shared use path to Cabbage • Mount Hood Court connection is very steep. We will look at working on it since it will be more busy. • Sunbury Road – there are a lot of pedestrians coming from Steltzer along Sunbury with no sidewalk. Answer: This won't solve all of it, but if you do some of it, other parts do spring up later. • Bonnie from Little Turtle – We're so excited in our community about this trail campaign. We have a letter writing campaign going to support this. • Rolling Ridge is behind this project. • We are building 15% of something you want 100% of, but I appreciate your questions. This is not an inexpensive project ... a \$6 million path. But consider what we spend on cars and roads. We think it's time to bring the balance back a little. • You can write emails to me or MORPC or Alicia or David Roseman if you want to express support. They really look hard at what PEOPLE want. Reach Brad Westall at brwestall@columbus.gov and MORPC at https://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/contact-us/. If we get the money, this would be built in late 2023 or 2024.
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NCC Officer Reports

<p>Treasurer Felix Quachey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger moved to accept the treasurer's report for Sept., Jennifer seconds ... all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
<p>Secretary Alice Foeller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further corrections being noted, the minutes from September are entered into the record.
<p>Vice President Roger Davidson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
<p>President Alicia Ward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin County – we had meetings with two commissioners on behalf of Elevate Northland. In the course of those meetings, we talked about county properties and parking lots, we talked to them about semi truck parking and a model for legal semi storage and temporary parking. Commissioner O'Grady was interested in the idea and they asked us to discuss it with a few others within the county and city. • The city's New Americans Forum took place this month, and we had a few people attend from Northland. • Elevate Northland has an exciting opportunity to partner with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for a supermarket-style hub. This will be a win-win as there are some large building

	<p>that are too big for either of us, but together we can make something great happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevate Northland is connecting small businesses with Covid relief funds. Our outreach worker, Nadlin Antwi, has been helping with that as well as helping people complete their census entry. • Just for reference – Elevate Northland is one-third NCC. It's NCC, NABA and Northland Alliance. It's your baby. If anyone here wants to take more ownership or help with it, that's very welcome. The reason I report a lot about it during my President's report is because this is what we are doing as NCC to help in our community.
<p>Open Forum Comments, Announcements</p>	<p>How are civic associations doing with Covid? Sharon Woods is doing meetings on Zoom, but with lower attendance. We are getting ready to put our newsletter out. But most functions are not happening. I think it's really tough on the associations. We got ¾ of the usual numbers in our membership drive. – John Kirkpatrick</p> <p>Devonshire hasn't met since March. The church we met at is still closed and our president hasn't looked at alternative methods to meet? -Jill Alicia asked if NCC could facilitate a meeting for them.</p> <p>Mary Walker – We have board meetings on Zoom, but haven't done anything with community members. We were going to have an outdoor event but it poured and so only one person came. We also have an automated call where we can send a voice message to everyone.</p> <p>Jennifer Myers – Our board remains active virtually. We connect with our members by email and we are sending a lot of emails, but for trick or trick, we are trying to keep things normal for the children, but one thing we find successful is we can get the children to start in one area and pick up individual baggies and go in a single direction. Cayman Cusemon is a law firm that is great with associations and they gather and share best practices.</p>
NCC Committee Reports	
<p>Independence Day Parade Committee Web site is northlandparade.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
<p>Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair</p>	<p>Roger Davidson reporting for Dave Paul: We had six cases last week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application BZA variance for a Turkey Hill on N. Hamilton at Warner. It had been tabled from a past meeting. They have a drive through pick up. We wanted them to have a bypass so people wouldn't be stuck in the pickup lane. They reworked it so they could add a bypass, so we recommended approval. 2. Newly annexed property on Thompson Road. Everyone else had annexed but this was a hold out. We heard from a lot of residents who wanted to speak on this one. The single family home residents have an HOA but it's still with the developer. The developer is the one trying to develop the apartments. The residents didn't like the plan for the apartments and the density. 25 units per acre. We voted 11-3 to recommend disapproval. We'd

	<p>like the developer to work with the residents for a better solution.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Rezoning request for the former Walgreens in Salem at 161 and Northmeadows. It sounded good when we were introduced to it in August. We recommended approval for a Sheetz which is a gas station with a restaurant. Sheetz is known to be a good community partner and family owned. No drivethru. The building for restaurant and store will be in front and the gasoline canopies will be behind. There isn't space to accommodate tractor trailers. 4. This case is a HomePort apartment residence. We had already recommended approval of the council variance. They received their funding so they had to come back and convert the council variance into a rezoning measure. We recommended approval again with the correction of a typo in density. 5. In the same manner, the 76 units of senior independent living NCR project was also recommended approval for the zoning for rear parking. 6. Zoning variance for the height of a detached garage and max square feet. They want to construct a large garage on Cooper Rd. The lots are very large. Two of their neighbors have large detached garage. They want to park their RV inside, and boat, etc. We recommended approval on the condition that they specify the exact height. <p>Also they are updating the rules on CRA zones (Community Reinvestment Act) and the changes that were being considered did pass last night. It doesn't bypass the zoning rules, though. They still have to go through all of the normal steps. The Salem area will be included in the new CRA district. Homeowners and developers will be able to access tax abatements for improvements over \$2500 to their home. Roger can email the CRA information to anyone who requests it at roger_davidson@hotmail.com.</p>
<p>Letter of Support for MORPC grant by City of Columbus</p>	<p>Alicia read the letter of support. Roger moved Pat Hammel seconded. Everyone voted in favor and there were none opposed. Motion carries.</p>
<p>Open Forum Comments, Announcements</p>	<p>Alicia announced that Elevate Northland may be requesting to meet with civic associations regarding a community needs assessment.</p>
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