



Feb 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

2021 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE												
MEMBER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Albany Park	X	X										
Asherton Grove	X	X										
Blendon Chase	X	X										
Blendon Woods	6	-										
Clinton Estates	X	X										
Cooperwoods	X	X										
Devonshire	X	X										
Elevate Northland	X	X										
Forest Park	X	X										
Friendship Village	X	X										
Karmel Woodward Pk	X	X										
Lee & Ulry	1	X										
Little Turtle	1	X										
Maize Morse Tri-Area	X	1										
Minerva Park	X	X										
Northland Alliance	X	X										
NABA	1	2										
Parkshire Commons	X	X										
Preston Commons	X	X										
Rolling Ridge	1	X										
Salem	X	1										
Sharon Woods	X	X										
Strawberry Farms	X	X										
Woodstream East	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"> Meeting called to order at 7p with the Pledge of Allegiance. Alice Foeller (see roster for attendance)
Liaison Reports	
Columbus Police Department Officers Scott Clinger / Larry Geis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People warming up their cars and leaving them unlocked – they have been stolen. They suggest get a remote car starter. Also don't leave your car running at the store or gas station and leave it unattended.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purse snatchings have been reported, including at the Morse Rd Kroger. We have leads and are working on solving it, but please report all details if this happens again. • We're getting a lot of complaints of homelessness and panhandling. We're seeing it on 161 and Morse but also on Polaris and everywhere else. • Question from Ken: There's communication that if you catch someone in the act of stealing from a porch, no arrest can be made? Officer Clinger: If it's not a violent crime (a property crime like theft) it's true that we are not putting them in jail for that because the punishment is not jail, so the rule now is not to have people in jail for crimes that don't result in jail time. We would take a report and send the report and information to the prosecutors' office and they will decide if charges will be filed. Sarah: However if someone is repeat offender or there are some other circumstances, the City Attorney's Office would consider that in allowing an exception so there can be an arrest. Follow-up question – if the resident confronting someone and it became violent, then it would be robbery and arrestable offense. • Question from Ken: There is caution tape around one motel. The Red Carpet Inn on 161 – now being used as a homeless shelter by the Y. Also two at 1100 and 1111 Mediterranean – The Travel Lodge and the former Country Inn and Suites. These are being used by the Y and the Community Shelter Board to house the homeless. Police and City Attorney's office are coordinating a meeting with those two agencies to address resulting issues with trash and panhandling. Officers and residents expressed we want to help and provide support, but we don't want to harm the neighborhood by doing this. • David: There's a lot of reports of mail theft. I recommend mailing items in the post office, and don't mail from home by putting the flag up.
<p>City Attorneys Office Sarah Pomeroy 614-645-8619 sepomeroy@columbus.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 161 and 71 Red Roof Inn for prostitution – the manager was relieved of duty and they are now under a full court order that includes enhanced security. We withdrew our objection there because of our efforts. • Hometown Studios on Quarterhorse Dr. – Hearing set for last week of February • We haven't done city actions at apartment buildings yet, but we are hearing about issues at the Victorian Village apartments, which is highly populated by Bhutanese-Nepali residents. There are crimes happening. We are working to educate the residents to report more crimes because we believe crime is underreported there, and also we want to help them learn to report code violations as well. • Alicia: Can the residents put their rent in escrow until violations are addressed? Sarah: Yes, but it also depends on their lease and there's not precedent doing it on a complex-wide basis. But usually it's on a unit-by-unit basis. • Bill: Requested Sarah to communicate that this new policy of no arrests for property crimes is not workable for communities and is going to result in more crime.
<p>Kevin Wheeler Department of Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city has not had a comprehensive update to the code since the 1950s, but has had many many piecemeal changes. • Or city is becoming more dense and cities do change. It requires a different way of looking at land use. We are

	<p>looking at focused growth, and asking residents what are your values and goals around land use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Jared: If you add affordable housing, you will have taxation issues as taxes need to be raised to support the density, but the housing values influence the taxation on everyone else. Response: There is a MORPC study about the impact of taxation on homeowners vs businesses and industry. • Columbus.gov/zoningupdate - please take this survey if it hasn't already been sent to you.
<p>FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman djroseman@msn.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you participate in the survey, we'd also like to see input from those who value preserving parkland, trees, etc. • We're starting planning for Earth Day, April 22. Green Columbus is sponsoring service work sites. If your civic group wants to do a clean-up, tree planning, etc., please sign up via Green Columbus. Events are beginning as early as March because we have a lot more trash on the streets. • Friday Feb. 5: Deadline to request bare-root very young seedlings of trees, you can request these for your group in a batch of 50. There are several species, but you have to order 50 of each species. • CESA – the Columbus East Soccer Association is working on a large tree planting plan for their Easton soccer fields along the adjacent Alum Creek Trail. • Metro Parks approved this year building a connector from Blendon Woods Park west side to the new Big Walnut Greenway trail via the Cherrybottom Road crossing at Magnolia Chase apartments. • Morse Road near 270 – we are getting a side shared-use path between Seward and Stygler on the south side of Morse, and a repaving of Morse Rd will include a bike lane between Sunbury and Stelzer Rd. • Public input requested on mobility and transportation plans – on Feb. 4 6p and Feb 10 at noon, via Webex, public participation is welcome. Lexi Petrella at MORPC is the contact and there are also links on Facebook. • FACT did formally object to the Columbus BZA rezoning for Scioto Materials permit and variance request. BZA still approved the request over NCC Development Committee's objection. This was very disappointing for FACT, as we had documentation of water pollution in Alum Creek from Scioto Materials.
<p>Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson Branch Manager, Karl Rd Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have curbside service and we can be your "personal shopper" and pick out the books you would like. • Progress on the new branch is moving along quickly. We appreciate your patience with the construction debris and vehicles. We are on track to open early September in the new building. We are thinking we will close the old building Memorial Day to transfer materials into the new branch. Most of our new library builds, they have to move to a temporary space during the build, but because we could do it on the same plot of land, we are doing it this way. There will be a period of time May to September when Northland will not have their Karl Rd branch. The Northern Lights branch will be the closest branch during the time we are closed. There will be a lot of meeting space in the new library and we hope NCC will move there. We have small conference rooms and large meeting space. • We are looking to reopen for limited access, especially as tax season is upon us and people need to use the computers for filing taxes. We are following county health department advice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operation Warm: This group provides free, brand new winter coats for kids. Feb 23 from 3-5 pm, we will be giving away free coats to kids. We will be getting 150 coats delivered and we will also be distributing our usual free snacks at the same time. They will also receive a brand new Scholastic book. This will be operated as a drive-thru operation. ● PCs for People: This group currently partners with a few branches to distribute PCs and hotspots for K-12 families. Karl Rd will be a designated pickup spot for those who have applied at the PCs for People website and received an approval to pick up computers or hotspots. Free and reduced lunch eligible people can be approved for this. ● Keith displayed his screen to show participants the virtual events available. There are many events pertaining to Black History Month. There is also online homework help and job help. Storytimes, Staff Picks, Author Talks and more are also online.
Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alice reported that membership and finances were steady despite the challenging year. ● Please add a small article in your newsletter to let area businesses know there is an association and the website is available for people to join. You can cut and paste from nabacolumbus.org for text and links for the article.
City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akainyah aaakainyah@columbus.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Bhutanese community – there were serious personal crimes committed against residents, and we convened a meeting there. One of the issues there was that there was no community group to advocate for them, so I am working with them to have them join the NCC. Alicia said we would love to have them, and they have been invited to apply for membership. Dave Paul said they are also on our email list and they are receiving our email. ● Whispering Oaks – everyone there is being evicted because of issues with the building. The resettlement agencies came together to help find placement for the residents. Everyone is being taken care of including some with disabilities and mobility issues.
Columbus Community Engagement Sandra R. López srlopez@columbus.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report
Roundtable Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
NCC Officer Reports	
Treasurer Felix Quachey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report – Will be sent later this week
Secretary Alice Foeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes for the January meeting were issued in January. Hearing no objections, the minutes are entered into the record. ● Blendon Woods has elected to withdraw from NCC. They are welcome back when they have the funds and manpower to rejoin.
Vice President Roger Davidson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report
President Alicia Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main President’s business tonight will be election of Officers.
NCC Committee Reports	Fred – Andy Halatak is recovering in rehab and doing better. Everyone sends their regards.

<p>Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphics request for the large Giant Eagle sign to be repurposed for the self-storage. Since it's no longer on the same parcel as the property it's advertising, it required a variance. We recommended approval. • Auto Direct LLC is proposing to repurpose the old Huntington center at Morse and Cleveland Ave. We recommended approval of their proposed changes with the exception of a sign with automatic changeable copy. • The former Al Rosa Villa is being repurposed for affordable housing. We recommended approval for variances for parking and antenna. • NCR project at Cleveland Ave and Bretton Woods – we previously supported the concept for them to get funding. The latest version included higher density (double) and impact to the natural area around it, and we voiced our concerns. They are now proposing a Phase One, which is what we had supported in the past, for 62 units. We supported this smaller project, with the consideration that they replace the sidewalk along Cleveland Avenue, which will be a win for the neighborhood. • We have seven cases on the February agenda. • Members of the BZA felt they could address issues that went to public health and safety and some felt that was outside their jurisdiction. It was a 3-2 vote. They felt this company has been producing asphalt for a long time, and one aspect of that is adding recycled (pulverized) asphalt to the new asphalt. This has to happen on the site. They have been doing that for a long time, but the city now is saying this activity brings them under regulations for a salvage yard. They felt a change in the way the city defines them should not prevent them from what they have been doing all along. They also allowed them to construct the helipad. Decisions made by BZA are final unless someone sues them. A video of the meeting is here: https://youtu.be/mGMcrGERLrc?t=6770
<p>Nomination John Kirkpatrick, Chair</p>	<p>President, Vice President and Treasurer have agreed to run again. We are looking for a secretary.</p> <p>If we don't have a secretary, we don't have minutes or attendance. We do need to have a secretary. Alice stated her commitment to train and mentor the next person over the next two to three months.</p> <p>John presented a slate of Alicia Ward, Roger Davidson, and Felix Quatchey. John made a motion to accept the slate Brad seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion carried.</p>
<p>Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan, Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are dealing with three graffiti issues on Morse Rd and four graphics violations. • Roger: There is a Merrill Lynch sign on the Bank of America building on the side that doesn't have an entrance. Bill: We know this and are filing the complaint since they need to come to us for a variance if they want to keep the sign. • Two residential neighbors back-to-back built 6-foot fences, so neither fence could be maintained because you can't reach both sides. But these were installed by the residents. Code people agreed they shouldn't do it that way, but there's nothing written in the code. So we

are using a section in the code that says you have to have the ability to maintain the fence.

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