The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: Oct 5, 2021	Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report
Prepared By: Jordan Reeves	Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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Attendance Report

2021 Perfect Attendance 8/23 Suspended From Voting 2/23		
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2021 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE												
MEMBER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
Albany Park	Х	х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х		
Asherton Grove	Х	Х	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	1		
Blendon Chase	X	Х	X	Х	1	Х	Х	X	Х	X		
Blendon Woods	6	N/A										
Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio	N/A	1	2									
Clinton Estates	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Cooperwoods	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	Х	1		
Devonshire	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Elevate Northland	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Forest Park	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	X	Х	Х		
Westerwood *	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	Х		
Karmel Woodward Pk	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Lee & Ulry	1	Х	1	2	Х	1	2	3	Х	Х		
Little Turtle	1	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	Х	Х		
Maize Morse Tri-Area	Х	1	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Minerva Park	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	1	Х	Х		
Northland Alliance	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
NABA	1	2	Х	Х	1	2	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Parkshire Commons	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Preston Commons	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Х	1	Х	Х	Х		
Rolling Ridge	1	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		

Salem	Х	1	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Sharon Woods	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Strawberry Farms	X	X	X	1	2	3	X	Х	Х	1		
Woodstream East	X	1	X	1	X	1	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* New name for Friendship Village

	SUSPENDED & MISSED	SUSPENDED & ATTENDED	GOOD STANDING	NUMBERS DENOTE CONSECUTIVE MISSES	
KEY	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: 7:02

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Roll Call	Roll was taken. See above chart for details.				
Liaison Reports					
Columbus Fire Department Station 24	No Report				
Columbus Police Department Officer Larry Geis Officer Dan Yandrich	 Precinct 18 has had many cars broken into, purses stolen from cars at gas station in their district Reminds us to lock our car and only take what is needed when we travel. 				
City Attorney's Office Sarah Pomeroy 614-645-8619 scpomeroy@columbus.gov	 Norwood hotel case is being reopened and will be asked to close if requests aren't met quickly Super 8 hotel case is also being reopened 5665 Crawford court case is post contempt as of time of meeting Refer to Roundtable Discussion with City Attorney Zack Klein 				
FACT & Consider Biking David Roseman - djroseman@msn.com	 Free tree give away Hilltop area October 23, 2021 There will be 5 species available but is limited to 2 per household. You can register and order online at greencolumbus.org Trees must be picked up from hilltop nursery the morning of October 23, 2021 				
Columbus Public Library Liaison Keith Hanson (Karl Road Branch Manager)	 Karl Rd Branch is now open! Please come and check out the new building. Slowly rolling out programs at the new branch Hope is to expand hours once again but unable to do so until at least January 				
Northland Area Business Association Dave Cooper	 Golf outing went well. Proceeds will be presenting to the committee during our December meeting. 				
City of Columbus Community Liaison Alfred Akainyah - aaakainyah@columbus.gov	 Public Utilities personal will come to present to us in the future. Date is not yet set 311 will be able to close requests in the future. 				
Columbus Community Engagement Sandra R. López - srlopez@columbus.gov	No Report				
	Selected Discussions				

Roundtable Discussion

- **City Attorney Zack Klein** The city Attorneys office is an an elected position, has 177 people working for him. They handle prosecution (from traffic tickets to big crimes), Lawyers for the City of Columbus, they have a litigation department, a claims division, a zone annotative, solicitors general annotative.
- City attorney only works on misdemeanor crimes in the city, county prosecutor does all juvenile and felony crimes in the county
- Having to deal with the constitutionality of panhandling ordinance because of US Supreme Court that limits the ability to create panhandling laws.
- Lawsuit against Bill Spillard Company They are in the discovery process of the lawsuit and will have another meeting in November in this case.
- The City Attorney believes the state legislator has over legislated gun laws so the city is unable to write legislation on firearms. The City Attorneys office is working to make sure the database system is up to date and trying to make sure everyone is in the database.
- Introducing speed bumps in the city and City Attorneys
 Office has never said that they didn't want speed bumps.
- Introducing machines that collect data on speed of vehicles and City Attorney has no opposition to such machines in the City of Columbus
- Introducing red light cameras back into Columbus. City attorneys office cannot instal the cameras
- No arrest to Nonviolent crimes is something that he supported and is a best practice to not arrest nonviolent offenders who has little to no criminal history. Officers still have discretion on who they are able to arrest and often will be if they have a criminal history. You are still able to be arrested but will not have to be taken downtown. It is like felony drug possession.
- People responding to summons request has stayed at a constant rate before and after COVID.
- Policing is hard and we have to recognize that there are great police and not great police and it is a hard topic and if it wasn't we would have already figured out
- Gang activity in Ohio is something that the City Attorney cannot handle and either the county or federal government has to handle
- Homelessness is something that is also a hard topic and he is open to suggestions. He has members of his office that works with other people around the city to help with homelessness and what laws we have in the city.
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- Q The community is under the impression that the police will not be pursuing arrests for certain crimes. Will there be a return to normal?A: Klein stated that he can't comment on police procedure, that is the new Safety Director and the Mayor's call.

- **Q:** Coming into effect last Fall was the no arrests for nonviolent crimes, is this a permanent policy change or is it just temporary due to covid? **A:** This is a procedure that the former police chief instated, and Klein stated he fully supported it. There is no longer a policy requiring police to get a sign off on arrests. It is at the officer's discretion to arrest, based off of whether or not the person is a repeat offender.
- **Q:** Follow up Question. How do you know if the person is a repeat offender if they are not getting arrested for previous crimes? **A:** Klein stated that they would still be arrested but not taken downtown, instead issued a summons.
- **Q:** If a porch pirate is caught stealing a package, what happens to that person? **A:** If it is a chronic offender and the officer knows that they are, then they can be arrested and taken to jail. If that person has no criminal history, the officer will get their information and the prosecutor's office decides whether to send them a court summons in the mail. Klein stated that this procedure is still considered an arrest. It was stated that this policy of not arresting a criminal but rather just getting that person's information and letting them go is what the communities are upset about. Klein said that this procedure is considered an arrest. Klein stated he would send us the information and a list of FAQs his office gave to the police telling them how to handle nonviolent offenders.
- Q: What is the difference between arrest, temporarily detained, and charged? A: The difference is when you are brought to the jail, you are charged. If you are not brought to jail you are not charged unless the City Attorney's office issues you a summons. Klein stated, "with the exception of first-time offenders or someone who has very little criminal history, the officer can still arrest."
- **Q:** The homeless are camping in the heart of our community. We would like to see them get help, and don't believe living in these camps is helping them. We want to be a part of the solution but not closing our eyes to the problem. What can your office do to address this problem **A:** No answer given.
- **Q:** When you actually read the Columbus Police Division Directive revised 11/06/2020 Summons and Misdemeanor Citations it states, "A summons shall be issued in leu of an arrest when the identity of the offender is known or can be determined" This document is what has started all the confusion concerning arrests. **A:** Klein stated, "I understand the confusion, I appreciate it and respect it, and I will go back and make sure it is cleared up".
- **Q:** what happens if the offender is homeless and doesn't have an address to send a summons to? **A:** That is an issue with any court documents in any city. The documents may be mailed to a homeless shelter or the last known address.
- **Q:** The Chief of Police announced that there were 17 gangs in this town, 457 members of those gangs, and they are currently committing 37% of all the violent crime in the city. What are we doing about this? Should there be a Taskforce? **A:** If we really want to get tough on them, which we should, we need a federal taskforce.

	• Q: Going back to the homelessness issue, how do you help solve problems and what is out of your purview? A: An attorney in Klein's office by the name of Tiara is tasked with clearing out homelessness by working with the Department of Neighborhoods and the Mayor's Office. It is a problem that he is open to suggestions on. The city does a good job on newly homeless, but they don't have a way to reach the chronic homeless.
	Nya Walters - Columbus City Council
Roundtable Discussion	 Dave Paul - Northland Alliance Redistricting They believe that they are getting to the end of the redistricting process There will now be 9 council member and 9 council districts. We currently have 7 council members All members are required to live in their districts but represent the whole city Each district has to be equal in population All city Councilors will have to run for reelection in 2023 and 5 councilors will get 4 year terms and 2 will get 2 year terms and that will be decided by the councilors during the first city council session in 2024.
Banquet Committee Alicia Ward, Chair	No Report
Independence Day Parade Committee Web site is northlandparade.org	 Christine Osero and Mike Troolin are the new co-chairs for the parade Parade Planning Committee Meeting Dates will be the 3rd Saturday of every month at Karl Road Library.
Development Committee Dave Paul, Chair	Report distributed via email.
Graphics and Code Task Force Bill Logan	 Uptick in graffiti and there may be gang activity in our area. City and ODOT has responded to the graffiti quickly and is looking for solutions for the issue currently.
	NCC Officer Reports
Treasurer	No reportVacant position, Treasurer needed
Secretary Jordan Reeves	• Forest Park made a motion to approve meeting minutes from last three meetings. Albany Park seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in support of the motion.
Vice President Roger Davidson	
President Alicia Ward	Forest Park made a motion to accept resolution to change signers on bank account. Salem Civic Association seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in support of the motion
	Additional Discussions
Other Old Business	No report

Other New Business	• Northland Alliance made a motion to accept application from Peppertree Civic Association with the condition that if they find their bylaws or create new bylaws they will be submitted to us for review. Salem Civic Association seconded seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in support of the motion.
Open Forum Comments, Announcements	No Report

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 PM

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