

# The Northland Community Council

General Meeting: June 3, 2025

Meeting Minutes & Attendance Report

Met requirements for Quorum: Yes

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| 2025 Perfect Attendance | <b>13/24</b> | Suspended From Voting | <b>1/24</b> |
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| 2025 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   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Blendon Chase                   | X   | X   | X   | X   | -   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Clinton Estates                 | X   | X   | -   | X   | -   | -   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Devonshire                      | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Elevate Northland               | X   | -   | -   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Forest Park                     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Karmel Woodward Pk              | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Lee & Ulry                      | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Little Turtle                   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Maize Morse Tri-Area            | X   | X   | -   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Minerva Park                    | X   | X   | -   | X   | -   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Northland Alliance              | X   | -   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| North Village                   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| NABA                            | X   | X   | -   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Parkshire Commons               | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Peppertree                      | X   | X   | X   | -   | -   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Preston Commons                 | 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   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Strawberry Farms                | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Waltham                         | X   | -   | 2   | 3   | 4   | -   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Westerwood                      | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |

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| KEY | SUSPENDED & MISSED                           | SUSPENDED & ATTENDED                                     | GOOD STANDING | NUMBERS DENOTE CONSECUTIVE MISSES                                  |
|     | SUSPENSION<br>(voting privileges forfeiture) | A MEMBER IN GREEN HAS PERFECT ATTENDANCE<br>FOR THE YEAR |               | A MEMBER IN RED TEXT HAS BEEN<br>NOTIFIED OF EXPULSION ELIGIBILITY |

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 PM

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| <b>Roll Call</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll was taken. See above chart for details.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Liaison Reports</b>  |   |
| <b>Police</b> (Officer Phillips)                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of recent crimes in the area. Answered questions about whether pepper spray is legal (yes), whether caging wild sparrows is legal (not sure) and what to do when cars in driveways are blocking the sidewalk (call non-emergency and/or 311)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>City Attorney</b> (Steve Dunbar, Property Action Team Zone 1)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apartments north of Morse between Karl and Cleveland – some are vacant and under court order. Some owners want to do the right thing but need incentive. Others make promises to change but don't. (Tall Oaks, Winterwood, Winterwood Gardens)</li> <li>Answered question about ABVI hotel on Sinclair Road – they are being fined and there is a hearing coming up attempting to move it into receivership. There's a flurry of activity and attempts to improve but seems to be a pattern where real change is not likely.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Friends of Alum Creek &amp; Consider Biking</b><br>(David Roseman) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Roseman south side of 161 the construction is being completed to add a multi-use path where the ditch used to be. Parkville is currently closed as they install the roundabout there.</li> <li>Columbus City Council is amending the city code on "weeds" to better accommodate native plant gardening. 12-inch high plants will no longer be a violation as long as it's a native or pollinator plant. It can be 100% of your property as long as it is "well-maintained." The new language is very simple and brief. Has not been approved by the council yet. Councilmember Wyche is leading the change. There is a subsection that deals with the sight lines so it doesn't pose a hazard to traffic.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Columbus Metro Library</b> (Brandon Thomas)                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Reading Program is getting started and is also open to adults!</li> <li>We have some unusual programs coming up including animals, "creepy crawlies," owls, a baby lap time with splashing, and meals for kids are available Monday through Friday.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Northland Area Business Association</b><br>(Craig Buckingham)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">161 Clean Up Schedule is published</a> and emailed. We can send it as a PDF if you want to add it to your neighborhood newsletter. Meet at Jiffy Lube! We provide the tools and safety vests.</li> <li><a href="#">NABA Luncheon</a> June 10 11:30a-1p, event included Networking and pitch contest at Elevate Northland</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Columbus City Schools</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>City of Columbus Community Liaison</b><br><i>(Devin Deal)</i>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Neighborhoods has hired a new assistant director and a new neighborhood administrator. Both new leaders are highly qualified and have robust experience with the city.</li> <li>• Office on Aging – Thurs July 24 – Clippers tickets \$5 and lunch provided for residents 65 and older. 614-462-5250 to order tickets.</li> <li>• Devin sent information on two grants available and emphasized the grant for a youth-led environmental project.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Columbus Community Engagement</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>  |
| <b>North YMCA</b> <i>(Katy Spittel-Jaime)</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Roundtable</b><br>Code Enforcement Overview<br>Danielle Weber, Supervisor Code Enforcement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private property, housing code, graphic code, nuisance violations, noise, etc.</li> <li>• We've had a lot of complaints about semi parking. We can't do anything about parking on a public street (that's police) but if it's on private property such as the vacant lot on Morse Road. In that case we received permission to tow semis and their loads.</li> <li>• We've been doing a lot of responses to weeds and high grass.</li> <li>• If someone calls 311 and it's a code issue, we have 7-10 days to get a code enforcement officer there. The property owner has a certain timeframe to comply. We can extend if we see evidence they are working. If they are not working with us, we prepare a court packet and this gets referred to the city attorney's office for prosecution.</li> <li>• Each code officer is balancing 150 cases, approximately.</li> <li>• Questions about digital animated sign for Sirens – that goes to a specialist and Danielle was not aware of the status.</li> <li>• Can code do something about items that can't be seen from the street? Yes, if a neighbor will let us onto their property to look, but then that neighbor will possibly be subject to any violations the officer sees at <i>their</i> house.</li> <li>• If a car is covered in a driveway but hasn't moved, is that a violation? If we can't observe that the tires are flat or it's damaged or the license is expired, we can't do anything.</li> <li>• If you put your name on a complaint, the person can request your name via a Freedom of Information Act Request. You can report anonymously.</li> </ul> |
| <b>NCC Officer Reports</b>  |  |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Roger Davidson  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC Dues are due. Please pay your dues if you haven't.</li> <li>• Pat Hammel moves to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ken Gilbert seconded – approved unanimously</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Secretary</b><br>Alycia Shahid   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes for June will be approved in July.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Pat Hammel   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Community Shelter Board meeting is coming up in June and Pat will attend.<br/>The ZoneIn ordinance for Route 161 will be at City Council for final vote June 9. Pat and Alice will testify.</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>President</b><br>Christine Osero                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banquet will be Spring of 2026 - we are creating a committee. Please join the committee if you'd like to help.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>NCC Committee Reports</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Independence Day Parade Committee</b><br>northlandparade.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30a lineup begins for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade next month on Friday July 4.</li> <li>Alicia Ward will be our Grand Marshal!</li> <li>Hadler will be the Diamond Sponsor this year for \$3,000.</li> <li>Howard Hanna also became a \$500 sponsor. We are at 45 to 50 percent of our fundraising budget.</li> <li>We also need more volunteers. We are listed on the City of Columbus Volunteer Hub, thanks to Ambrosia at Woodward Park Rec Center.</li> <li>NorthlandParade.org is active and people can apply and pay online.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Development Committee</b><br>Dave Paul, Chair                | <p>Dave Paul reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dave created a map that represents the expansion we voted on last month. The yellow shows the new area (plus some existing areas such as Lee-Ulry) and shows the Rocky-Fork Blacklick Accord area in blue. The red area shows Northland Plan I and II areas. As soon as Dave submits the map to the city, they will update their processes almost immediately.</li> <li>Neighborhoods that want to join NCC simply have to form a civic organization first and then apply to join.</li> <li>CASE ONE – We had about 75 residents show up to oppose a proposal to rezone a parcel on Central College for an apartment complex. We recommended disapproval unanimously due to concerns about traffic, the adjacent city park, and density.</li> <li>CASE TWO through FOUR all related to cases that came up due to the new zoning code, which specifies different setbacks, screening of dumpsters, transparency of the building façade, etc. The idea is to create a more human-centered, walkable approach to city design and sometimes the rules are difficult to comply with. Our committee supported all three applications for variance.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Graphics and Code</b><br>Bill Logan                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Old Business</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>   |
| <b>New Business</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aug 5 – National Night Out</li> <li>Aug 12 – NCC Picnic at Dogwood Pavilion at Blendon Woods – Potluck</li> <li>New Member Application by Trouville Manor – Pat moves that they be accepted, having reviewed their application and bylaws. Ken seconds. Motion carries unanimously.</li> <li>We will review another new application from Hoover Farms next month.</li> <li>We have a voting privilege suspension for Waltham, due to attendance. They reinstated this year, but have only attended two meetings this year. Mark suggests that when we send them a letter letting them know about the attendance issue,</li> </ul>   |

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|  | that we be gentle in our language. We don't want to push them away. |
| <b>Open Forum</b><br><i>(comments and announcements)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>                   |

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM**