

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 1, 2003

President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2003 meeting as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: See attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Thompson reported that an Audit/Review of the books was conducted by Rolla Wagner and Tom Nann on March 31, 2003 and all was found to be in order. They have signed off on this in memo form which is included in the official file copy of these minutes. The Treasurer's report was reviewed with the Board; it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by those present. The Budget was addressed at this time but voted on later in the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: David Baker with Urban Growth gave an informal presentation of several proposed plans for the former Northland Mall site. This property was sold to the City of Columbus; Urban Growth has leased this approximately 84 acre site back from the City. There will be a selective demolition process, proposed drawings and site usage were reviewed. More to follow as this project progresses.

GUEST SPEAKER: Elayna Grody, Natural Resources Manager with the City of Columbus Parks & Recs, came to explain that the City has proposed that 27 acres of mature woods in the Woodward Park Area be designated a City Nature Preserve. Doing so would enable the City to utilize and to add rules to protect these natural resources and to create an advisory council similar to the Hoover Reservoir Advisory Council that oversees that area. Further, Ms. Grody advised that, in all probability, there will be a request from the City that a representative(s) from the Woodward Park Area sit on this Advisory Council.

CALENDAR: Tom Nann circulated a calendar and requested that all Associations add their events/dates as the website is still being constructed. Additions and corrections may also be e-mailed to him.

Burger King was to receive a beautification award but their representative was not in attendance.

BUDGET: Steve Thompson gave an overview of the budget changes: Banquet assessments and association dues will remain the same, the cost for a meal at the Awards Banquet will increase from \$12.50 to \$18.00, individuals will be responsible for paying for their own drinks at the Christmas party/meeting were among the highlights. A motion was made to accept the budget and seconded; a brief discussion followed. The question was called and the motion was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. No applications this month. City of Columbus Parks & Recs asked for a look-see to purchase two pieces of property: (1) Bottom land at the Carmax site, a flood plain, behind the site coming up to Sunbury Road; and (2) Cooper Road, east side and south edge of 270. They would not be developing at this point, merely holding and maintaining them in their natural state. Development was asked to send a letter of support and voted to do so.
2. Fourth of July: Will continue to seek support from smaller sponsors. Mayor Coleman will be the Parade Marshal.
3. Safety: Still need a chairperson; nothing to report.
4. Social: Still need a chairperson; the picnic meeting is the next event but no date has been set.
5. Schools: Still need a chairperson.

6. Membership: Chuck Wolfe continues working with Northland Park.
7. Traffic: Still needs a chairperson.
8. Public Relations: Rob Lucas is the responsible person for this committee.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Blendon Woods: Membership drive will be earlier this year.

Minerva Park: Parklands are beautiful. Garage Sale is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Waltham: Traffic light issue re-visited; matter tabled until Carolyn gathers more information but will be addressed at the May meeting. Having problems collecting dues and with meeting attendance.

Salem Village: Still trying to organize the area.

Brandywine Meadows: Clean-up is May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Garage Sale is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

NABA: Have reps from NCC to attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding COTA issues. COTA may expand routes and service. If a specific area is not being served, this core group needs to know to prepare a proposal if and when COTA has the funding to implement. (Contact Dave Hull, Steve Thompson or Chuck Wolfe)

Maize Morse: They continue to work with the apartments to curb crime, have some residents interested in street lights, and will have a presentation at one of their meetings by Urban Growth similar to the one given tonight.

Devonshire: Littering around the Tee Jay's restaurant is a problem; Code Enforcement has been contacted. Concern about the adult entertainment near their neighborhood was discussed. Neighborhood Pride coming April 21-25. Easter Event is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Friendship Village: Had a successful style show, Spring Fling will be in April, They hope to participate in the Fourth of July Parade.

Sharon Woods: April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to have a guest speaker on bio terrorism. The Columbus Flames, a Women's Professional Football team, will be playing their season games at Beechcroft High School. Their first game is April 19<sup>th</sup>. Street light petitioning process continues. Easter Egg Hunt is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Westerford Village: There is currently no permanent NCC rep.; they have three rotating reps. Egg Hunt is April 12<sup>th</sup>, Garage Sale is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Strawberry Farms: Egg Hunt is April 5<sup>th</sup>, Garage Sale is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Membership numbers 178 as of now.

Forest Park: Hanging 'Welcome' signs at ten entrances. City of Columbus will install ( for a fee) signs bearing the street name on the bottom of the sign and the preferred text, i.e. 'The Forest Park Civic Association', at the top. The contact person is Kevin McSweeney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Friends of Library Donation: It was moved and seconded to donate \$100.00. After a brief discussion, the vote was called, all ayes.

George reminded those present to reconsider the committee vacancies; he had provided brief summaries of committee duties, time involved, etc.

Ruby Hackett called the Board's attention to an article in the Horizon, the MORPC Newsletter, regarding potential Somalian homeowners not paying interest when purchasing a home. The suggestion was made to have speakers from MORPC and Habitat for Humanity address this issue at the next meeting. George will try to arrange this.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lynn Eisentrout,  
Acting Secretary

**April 1, 2003**  
**Northland Community Council**  
**President's Report**

**Annual Plan**

Goals:

1. To get more people involved in the work of NCC and at the same time give some relief to those who are overburdened. Have committees with a clear purpose that make sense.
2. Strengthen our political position with the city.
3. Improve the communication system of NCC
4. Work on behalf of all our associations

The By-Laws sum up very well what we are to be about, "to promote and foster the development and improvement of the Northland Community area."

Little Turtle representative, Becca Cramer, sends word that it is difficult for her to get to meetings.

Relay for life: Northland High School, June 27 & 28. Start organizing your teams. ACS. Did anyone attend the rally kickoff? Call Dana Mayfield for help 324-5314

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission 2003 Annual Meeting Luncheon, April 10 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, \$45 per person, 233-4125, past the deadline for reservations, but still can make them, will we pay for the president to go? Speaker Jacquelyn Mitchard, "Twelve Times Blessed."

I received a letter from Councilman Richard Sensenbrenner stating his concern for the City's failure to follow the Northland Area plan.

National Library Week is April 6-12

Do we want to be a friend to the Library? <sup>15</sup> 25, 50

Rose Festival June 14-15, 10am-8pm Park of Roses. 645-6640

Volunteer at the City Parks call 645-3325.

TIP open house April 3, 3-7pm Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. See what COTA is up to.

MS Consultants and Morse Road.

Keep Columbus Beautiful can help you with a neighborhood cleanup.  
Patsy A. Thomas, councilwoman chair of utilities, electricity, sewers and water and refuse.

George Schmidt

April 1, 2003

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>email/phone</b>
<b>A corresponding secretary</b>	_____	_____
<b>Beautification committee</b>	Chair _____ Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____ _____
<b>Schools committee</b>	Chair _____ Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____ _____
<b>NCC calendar</b>	Tom Nann	_____
<b>Public Relations</b>	Rob Lucas	_____
<b>Development Committee</b>	Chair Jeff Murray Cmt Representative from each association	_____ _____
<b>Social Committee</b>	Chair _____ Picnic Chair Ruby Hackett	_____ _____
Cmt _____	Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____
Cmt _____	Holiday Party Chair _____ Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____
Cmt _____	Banquet Chair _____ Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____
<b>Public safety</b>	Chair _____ <b>Cmt</b> _____	_____ _____
<b>Website</b>	Bert Kriepps?? Chuck Kiner??	_____ _____
<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade</b>	Chair George Schmidt Treas Rolla Wagner Cmt Steve Thompson Cmt Dick Marshall Cmt Linda Krystek Cmt Cheryl McCoy Cmt Jeff Murray	sgeopeg@aol.com _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>The Traffic committee</b>	Chair _____ Cmt _____ Cmt _____	_____ _____ _____

## To Do List for Northland Community Council:

Here is the list of stuff we set out to do as a group. What gets done is up to all of us as a group. I want to give everyone a heads up so we can all think about it and/or recruit someone from the neighborhood to help. I will attempt to give a brief description of each thing as best I understand it. Naturally at our next meeting we can add to this.

1. **A corresponding secretary.** This person would send out meeting reminders, write official NCC letters and help with mailings. It will take 3 hours per month.
2. **Chair of the beautification committee.** This person or persons organizes the beautification contest and arranges for the awards. Organization of the 22 landscape boxes on 161 calls for contacting all the people with instructions. Giant Eagle has agreed to give us money and host a kick off party. Keeping the list of volunteers updated is part of it. The last two years I have not had to physically do a box myself. There are two boxes without volunteers. They would need to be recruited. This takes about 2 hours per month. To care for a box takes about 1 hour per week.
3. **Schools committee.** Chuck Wolfe is leaving this in the best shape it has been in for some time. This person will be the liaison between the schools and NCC. You may continue the meetings with local principals. You may continue the search for Tudors. Chuck has agreed to help anyone get started. This takes about 4 hours per month. We need a chair and members for this committee.
4. Tom Nann has agreed to take on the **NCC calendar**. That will take 2 hours per month once he gets it started. Start up will take 4 hours.
5. Rob Lucas has agreed to be our **Public Relations** person. Anything NCC wants in the press he will press to get. This will take him 4 hours per month.
6. Jeff Murray chairs the **Development Committee**. This is the most time intensive and knowledge intensive committee. Jeff spends 10 hours per month. Each Association should have a representative to this. The committee members spend 6 hours per month. **(George – we need to mention that we need a Deputy Chair to come forward and serve – this person will take over when Jeff steps down in a year – this person also attends development meetings on Caroline Avenue and down at City Council meetings.)**
7. **Social Committee.** Ruby Hackett has agreed to chair the picnic committee. We need 4 people to help her. This takes 4 hours in the month of August. We need a chair and committee for the Holiday gathering and the banquet. The Holiday party would take 3 people 2 hours in December. The banquet will take 4 people 5 hours each in January. To chair the social committee will take 1 hour per month.
8. **Public safety** or AKA block watch takes about 4 hours per month.
9. Creekridge CA has volunteered to set up a **website** we all can use. This will take them several hours to set up and 4 hours per month to maintain.
10. **The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** committee has to have at least 7 members. September through May this takes 2 hours per month. In June it takes 6 hours. We need a chair for this committee.
11. **George – we also need somebody to head up the Traffic Committee – this person would ask for new additions to our existing Traffic Wish List –**

**distribute the list to all members – post to the web site – forward to the Traffic Department in the city – and follow up with Traffic (and attend the Traffic monthly meetings) - and update the wish list as items are completed. This would take anywhere from 2 to 4 hours per month depending on the depth the person wishes to take.**

At the next meeting David Baker from Urban Growth will be there to give us all a 15 minute presentation about Northland Mall. He will not be open for suggestions at this point. He is planning to come to all your civic associations. This is your opportunity to coordinate with him.

We will have a presentation on Woodward park from the City. They want to make it into a Natural preserve.

Please come with some idea of how you would like your association to work for the common good.

George Schmidt