

# **NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting - April 6, 2004  
Karl Road Library Meeting Room

The April meeting of the Northland Community Council was called to order by President George Schmidt at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from Blendon Woods, Brandywine, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Maize/Morse, Minerva Park, Parkview, Sharon Woods, Tanager Woods, and Woodstream East Civic Associations were in attendance. Also, in attendance were representatives of the Northland Area Business Association and the Northland Alliance.

A motion was made by Darrell McCoy and seconded by John Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. It was noted that some members had trouble unzipping the e-mail copy of the minutes and an effort will be made to correct this in the future. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Steve Thompson presented the Treasurer's Reports for March. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Chuck Parker and seconded by Chuck Wolfe to approve this report. Motion was passed by voice vote.

## President's Report

1. George Schmidt noted that the Relay for Life would be held on June 25 and 26 at Northland High School. This is to benefit cancer survivors and George indicated that he would like to see at least five teams from member associations. George indicated that people could join him on an NCC team if desired.

2. George mentioned that he had received a copy of a letter from Carfagna's that said that they were having problems with the homeless people from the area that had been chased away from their property after they were found in an old truck on the property with a fire built inside. These people have since returned and caused damage to other vehicles and the tires on the vehicles. They have asked the City and NCC for help in solving this problem.

3. George also received a letter from the Smoke-Free Columbus Coalition about the forum that they will be holding April 15 at the Columbus Department of Health.

4. George asked for a show of hands to see if there would be interest in an NCC night at a Columbus Clippers baseball game. There was sufficient interest so he will pursue the opportunity.

5. George received a letter from the Columbus Schools about a "Back to School " Day on May 11, 2004. This was passed around for any who might be interested in participating.

6. NCC has received a letter for the Parks and Recreation Department outlining volunteer opportunities. This was passed around the room for those interested.

7. NCC received a letter from the Mid Ohio Food Bank requesting donations. George's wife volunteers at the Food Bank and will take any donations from NCC to them. It was suggested that we try to send donations quarterly and a reminder notice will be sent prior to meetings when collections will be received.

8. George passed out a copy of goals for 2004. This was also presented at the last meeting and George asked if there were any questions.

9. A committee chaired by Tom Nann will be formed to review the Constitution and By-Laws of NCC. George Schmidt, a past president and others will be invited to join in this work.

## Committee Reports

Development - Jeff Murray. Jeff passed out results of the recent meeting that had twelve cases come before the committee. Jeff explained the committee recommendations to the council. They are looking for volunteers to learn about the work of the committee with the goal of getting a chairperson to replace Jeff Murray at the end of his two-year term.

Beautification - Committee needs a chairperson. No volunteers came forth at the meeting. Volunteers are needed for four of the landscape boxes on Route 161 that currently do not have persons responsible for them. Giant Eagle will help sponsor this project again this year with a donation to help pay for planting. The fertilization of the trees on Route 161 should take place within the next two weeks. Donations have been received that should cover the cost of grass cutting for this year with money that has been donated by area businesses. Morse Road cleanup was completed on April 3 despite the prospect of inclement weather.

Public Safety - Bruce Barber was not present and there was no formal report. Questions were raised about the Police liaisons and an attempt will be made to get this confusion resolved.

Social - Joyce Kaye and Chuck Parker have volunteered to work on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for NCC. It will probably be held on the regular meeting night in October but the exact date has yet to be determined. George Schmidt requested that anyone who might have memorabilia about NCC that they would like to share to contact him. Picnic shelter has been reserved for the annual picnic which will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August.

Schools - Need chairperson so there was no report.

Membership - Chuck Wolfe reported that Woodward Park Recreation Center has not made a final decision on affiliation with the Northland Community Council.

Traffic - Chuck Parker. ODOT has received much input about the 70/71 interchange project and will go back to the drawing boards to see what may be incorporated into a final plan. The route 161/270 interchange project will begin in April. There was concern about the incorporation of a walkway/bikeway in this interchange but it was determined that it is too late for this type of input since the plans were finalized more than two years ago. Only a few updates were received to the wish list so it was assumed that balance of the list should be submitted as it stands.

PR and Website - Updates and corrections should be addressed to the NCC president through the NCC website ([NCCpresident@aol.com](mailto:NCCpresident@aol.com)).

Budget/Audit Committee -Audit has been completed and the audit report has been filed with the secretary. A copy of the 2004 budget was presented and discussed. Steve Thompson also passed out the assessment envelopes for the annual dues to each association that was present and said that he would mail those for ones not in attendance. After a brief discussion a motion was made by John Kirkpatrick and seconded by Chuck Wolfe to approve the budget. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Parade - Parade will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 a.m. Schoedinger Funeral Homes will be the corporate sponsor this year. Grand Marshals this year will be representatives of each branch of the Military and it is planned that they will ride in convertibles along the route.

#### Association Reports

NABA - Paul Weber - George Hadler is the new President. A new image for the association will stress the business/individual interaction and the importance of business in the Northland area. Several new people that have previously not been involved with NABA have volunteered to work on new committees that have been set up.

Minerva Park - Chuck Gibson - He is new representative for Minerva Park and has not been completely briefed on upcoming events or current activities.

Parkview - Darryl McCoy - Working on a new drain this weekend if there is no rain.

Devonshire - Chuck Parker - John Dunn - Association is trying to replace their flagpole that was destroyed by the storm last week.

Maize/Morse - Ruby Hackett - Block Watch meeting was held last night. John Mancini is their Police liaison and he has made available to the association a special pen that can be used to make property to make it easier to identify in case it is stolen and subsequently recovered. Garage sale will be held May 14-15. A neighborhood picnic will be May 22.

Clinton Estates - Linda Niemann - Have not had a meeting yet this year so there is no report.

Tanager Woods - Bob Smith -Last meeting was on March 15<sup>th</sup>. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be neighborhood cleanup day and Garage sale will be May 21-22. A landscape contest will be held on July 19th.

Woodstream East - Gerry McErlean - Had a talk on the 161/270 interchange but no answers were available on the widening of Sunbury Road. Recently held their community egg hunt with good participation.

Northland Alliance - David Hull - Exploring joint luncheons with the Clintonville Chamber of Commerce since there are areas of common interest such as the proposed COTA rapid transit. Morse Road Gateway project is basically finished and corrective work will be done by the contractors to finish the work. Funding for Phase I of the Morse Road project has been received and work will start on the section from Indianola to Karl Road in July. Public meeting on the project will be held probably in June to advise area residents about the construction and possible detours.

Brandywine - Chuck Wolfe and Michelle Roskuski - Work is underway toward rebuilding of their association and is proceeding satisfactorily. Good neighbor agreement has been signed with Creative Housing, and the Brandywine Civic Association will work with Creative Housing to make the project work. About 1/3 of the Urban Growth land along Morse Road has not yet been sold for development. This was originally intended for senior housing but now may be used for other purposes. National Night Out will be observed the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August.

Sharon Woods - John Kirkpatrick -Garage Sale is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and signs have been donated by HER Realty. Neighborhood Pride will be in the Sharon Woods area next week. Ten homes have been selected for the beautification awards. Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday with 120-150 children expected to attend. The Association has been informed that Karl Road which forms our western boundary will be re paved this fall.

Blendon Woods - Steve Thompson - Neighborhood cleanup has been completed and Keep Columbus Beautiful helped to supply some of the materials for the project.

Forest Park - George Schmidt - Easter egg hunt was held last Saturday with 380 children attending the event. Sequoia Swim Club will open to the public for the first time in six years in May. Membership drive has been started. Street lighting petitions are at about 70% completion with three weeks to go on the timing. An effort will be made to have condo owners sign the petition to help raise the number of signatures.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

Chuck Wolfe mentioned that there were probably social or governmental agencies that might be able to help with the homeless persons problems that are becoming a problem in the area. Wolfe will take the lead in this investigation. George Schmidt will write a letter to the City requesting cooperation

Lily's Health has been closed and is gone with all signs being removed from the premises. George Schmidt has made contact with the group that was successful in the closing of adult businesses in their area. He will bring up the question of what we want to do - if anything - at the meeting in May.

Jim Graham, the neighborhood liaison for the City of Columbus mentioned that 2004 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference will be held in Columbus from September 23-25. There will be 18 cities involved in this conference and volunteers will be needed. He has the necessary materials if anyone wishes to participate.

A motion for adjournment was made by Ruby Hackett and the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p. m.

John Osmond  
Secretary