

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting - February 2, 2004
Karl Road Library Meeting Room

The January 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 Beaumont, Blendon Woods, Brandywine, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Maize/Morse, Parkview, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms, Tanager Woods and Westerford Village Civic Associations were in attendance.

A motion was made by Tom Nann and seconded by John Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes of the November and December meetings as presented. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Steve Thompson presented the Treasurer's Reports for January. Steve Thompson also passed out the assessment envelopes for the annual banquet. After a brief discussion a motion was made by John Kirkpatrick and seconded by Bob Smith to approve this report. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Tom Nann would like to get the names of insurance carriers and insurance agents. If an association has coverage, he would like to look at having a meeting with all agents to see if it might be possible to get a combined policy for all Northland Community Council Associations that might reduce costs for the individual associations.

President's Report

1. George Schmidt noted that he is now also serving as the Treasurer of NABA.
2. George mentioned that he had applications for the "Keep Columbus Beautiful" awards. He took a poll of those present to see if there would be interest in a cleanup day, possibly in April.
3. George said that he would provide meeting dates for the media.
4. George received a call from Representative Pat Tiberi's office in relation to Lily's Health on Dublin Granville Road. It appears that this is a house of ill repute and was wondering if it should be shut down. Apparently the location was shut down for 24-hours by the police but is open again.
5. Demolition of the Northland Mall has begun in preparation for work on the new Northland Park project.
6. The Independence Day Parade will be held on July 5th this year. George Schmidt indicated that he would like to have the firefighter's fife and drum corps for the parade this year.

Committee Reports

Development - Jeff Murray. Jeff passed out results of the recent meeting that had four cases come before the committee. Jeff explained the committee recommendations to the council. Applications for the "Keep Columbus Beautiful" awards are available. Suggestion was made that in the future the development committee should suggest Northland as a possible alternate location for shops and restaurants that they cannot support in areas where applications have been submitted.

Beautification - Committee needs a chairperson. No volunteers came forth at the meeting. Volunteers are needed for five of the landscape boxes on Route 161 that currently do not have persons responsible for them. It is hoped that Giant Eagle will help sponsor this project again this year with a donation to help pay for planting. A quote of \$900.00 has been received from Davie's Trees for the fertilization of the trees on Route 161. A motion was made by Jeff Murray and seconded by Tom Nann to approve payment for this service. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Public Safety - Bruce Barber. The new liaison for the Police will be Tod Sheets. He or his supervisor will be asked to speak at a future meeting.

Social - Joy Kaye. Steve Thompson reported that the annual banquet will be held at Monoco's Palace on February 27 starting with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Nominations for the awards must be received no later than the February meeting. Letters to Civic Association presidents will be handed out requesting the \$50 assessment for the banquet cost. Money for the assessment and dinners (\$18 per person) must be received by the treasurer no later than February 20th. No refunds will be available after the 22nd since we are committed to all meals ordered by that date.

Schools - No report.

Membership - Chuck Wolfe reported that Woodward Park has an association group that might be interested in affiliation with the Northland Community Council. The director of Woodward Park, Mr. Kelly Hoffman, will be the speaker later in the meeting.

Traffic - Chuck Parker. Associations need to get revised wish-lists to Chuck Parker as soon as possible. The route 161/270 interchange project will begin in April. Information on the progress of this project will be available at www.161NEXt.org.

PR and Website - Updates, corrections. And additions should be e-mailed to Steve Thompson.

Nominating Committee - The following persons have been nominated for officers for 2004:

President - George Schmidt

Vice President - Tom Nann

Secretary - John Osmond

Treasurer - Steve Thompson

Barb Dahmke indicated that she was not interested in the Secretary position.

After nominations for each office were announced, Chairman John Kirkpatrick asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations for any of the offices and each office was submitted to the membership for approval. All nominees were elected by voice vote. Upon completion of the voting, Chairman Kirkpatrick presented the 2004 officers for the NCC.

Budget - Work on budget was deferred until the March meeting.

Parade - Parade will be held on July 5th starting at 11:30 a.m. A list has been prepared for possible Grand Marshals and work will start on contacting these individuals. It is hoped that we will be able to attract a high-ranking officer from each of the military branches to participate in the parade that will have the theme "NCC -The Heart of It All for Forty Years" to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of NCC.

Guest Speaker

Kelly Hoffman - Director Woodward Park Recreation Center

Mr. Hoffman explained the work of the recreation center and indicated that a portion of the money that had been deleted from their budget had now been restored. Senior Centers and Recreation Centers in Columbus are now combined under the same department and plans are underway to determine what these units should look like in the next five years. The department also conducts summer programs for several areas of Central Ohio including specialized fee-based camps. Classes are conducted for children and teenagers on a year round basis at the centers. He indicated that the centers are for the entire community with programs for people of all ages and not just for children, although the primary concentration is on youth activities.

Association Reports

Strawberry Farms - Tom Nann - The Association has a new President. His name is Rich Bloom. The bike trail in the Strawberry Farms area has been under construction for about two months. Strawberry Farms has received the results of a traffic study for their area, however, they feel that the results may be skewed due to poor placement of the traffic sensors in their area. The highest speed recorded in the study was between 77 and 90 miles per hour while the average speed was just more than 30 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone.

Westerford Village - Shelley Hobson - Street lighting petitions will be circulated starting March 1st. The calendar for the events for the year has been completed.

Friendship Village - Rose Mary Pattison - Not much activity. Programs for the year will be starting soon.

Maize/Morse - Ruby Hackett - Lighting petition has been approved by City Council. They have had their Block Watch program started. Membership drive has been completed and they have 237 members for this year.

Devonshire - Chuck Parker - John Dunn - Have started their cleanup and have completed phase one. The next cleanup is being scheduled. Garage sale for the area will be June 12th. Anti littering signs are being installed by the City.

Forest Park - Jeff Murray - Working on their computer program for membership drive. They are trying to look at the possibility of having apartment renters as members and their new membership drive will start in the next two months.

Brandywine - Chuck Wolfe - City Council approved the application of Creative Housing for apartments in the Brandywine area. While the Association was not happy with the decision, the Brandywine Civic Association

will work with Creative Housing to make the project work.

Parkview - Jerry Newcome - Working on a project for a new sign for their subdivision.

Tanager Woods - Bob Smith - Christmas Lighting awards have been distributed. One home in the area has a problem with her chimney and the association will try to aid in repair if possible. The cleanup of the common areas for the subdivision is underway.

Beaumont - Bruce Barber - No report.

Sharon Woods - John Kirkpatrick - Lighting petition has been approved by City Council. Sharon Woods has been chosen for the Neighborhood Pride Program of the City that will take place sometime this spring. Trees along Sharon Woods Boulevard have been trimmed. Meeting location has been changed to the Karl Road Library. Clinton Estates - Leo Hope - Have had their first meeting in five months and they discussed the future of their Association.

Blendon Woods - Steve Thompson - Construction on the Route 161/Sunbury Road/I-270 interchange will be started in April 2004. It will be a massive project lasting for about three years and include road realignment and a tunnel under I-270.

NABA - George Schmidt - New officers have been elected and George Schmidt is now the Treasurer. They have big plans for the year including a banquet in the fall.

Old Business

Demolition of the Old Northland Mall has started. There will be a new Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and other associated restaurants built in the area to replace the old ones that will be torn down.

David Boone, former treasurer of the Northern Woods Civic Association was present and was wondering if there were any plans to start an association in the Maple Canyon, I-270, Route 161 and Route 3 area. There was a large sum of money in the treasury when the association went out of business and the location of this money is not known as president. Chuck Wolfe in his capacity as membership chairman will work with the group in an effort to restart the association.

New Business

The Northland Community Council will have their 40th Anniversary in October. A possible event will be a celebration with 1964 music and displays. Local and National events for the time period will be featured if this is decided on. Joy Kaye and Ruby Hackett will help George Schmidt with the organization for this event.

George Schmidt thanked Parkview for the refreshments. Maize/Morse will provide the refreshments for the March meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p. m.

John Osmond
Secretary