

**NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting - January 3, 2006
Friendship Village Meeting Room**

Vice President Chuck Parker called the January meeting of the Northland Community Council to order at 7:07 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from Albany Park, Blendon Woods, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Maize/Morse, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms, Westerford Village and Woodstream East Civic Associations were present. Also, attending were representatives of Northland Alliance, City of Columbus Code Enforcement Department, and the NCC Development Committee.

Minutes from the November and December meetings were presented for approval. A motion was made by Sean Canty and seconded by Dave Paul to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion was passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Sean Canty and seconded by John Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes of the December meeting. George Schmidt said that he made remarks about a possible grant of \$ 5,000 from the City of Columbus were made by him and not Tom Nann. Motion to approve minutes as amended was passed by voice vote.

Tom Nann arrived and assumed the directorship of the meeting.

Joy Kaye presented the combined November/December Treasurer's Report. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by George Schmidt and seconded by Sandy LaFollette to approve treasurers' November/December report. Motion was passed by voice vote.

President's Report

Tom Nann opened the President's report and indicated that while this was the evening for nominations, he would not be a candidate for reelection. Tom Nann said that Otis Jones of Urban Growth would be a speaker later during the meeting. Tom indicated that he hoped that all of the NCC Civic Associations would support the plan for Northland Park when presented.

Committee Reports

Development - Jeff Murray - Jeff presented a report of the November/December meeting. Two cases were presented and each received conditional or full support. One look-see case was also presented and is expected to be presented in January for approval. Questions were raised about construction that may be occurring at the northwest corner of Stelzer and Morse Roads. Jeff Pharion of the City of Columbus Code Enforcement Department said that they had issued a stop-work order for this property.

Beautification - George Schmidt - George said that Top Seed had revised their billing and reduced the amount owed by NCC to half the original bill (\$1,212.21). They also presented a proposed contract for mowing during 2006 that would require NCC to send them a fax if funding would not cover a cutting at any time. George would like to try to amend the contract to require that NCC notify Top Seed by fax when mowing was to be done. George said that the proposed grant of \$5,000 from the City would cover only expenses related to mowing such as fund solicitation, postage for mailings, etc., and not the actual cost of mowing. George will also try to get two additional quotations on prices for 2006 so the matter was tabled for action during the February meeting.

Public Safety - Bruce Barber - Not present and no report.

Social - Joy Kaye - Annual banquet will be held on February 24, 2006, and will be at the Midwest Hotel and Conference Center on Sinclair Road. Cost of individual dinners will be less than \$20 but has not been finalized yet. It was decided that an open bar should be from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and that they would serve dinner at 7:00 P.M. **It will be imperative that the names for all nominees for awards to be presented at the banquet must be received by Joy Kaye and the committee no later than the February NCC meeting that will be held on February 7, 2006.**

Schools - Chuck Wolfe - Not present and no report.

Membership - Chuck Wolfe - Not present and no report. Tom Nann indicated that Waltham Village is trying to organize an association but Tom was not sure how much progress if any had been made.

Traffic - Chuck Parker - Chuck mentioned that if you are traveling on I-270 South and trying to go east on 161, caution should be used since traffic patterns have been changed and that he has seen signs and construction equipment in or very near the travel lanes.

PR/Website - Chuck Parker - Initial information on the awards banquet has been placed on the

web site. They will update this after an upcoming meeting with Midwest Hotel and Conference Center.

July 4th Parade - Joy Kaye - Meeting has been scheduled for the third Monday at Huntington Bank Operations Center on Morse Road to start the planning process.

Guest Speaker

Otis Jones of Urban Growth/ Northland Park - A proposal for Northland Park will be discussed at the Urban Growth Board meeting that will take place on January 11th. Mr. Jones said that he was unable to discuss the proposal at this time before board approval. Otis would like to present this proposal to NCC before public announcement if their board approves it. It might mean that a special NCC meeting or a change in the date of the February meeting might be necessary depending on approval dates and/or information release dates that may be scheduled.

Jeff Pharion of the City of Columbus Code Enforcement Department mentioned that all calls that currently are made to 645-8139 will be rerouted to 645-3111. This will be a new city wide complaint line that will forward or refer all calls to the appropriate division and will handle all complaint calls to the city in the future. Jeff also introduced Troy Hardgrow as the new code enforcement officer for the Northland area.

Nominations for 2006 Officers

Nominations for the election to be held in February are continuing. They have made nominations of current officers for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. However, none have been received for President. Dave Paul was nominated from the floor for the Presidential Position but said he would like to think it over before accepting the nomination. Additional nominations may be submitted to Chuck Parker or may be made from the floor during the February meeting. Chuck Parker requested that any nominations must have the nominees approval before submission

The articles Constitution and By-Laws of the Northland Community Council currently prohibit the position of NCC President from being held by the President of a member organization. It was determined that this provision could be changed if a motion was made and a request was submitted in writing at a meeting and then voted on at the next meeting. The written request required by NCC Constitution and By-Laws was submitted to the Secretary by David Hull. A copy of the letter will be attached to the official minutes of this meeting. Motion was made by Jeff Murray and seconded by Bob Thurman to repeal the section(s) of the NCC Constitution and By-Laws that restrict Presidents of Associations from holding the office of NCC President. Motion was passed by voice vote. This proposal will be discussed further and voted on at the February meeting prior to election of officers in case a an Association President should be a nomination for NCC President made from the floor at that meeting. Additional nominations for all offices can be forwarded to Chuck Parker prior to the February meeting or made from the floor at the meeting.

Association Reports

Due to timing constraints, Association reports were not presented at this meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion was made by Sean Canty and seconded by Sandy LaFollette to adjourn Motion was passed by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on February 7, 2006 and will be held at Friendship Village. A special meeting or change in date for the February meeting date may be necessary to consider developments at Northland Park. If a meeting is scheduled or a date change is made, e-mail notification will be sent and information will be posted on the NCC Website.

Minutes hereby submitted by
John Osmond. NCC Secretary.