

**NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting - July 12, 2006**  
**Friendship Village Meeting Room**

President Dave Paul called the July meeting of the Northland Community Council to order at 7:05 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from Blendon Woods, Brandywine Meadows, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Maize-Morse, Minerva Park, and Sharon Woods Civic Associations were present. Also, attending were representatives of the NCC Development Committee, City of Columbus Code Enforcement Department, and Columbus Public Schools.

**Guest Speaker**

Dave Paul presented Dr. Terry Boyd, President of the Columbus Public Schools Board. Dr. Boyd said that the motto of the Columbus Public Schools was to “step-up” and improve. He then presented several statistics about the school system. He indicated that there are many challenges for the schools including low income, English Language (many students in ESL programs), and a declining enrolment of students due to moves to the suburbs, charter and private schools. Graduation rate in the schools has moved up to 70%. Community support through the passage of a school levy in 2004 has been important to the success of the schools even though Federal and State gave provided reduced funding. Schools will be moving to a uniform type of dress for students to eliminate the presence of gang colors. Dr. Boyd then answered questions and accepted comments from the NCC members about the school system. He commented that the quality of the teachers in the system has helped the schools to make improvements and has led to many scholarships for students who want to continue their education in colleges.

Dave Paul commented that the NCC would like to work with the Columbus Public Schools to help develop and sustain programs that would be a benefit to the Northland area. Dave then back to the normal agenda.

Following a roll call of the Civic Associations for attendance, John Osmond presented minutes from the June meeting for approval. A motion was made by Jeff Murray and seconded by John Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Joy Kaye was not present so no Treasurers Report was made.

**President's Report**

Dave Paul started his President's report with a brief report on the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. He thanked the members of the Parade Committee and recognized the committee members who were present.

As a follow-up to the May meeting, Dave mentioned that he had received the “Ready-in-3” materials from the Columbus Health Department and asked for help of the civic associations in getting these emergency preparedness brochures distributed to Northland residents.

Bruce Black, coordinator for the Neighborhood Pride Program, talked with Dave and Dave indicated that he has established a Neighborhood Pride Committee for NCC. He asked Sandy LaFollette to chair this committee which will have the responsibility of keeping NCC and the Northland area up to date on the Neighborhood Pride events. This will be a standing NCC Committee.

161 Task Force - This group will be operated as a sub-group of NABA. This group was started to bring together members of the business community along route 161 to discuss mutual problems. Steve Thompson will be the NCC representative to this group.

Police Staffing - There is also a study that may result in a realignment of the police districts which will create a new 20<sup>th</sup> precinct from portions of the current 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> precincts in the Northland area.

National Night Out - Dave mentioned that the National Night Out that will take place on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Friendship Village will be holding an event in their area on this evening. Dave mentioned that any organization that was planning an organized event should contact Dave or their Police liaison officer There are some funds available for this type of event.

Marathon Pipeline Clearing - Pipeline clearing is proceeding east to west. Project is now moving westward toward Minerva Park, Waltham, Forest Park and Woodward park.

Officer Thad Alexander is the representative of the Columbus Police who is in charge of

the Gang Task Force. Dave polled the NCC group to see if there would be interest in having Mr. Alexander as an NCC speaker in the future. There was interest and Dave will try to set up an agreeable meeting time for his presentation.

### **Committee Reports**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** - Joy Kaye was not present so a brief summary was presented by Chuck Parker. The parade was a success and attendance was good despite the somewhat inclement weather. The weather was the reason that the military flyover was canceled due to low clouds.

**Development** - Jeff Murray - Five cases were presented at the June 28 meeting of the development committee. Jeff presented and passed out a complete report on committee actions. Two cases received conditional support while three received a vote of no support. Jeff also discussed the roster of committee members and requested permission to eliminate Clinton Estates, Creek Ridge, Friendship Village, Maize/Morse, Parkview, Tanager Woods, Westerford Village, Waltham, Woodstream East and Woodstream West who either have no representative or one who has not attended a recent meeting. Since presenters must send copies of proposed actions to committee members prior to meetings, elimination of these groups will reduce the number of copies that presenters must mail. Jeff stressed that all of these groups are still eligible committee members and that they will be reinstated when they start to attend meetings again or when he is notified of a new representatives name.

Jeff Murray then reported on the adult entertainment establishment called the Doll House. Due to confusion and a poor presentation by the City, all charges were dismissed and if any enforcement action will have to start from scratch after new charges are filed. NCC will look into having new citations filed and possibly other actions that may be necessary to follow up with new information.

**Beautification** - Steve Thompson - Judging for the 2006 Beautification Awards will be done by Steve Thompson, Tom Nann and Chuck Parker about the end of July. They plan to have the winner's names ready to be presented at the August NCC meeting. Judging for the landscape boxes along 161 will also be done, Money for grass cutting on 161 has been exhausted at present and cutting will be suspended until money from the City or some other source is received. The 161 task force of NABA will probably take on this task for next year since the task force will get various businesses more involved in this project, Dave Paul has asked that Civic Associations along 161 make a minimum contribution to the fund that will be established and managed by NABA.

**Neighborhood Pride** - Sandy LaFollette - Ruby Hackett was the prime mover for the Neighborhood Pride program in Maize/Morse this year. Neighborhood Pride focuses on the area where the program is taking place and it is making the City aware of neighborhood problems and well as making citizens aware of City resources and programs. The program is being expanded each year and it is hoped that at least one Northland area will become involved each year.

**Public Safety** - Bruce Barber was not present so there was no formal report. Dave Paul asked all associations for a report on their blockwatch programs. The study that may result in a realignment of the police districts is continuing and a new precinct may be developed from portions of the current 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> precincts in the Northland area. There will be a public forum on safety at the Martin Luther King Center next Monday at 5:00 P.M.

**Social** - Joy Kaye was not present so there was no formal report. The Annual Picnic will be held on August 8, 2006 at the Sycamore Shelter in Blendon Woods Metro Park

**Schools** - Chuck Wolfe - Chuck passed around a copy of the weekly Columbus schools report for anyone interested in seeing it. There will be an education committee meeting on July 19 at Northgate. There may also be an education initiative on the November ballots. There will be a student government night in October during which students from the three Northland area high schools will be invited to attend a NCC meeting.

**Membership** - Chuck Wolfe - There are four associations that have not been attending on a regular basis. Little Turtle has a new representative and he will try to attend in the future.

**Traffic** - Chuck Parker - Work has been started on new ramps from I-270 to I-71. It is possible that new ramps for the I-270 interchanges with Route 315 and Route 23 may be delayed due to funding concerns. It appears that City Ordinances will permit two 14-day periods per year at any given address when legislation is passed. There are several changes to the ramps in the I-71 and Polaris area and others will occur in the next several weeks. Karl Road

between 161 and Schrock will be reconstructed in the near future and surveyors are now at work in the area. There will be short term lane closures on Morse Road for the next two weeks for paving. Requests for the traffic wish for submission to the City are needed. They can be forwarded to Chuck at the NCC website or his personal website and he will submit the copy to the City during August.

**PR/Website** - Chuck Parker - No report.

### **Association Reports - Abbreviated due to shortage of time**

Clinton Estates - Mariel Miller - Drainage problems have been reported in their area. It was suggested she contact the Water and Sewer Department via the City Website. It was also suggested that specific locations could be reported on the traffic wish list. The civic association will look into having sidewalk repair done on a regional basis to cut costs to individual homeowners

Maize/Morse - Sandy LaFollette - They will be having a recognition program for civic association volunteers.

Sharon Woods - John Kirkpatrick - Installation of street lights may be started as early as late July.

Minerva Park - Karen Cogley - Minerva Park is planning to have an open house in the near future for realtors and the public since there are several properties for sale in the village. It will be held after completion of work on new street pavement has been completed.

Devonshire - Chuck Parker - Classic Car show that was promoted by the City resulted in much trash being deposited which then became the property owners responsibility to clean up.

### **Old Business**

Chuck Wolfe reported that Candidate's Night planning is in process. He would like to schedule an evening in October. Individual civic associations will have to support this effort if it is planned to assure a good attendance at the event. Chuck requested volunteers to help him with this project. Sharon Woods Civic Association has agreed to provide volunteers for the evening of the event for registration and set up, et cetera. There is a group that works with candidate's nights and may be able to help with the organization and publicity for the event and this will be considered as work on this project progresses.

Dave Paul noted that while there was no business that required a vote at this meeting, there was not a quorum present and that if a vote had been required, it might have had to be deferred.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariel Miller and seconded by Andy Halatek to adjourn. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Annual Picnic will replace the August regular meeting but business will be transacted if necessary. This event will be held on August 8, 2006 at the Sycamore Shelter in Blendon Woods Metro Park.

The next regular NCC meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at Friendship Village.

Transcribed and hereby submitted by:  
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