

Northland Community Council
Friendship Village
March 4, 2008

The March meeting of the NCC was called to order at 7:03pm by President Dave Paul. The associations with representatives in attendance were Albany Park, Beaumont Neighborhood, Blendon Woods, Brandywine Meadows, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Karmel Morse Manor, Little Turtle, Maize Morse, Minerva Park, Northland Alliance, Northland Area Business Association, Salem Area, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms, Tanager Woods, Waltham Homeowners and Woodstream East. Representatives and Liaisons were also present from the Columbus City Schools, City of Columbus Code Enforcement, Columbus Police, Columbus Fire, City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaisons and Columbus City Attorney's office.

Correction: In the February Minutes, it was reported that Woodstream West was in attendance at the meeting. The minutes should have read Woodstream East.

The February minutes were read and after correcting the attendance, they were approved by a voice vote. After outlining the 2008 Banquet budget, the treasurer's report was also approved.

President's Report:

Recapping the President's Address given at the NCC Banquet, President Dave Paul called attention to a few key focus areas. One of the areas NCC plans to explore more closely is the issue of Homeowners Associations which spawn a question for clarification. What exactly is the difference between a Homeowners Association and a Civic Association? The council defined the difference being that Homeowners Associations are formed by a developer and then turned over to a governing body. They have mandatory dues and deed restrictions. Civic Associations are voluntary associations formed by residents banding together. They do not have the ability to impose dues on residents. Dave wants the council to review the by-laws this year and report on how Homeowners Associations fit into NCC. Neighborhood leaders will address City Council to support emergency legislation that would allow Menard's to purchase land at the Northland Village site. Finally, Dave reviewed a schedule of events for the year and called for volunteers for the Northland 4th of July Parade and the upcoming Candidate's Forum.

LIAISON REPORTS:

John Mancini introduced himself as the new CPD liaison officer of the eighteenth precinct. He reported that there are still five liaison positions unfilled and that we have a new Police Commander, Jeffery Blackwell. Representatives from each neighborhood should send letters in support of the liaison program.

Tannisha Bell: The City Prosecutor seeking restitution cases to help in the felony case against the "SHRED" suspect. The hearing on the Shark Bar should occur next month.

Jeff Pharion: Code is changing computer systems and is causing a few delays. Dreamgirls lost their appeal for signage and there is a possibility that they may take it to Common Pleas court.

Dick Graham: Dick Graham asked that anyone with gang graffiti call him to report it. Dreamgirls has a land contract for the sale of the property. New York Hook-Up, 4715 Cleveland Avenue, will appear at a Council hearing on March 17, 2008.

North Village Association: The North Village Association submitted an application for membership. Nichelle Nobile introduced herself as the NCC and Development representative. Located at Hamilton and 161 Area, North Village is part of the "The Preserve." They have a total of 610

homeowners, board of ten, including four elected officials. Bob Thurman moved to accept, Ruby Hackett seconded. All approved.

Audit and Budget Committee: The bylaws indicate that the President must appoint an Audit and Budget Committee. Brenda Baker will serve as chair.

Banquet Committee: Roseann Hicks reviewed the events of the evening and asked that suggestions be emailed to her. After all funds have been collected, the banquet should have an excess of around \$600.00. Roseann also asked that \$100.00 of the money be donated to Vaud-Villities. The motion was made and approved.

Bylaws Committee: The Bylaws Committee introduced a section of bylaw changes to be reviewed before the April meeting. The council will vote on the proposed changes on April 1, 2008.

Development Committee: Two applications were tabled, including a rezoning on Hamilton Road that would allow the development of a gas station. The committee did vote to support the development of senior housing along 161.

Beautification Committee: The committee still needs someone to help with the clean-ups. The grant NCC applied for was approved to move to next part. Judy Harding, Landscaping Sub-Chair, needs volunteers for 7 boxes. Funding is available from are companies and they will hosa a kick off ceremony at the bowling alley.

Public Safety: There is a possibility that Cleveland Avenue will see sidewalks from 161 to I-270. George Hadler will install banners at the Columbus Square Shopping Center to honor NCC Neighborhoods.

Schools: Northland Community Council has again been invited by the Columbus City Schools to participate in a NCC Day at CCS on May 14th. Reservations are due by May 7th and can be made by contacting Krista Bower or Chuck Wolfe.

Parade: Parade Chair, Charlene Combs was please to report that the parade will continue this year and is looking for volunteers to help organize and on the day of the parade.

Neighborhood Pride: Karmel Morse Manor was chosen as one of the six Neighborhood Pride Areas for 2008. Their week will begin on June 23, 2008.

Association Reports:

Sharon Woods: Sharon Woods Civic Association is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 22, 2008 at Church of the Good Sheppard at 10am.

Minerva Park: The Minerva Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 15 at noon. They also reported that a meeting took place between the neighborhood and the new owners of the Northland Plaza Shopping Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Prepared By:

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