

Northland Community Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2007

The May meeting opened with President Dave Paul calling the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Instead of the traditional roll call, council members and new attendees offered introductions. Associations in attendance were, Albany Park, Beaumont Neighborhood, Blendon Woods, Brandywine Meadows, Clinton Estates, Creek Ridge, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Karmel Morse Manor, Maize Morse, Salem Village, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms and Tanager Woods. Representatives from the NCC Development Committee, Northland Alliance, Northland Area Business Association, Columbus City Schools and City of Columbus Code Enforcement were also present. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Murray and seconded by Bob Thurman.

Belinda Taylor, the community liaison for COTA, invited the Northland Area community leaders to attend a round table discussion on transportation on May 21, 2007 at the Huntington Building.

The President's Report

A shredding day was scheduled for May 12, 2007 at the Huntington Center. Information is available on the website. The NCC Day at CPS was scheduled for May 15, 2007. Volunteers will meet with Dr. Harris and then travel to observe a day at an area high school. Also on May 15, 2007 at 7:00pm, NCC has partnered with the Community Relations Commission to present the ABC's of the CPD and CFD. A sign-up sheet for NCC committees was distributed to each member to enlist more volunteers for each committee. Dave asked each member think about joining one more committee.

The Treasurer's Report

The ending balance for the NCC account was \$1847.47. The Keep 161 Beautiful account has a balance of \$4276.63. After a generous donation from Schoedinger, the Parade Committee account has a balance of \$2000.00. Associations have until May 19, 2007 to pay their dues.

Jeff Pharion, Code Enforcement

Jeff Pharion and Dave Paul are working with representatives from BP to clean up the properties located at the corner of 161 and Cleveland Avenue and Shrock and Karl Road. Jeff thanked all members their concern and support after the recent accidental death of Tina Pharion, his daughter. Donations can be made for the benefit of Ms. Pharion's two young daughters by sending a check to Jeff L. Pharion at 181 Chase Road.

Development Committee

The Development Committee voted not to support a request to rezone an AR-12 to an ARLD on Hempstead Drive. The developer wanted to build sixteen units on a lot zoned for twelve. The applicant from 4715 Cleveland Avenue asked to have his request tabled. The committee voted to not support a rezoning located at 5960 Sinclair; the applicant wanted "to make the property more saleable." A church located on Sinclair Road wanted to build some senior housing on the back of their property. Several residents attended to voice concerns for this project. The applicant was asked to provide more information. The committee asked that areas 1, 2, 5, and 5-Z be withdrawn from the zoning of 5111 Hamilton Road. The committee requested a list of additional changes to support the zoning of areas 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13. Jeff is researching a change of venue for the Development Committee meetings. Each NCC member is given the opportunity to have a representative on the Development Committee. Jeff outlined the development process. Applicants are not required to appear before NCC but are usually instructed to by the City. If any applicant opts to bypass the NCC Development Committee, Jeff can appear on behalf of NCC voicing nonsupport of the issue.

Beautification Committee

NCC is partnering with the NABA 161 Task Force to clean up parts of 161. All of the flowerboxes along 161 have been assigned. Giant Eagle and Oakland Nursery are providing the funding for the flowerboxes.

Neighborhood Pride

Bruce Black was present to announce this year's Neighborhood Pride List. Franklinton, Weiland Park, Clintonville, Southside, Walnut Ridge, and Driving Park will all receive Neighborhood Pride this year. He also announced that the Northland Area would host a Mini Pride. The Mini Pride will be held at the Gillie Center on August 1, 2007.

4th of July Parade Committee

The committee has sent out all of the "Save the Date" postcards.

Public Safety

Channel 4 reported on 186-cruiser district as number two in auto thefts occurring in Columbus. Information provided to us by Officer Grooms, shows the majority of these crimes being committed in the apartments and the 3 car dealerships located within this particular part of Northland. A survey about area violence was distributed to help form an anti-violence initiative in the Northland Area.

Schools

On May 15, 2007, The Columbus Public Schools are hosting a NCC Day at CPS. Members of the community have been invited to the area high schools for a tour and to participate in the daily activities. Chuck attended a breakfast at Brookhaven High School. The students presented posters on issues afflicting their neighborhoods.

Membership

Salem Village is working to reform their civic association. Roseann is checking to see if any Salem Village Bylaws exist in the NCC archives. Electronic versions of each association's bylaws are needed to update the NCC records.

Traffic

Light poles were installed along Cooper Road. According to Jim Graham, the City of Columbus will no longer provide funds for traffic calming.

Social

The NCC picnic will be held at Blendon Woods Metro Park in the Sycamore Shelter House on August 14th. Dinner is at 6pm. The July meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, 2007.

Brandywine Meadows

Chuck Wolfe reported that the Brandywine Meadows sign has been stolen.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Hampton Woods Assisted Living is interested in advertising in the association newsletters. NCC joined the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government. They are helping to organize a Candidates Night in Northland. Everyone is in favor of supporting the candidate's night.

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

A motion was made at 9:15 to adjourn by Andy Halatek and seconded by Bob Thurman. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Prepared and submitted by Roseann Hicks, NCC Secretary
June 4, 2007