

## **NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 4, 2003 – Karl Road Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** The minutes for the October meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. George reported that Lynn Eisentrout has resigned as NCC Secretary – Nomination of John Osmond to be elected as interim Secretary until elections in February 2004. Also John has agreed to be both corresponding and recording secretary. Nomination approved. John Osmond elected interim secretary by majority vote.
2. George reported that Ruby Hackett (Maize-Morse) is under the weather and will not be able to attend NCC meetings for a few months. Motion was made to send Ruby a planter. Not to exceed \$60.00. Motion passed. Steve Thompson to make arrangements.
3. George wanted to point out that he received information from our city liaison, Jim Graham, about Neighborhood Safety Academy. George passed around information to members.
4. George reported that he and Jeff Murray attended a city council meeting recently on \$1MM that was earmarked toward improvements along Morse Road. The money was appropriated by city council that evening.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Development: Heard two cases – first at 5401 Thompson Road – conditional approval – second at 5350 Hamilton Road with conditional approval. Also had 3 “look-see” applications at meeting. Also note that due to the holiday season the November and December meetings will be combined into one meeting on **Wednesday, December 10, 2003 – 7:00 p.m. – Minerva Park Community Center.**

Landscaping and Beautification: Need a chairman for this committee – looking for volunteers to maintain landscaping boxes along Rt. 161 – Jeff to get estimates on fertilizing and mulching trees along Rt. 161 – the city is planning to replace the damaged/dead trees (approx. 8) next fall from their stock of trees.

Public Safety and Blockwatch: Bruce attended the Mayor's Safety Committee about the Neighborhood Safety Academy. We are trying to network with Police Liaison Officers and NCC member associations. Bruce would like a block watch coordinator contact from each member association.

Social: Holiday party at Red Lobster is a go - Joy passed around a sign up sheet for those folks to attend. She will make reminder calls to those associations not attending NCC meeting to find out if more folks are attending.

Awards Banquet: Need a chairman - George Schmidt, Joy Kaye, Steve Thompson, Sandra Carter and Shelly Hobson to be on committee. Joy is to call a meeting together and the group will elect a chairman.

Schools: Need a chairman

Traffic: Folks are to get their revised lists to Chuck Parker by January meeting. Chuck will send updated list down to Traffic Division – George will have somebody from Division of Traffic speak at upcoming NCC meeting. George will also remember to write the letter about the traffic list for Waltham Civic Association.

New NCC Website: Making updates – be sure to check it out – [www.myncc.org](http://www.myncc.org) - will be updating the map in the next week or two. Will also start working on calendar for next year.

Membership: Nothing to report

Nominating Committee: Chairman Tom Nann, John Kirkpatrick and Darrell McCoy – will get nominations to January NCC meeting.

Candidates Night: Good turnout at Candidates night. Chuck wanted to thank all that came and helped out – special thanks to Sharon Woods for providing refreshments for the evening.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

We had a nice presentation from the COTA folks about the Fast Trax project (light rail) - talked about the first line that would run from approx. Polaris area to downtown and possibly into Brewery District. Working on comments from the public now.

### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

Strawberry Farms: Elected a new president – Tom will be Santa Claus at the neighborhood Christmas Party. Bike trail along Alum Creek has been started by the city.

Sharon Woods: Lighting petitions being finalized at this time – Santa Claus visit on for this year – reports of Santa retiring have been exaggerated – he will be there for the fun – currently working on membership drive.

Friendship Village: New officer elected at recent meeting – Rose Mary Pattison reported that past representative Marian Milligan will not be attending NCC meetings – Doris Barr is the new rep that will be coming – hopefully at the January meeting – Halloween Party a great success – looking to install new pavement in the complex – Holiday Bazaar being planned for November 21 and 22 – from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm

Westerford Village: Officers have stepped down – now there are board members only – no person is leader of association – will have Christmas Luminaries again this year

Devonshire: Working on cleaning up Knights Inn with owner – working on Adopt-A-Family project for the holiday season

Brandywine: Working on zoning issues – will be organizing a group of people to go down to city hall at upcoming council meeting to speak out against rezoning request – Halloween Party a success – raising money through newsletter advertising.

Waltham: Currently working on membership drive – need letter from George about traffic light at Walcrest and Cleveland Avenue.

Parkview: Both President and Vice-President have stepped down – looking for folks to fill in.

Tanager Woods: Bonfire held in the neighborhood during Halloween.

Beaumont: Issues with membership drive – not many folks want to join – having issues about kids from other neighborhoods coming in for Trick or Treat night – don't feel that it's right – also kids appear to be older than in the past – Bruce is asking how other civic associations are dealing with this issue.

Forest Park: Working on street lighting project – entrance signs mostly up – working on closing up membership drive – asked a question about Apartment complexes and condos – who pays dues for these folks – does the company that runs the complex pay or do the tenants pay – split on who should pay dues – also having problems with prostitutions in the area.

Blendon Woods: Pumpkin drop a huge success – finalizing membership drive – currently at about 35% participation.

OLD BUSINESS: George talked about the things going on with Northland Park (formerly Northland Mall) Retail Ventures is going to rehab the old Lazarus building and put offices in there, Urban Growth will be taking care of demolition of the interior mall sites – the only buildings that will be left standing are the old Sears, old J.C. Penney, and of course old Lazarus. Very positive comments from committee about changes – interviewing developers and what their vision is of the project – committee will be selecting a developer very soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Steve Thompson, Treasurer*