

**NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting - September 5, 2006
Friendship Village Meeting Room**

President Dave Paul called the September meeting of the Northland Community Council to order at 7:04 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from Albany Park, Blendon Woods, Brandywine Meadows, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Maize-Morse, Minerva Park, Sharon Woods and West Albany Civic Associations were present. Also, attending were representatives of the NCC Development Committee, City of Columbus Fire Department, and Northland Alliance.

Following a roll call of the Civic Associations for attendance, John Osmond presented minutes from the July and August meetings for approval. A motion was made by John Kirkpatrick and seconded by Jeff Murray to approve the minutes with minor amendments of the minutes of the July and August meetings. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Joy Kaye has submitted her resignation as Treasurer due to family issues so the Treasurers Report was made by Dave Paul based on information submitted by Joy Kaye. Dave thanked Joy for her service as treasurer and social chairperson. After a brief discussion of the July 4th parade fund it was decided that added funds to cover parade expenses if necessary could be moved from the general fund at the desecration of the executive committee. Motion was made by Jeff Murray and seconded by John Kirkpatrick to approve the treasurer's report with the condition stated by Dave Paul that amendments might have to be made at the October meeting after he had received supporting evidence from Joy Kaye. Motion was passed by voice vote.

President's Report

Dave Paul indicated that time was too short to try to schedule a candidate's night for this year. He that presented information from the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government about a joint effort and that they had indicated that a group wanting to sponsor a candidate's night had to be members of the consortium for one year before they host a candidate's night. Dues for an associate member are \$50 per year. The presence of a quorum was questioned and it was determined that a quorum was present. Questions were raised about which candidates would be invited and the content of questions that could be asked at these meetings. Dave Paul said that he would invite a representative from the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government to attend a future NCC meeting but that it might not be until after the November election this year. A motion was made by Dave Hull and seconded by Mariellen Miller to spend the \$50 to join the consortium. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Dave mentioned that there was a problem with attendance at the NCC Meetings since it has been a problem to obtain a quorum at meetings. Dave mentioned that each civic association should have an alternate delegate to attend NCC meetings when the regular representative could not to insure that their organization was represented. If alternates were in attendance at each meeting, it would make it easier to also obtain volunteers for NCC committees and projects.

Dave Thurman of Albany Park and Sandy LaFollette volunteered to serve on a committee to help develop and disseminate a better image for NCC. This could be done either by producing a brochure or going to civic functions or meetings as needed. Dave Paul has a list from the county auditor of civic and condominium associations that could be used in the future to assist in attracting more new NCC members. This committee might also be able to work with failing civic associations if necessary.

Committee Reports

Development - Jeff Murray - Four cases and one "look-see" were presented at the August 30 meeting of the development committee. Jeff presented and passed out a complete report on committee actions. One case received conditional support, one case was tabled since a formal application had not been filed, one case did not receive support and the final applicant failed to show up at the meeting. The committee felt that it could support the "look-see" but the group will have to appear again after a formal application has been filed with the City of Columbus.

Beautification - Steve Thompson - Steve Thompson announced the winners of the 2006 Beautification awards. They were:

- Small Commercial - McDonald's at the corner of Cleveland Ave. and Community Park Drive
- Large Commercial - Mini Storage at 5810 Cleveland Avenue
- Nonprofit - Friendship Village.

Winners will be invited to attend the NCC banquet in February and awards will be presented at that time.

Steve said that David Roseman of Northern Woods had told him about a City "Street Trees" program. This program can be used by civic associations to replace trees that have been damaged by the emerald ash borer. The City will be replacing ash trees on a preventative basis where required probably starting in 2008.

Landscaping boxes along 161 have been judged. Announcement of winners will be made at an awards ceremony to be held at 6:30 P.M. on September 19 at Giant Eagle.

Brochure has been distributed by the 161 Task Force about grass cutting along 161 and over \$2,000 has been raised so far. Dave Paul said that it appeared that the 161 Task Force fund request is working and he asked all civic associations to make a donation to this fund as a good will gesture if they could. NCC has ordered a grass cutting for later this week and it is anticipated that the funding from the City should be available to pay for this.

Dave Hull reported that phase one of the Morse Road project is winding down. It should be completed by November but some minor items may have to be completed in the spring. Phase two of this project will be delayed until the 2008-2009 time frame. The SID that has been approved will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the completed Morse Road project. A meeting will be held later this week that may determine the future of the Northland Alliance since this project has been the principal project for

this group recently..

Membership - Chuck Wolfe - The committee will look into the development of a brochure to air in the development of a civic association and/or the steps that can be taken to revitalize a failing group. It was mentioned that United Way may be able to help in this effort. The West Albany Civic Association has requested reinstatement in NCC. They have submitted their bylaws and have paid their dues. A motion was made by Bob Thurman and seconded by Chuck Wolfe to reinstate the West Albany Civic Association. Motion was passed by voice vote. We have also had a request from Asbury Ridge in New Albany about possible membership.

Neighborhood Pride - Sandy LaFollette - Sandy told NCC about the role of Neighborhood Pride and distributed applications for groups who wish to be considered for future participation in the program. She did not know the deadline date but will try to get for the October meeting. Sandy encouraged all associations that have not had neighborhood pride to apply for the program if possible.

Public Safety - Bruce Barber was not present so there was no formal report. Dave Paul reported that Officer Thad Alexander of the Columbus Police who is in charge of the Gang Task Force. Has set Wednesday, September 27, as a tentative date to make a presentation on gang activity in the Northland area to members of block watch groups. Final details will be on the NCC website as soon as available and will be sent by e-mail to association presidents.

Social - Chuck Parker - Chuck has taken over this committee at least temporarily and would like to receive suggestions for locations for the Christmas party and the February banquet.

Schools - Chuck Wolfe - This October meeting of NCC will be student night with ten representatives from each of the area high schools participating. The meeting will need a larger meeting area than is available at Friendship Village and will be held at the Ascension Lutheran Church on Morse Road. Directions to this meeting will be posted on the NCC Website since construction on Morse Road has limited access to the church

Traffic - Chuck Parker - Construction is taking place in several Northland areas. Chuck cautioned all drivers to use caution. The work on 161 in the Little Turtle area appears to be moving forward smoothly.

PR/Website - Chuck Parker - No report. This committee report will not be included in future NCC meetings unless there are new developments in this area of interest.

Association Reports - Abbreviated due to shortage of time

Sharon Woods - John Benedetti - Joe Testa will be speaking at the October meeting. Street lights are being installed on Sharon Woods and Beechcroft. John thanked the Beechcroft Lions Club for their participation in the July 4th parade. He suggested that they might also help NCC with projects if requested. Next activities will be in December.

Devonshire - Chuck Parker - Firestone is no longer a furniture store thanks to Code Enforcement. The taco truck has also been moved. The Shell Gas Station at the corner of Karl Road and 161 has been closed since the median installed on Karl Road limited access to the point that the business was no longer viable.

Forest Park - Jeff Murray - Forest Park recently held their Family Day event. They are planning their membership drive.

Clinton Estates - Mariel Miller - National Night Out had about sixty people in attendance at their event. They have had their initial block watch meeting.

Albany Park - Bob Thurman - They are spending \$85,000 to convert a lot that the association owns into a neighborhood park. People in the area will be assessed \$40 a year for five years to raise this money. They will have a tailgate party for the OSU game on Saturday for area residents. They will have a Halloween Party at the end of October. Marathon Pipeline has not been done in their community.

Brandywine Meadows - Chuck Wolfe - The new sign for the area was installed in early July. They will have an association meeting on September 19.

Friendship Village - Andy Halatek - Andy thanked the NCC for the beautification award that they received. He would like to receive an e-mail with the dates for NCC meetings for 2007 so that the room can be reserved.

Maize/Morse - Sandy LaFollette - The civic association has painted house numbers on the curbs of all homes in the area that did not already have them there.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jeff Murray reported on the Northland Alliance possible going out of business. He passed out a copy of a letter from him to the alliance stating that there are projects other than Morse Road that could be taken over by the group. This might require some change in board members since many of the current members are focused only on the Morse Road project.. Dave Paul will attend the Northland Alliance Board Meeting on Thursday and requested that if anyone had any input for the meeting that they should contact him before Thursday.

Chuck Parker nominated Steve Thompson for NCC treasurer to replace Joy Kaye. A motion was made by Mariellen Miller and seconded by Andy Halatek to close nominations when no other nominations were received from the floor. Motion was passed by voice vote. A motion was made by Bob Thurman and seconded by Andy Halatek to elect Steve Thompson by a acclimation. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Parker and seconded by Andy Halatek to adjourn. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

The next regular NCC meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at Ascension

Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Road. Directions to this meeting will be posted on the NCC Website since construction on Morse Road has limited access to the church.

Transcribed and hereby submitted by:
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