

Northland Community Council Meeting Minutes
Friendship Village
September 4, 2007

President Dave Paul called the September 4, 2007 meeting of the Northland Community Council to order at 7:09pm. That was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Associations in attendance were Albany Park, Blendon Woods, Brandywine Meadows, Clinton Estates, Devonshire, Forest Park, Friendship Village, Karl-Mel, Little Turtle, Maize Morse, Minerva Park, Peppertree Condo Association, Salem Village, Sharon Woods, Strawberry Farms, Tanager Woods and Waltham Homeowners Association. Representatives from the NCC Development Committee, the Northland Area Business Association, Northland Alliance, City of Columbus Code Enforcement, and our Columbus City Liaison were also present. Rick Calhoun from the Columbus City Fire Department also attended the NCC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Thurman and seconded by Tom Nann. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Candidate for City Council, Heidi Samuel

Heidi Samuel attended the September meeting to offer a short introduction of her accreditations and issues she plans to address during her campaign.

Columbus Police Department Liaison Officer, Mark Burghart

Officer Mark Burghart was introduced as the new eighteenth precinct liaison. The second precinct also received a new liaison officer, Jim Poole [*subsequently replaced by Ofcr. Rebecca Houston, who swapped precincts with Ofcr. Poole*]. Both officers will take over their new positions on September 9, 2007.

Ellen Moore, Community Crime Patrol

Ellen Moore with the Community Crime Patrol offered a handout detailing the history and success of this program. The CCP began in the University District and has branched out into several other areas within Columbus. The citizens are hired to patrol on bikes and on foot. The Columbus Police Department and the OSU Police train the citizens. Anyone interested in this program for his or her own neighborhood can find information at www.communitycrimepatrol.org.

The President's Report

Dave announced that he was invited to serve on the Neighborhoods and Quality of Life focus group of the 2012 Commission. Together with Carol Stewart, Rob Patterson and Tracy Heard, the group will work with communities throughout Columbus to establish important goals for the City to achieve between now and 2012.

October 6, 2007 is tentatively set for the next Northland Shredding Day at the Huntington Building on Morse Road.

On October 29, 2007, in conjunction with the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, NCC will host a Candidate's Night. There will be a morning and an evening event. Volunteers are needed for both.

Salem Area Civic Association

Having established a quorum at this meeting, a vote was taken to accept the Salem Area Civic Association into the Northland Community Council which passed unanimously. Salem also paid their dues.

The Treasurer's Report

Steve reported that three civic associations were still delinquent and therefore lost their voting privileges. Letters attempting to collect the afore mentioned debts were sent out on August 1, 2007. The Keep 161 Beautiful account has a balance of \$2,871.27. The NCC General Fund account has a balance of \$2,402.58. The 4th of July account remains in the black with a balance of \$158.11. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tom Nann and seconded by Andy Halatek. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

By-laws Committee

By-law Committee chairman, Andy Halatek introduced a section of proposed amendments to the current NCC By-laws. According to the by-laws, a thirty-day notice must be given and a motion to add the proposed changes to the agenda must be made and passed before a vote can be taken.

The section of the by-laws addressed by the committee referred to attendance, voting status and the definition of a quorum. As it is written in Robert's Rules, a quorum can be defined by any number set by the organization. The committee proposed changing the NCC definition of a quorum from a majority of members in good standing to 33 and 1/3 percent of members in good standing present at any given meeting.

Declining attendance by NCC members prompted the committee to propose a few other changes to the by-laws, including requiring members to attend at least one meeting a quarter to retain voting status and making members that are six months delinquent on dues or other charges eligible for expulsion.

Jeff Murray proposed that maybe requiring 33 and 1/3 percent of members to be present to constitute a quorum might still be a bit high. He suggested defining a quorum as any members in good standing present at a given meeting to avoid having to revisit this same scenario in the future. After much debate on the subject a motion was made by Jenny McLaughlin and seconded by Bob Smith to add the proposed amendments as they are written to the October agenda. An individual voice vote was taken from each voting member present. The motion passed unanimously.

Development Committee

The August meeting of the NCC Development Committee heard several cases. The committee:

- voted to support a request for a variance in the rear yard setback of 2423 Hampstead Drive.
- voted to support a variance for an additional garage to be built at 4277 Maize Road.
- voted to support variances requested by Mo Dioun and the Stonehenge Company for the number of parking spaces needed, graphics and the minimum building setback for Menard's.

Tabled were a graphics variance from O'Reilly Auto Parts and a parking variance for 1875 Tamarack Circle.

Beautification Committee

There will be a 161 clean up on September 22, 2007. Volunteers are to meet at the Jiffy Lube at 9a.m. There is also a Cleveland Avenue clean up scheduled for October 27, 2007. Volunteers can meet at Monaco's at 9 a.m. The landscape box winners will be announced at the party at Donatos on September 20, 2007.

Neighborhood Pride

The Mini Pride was not well attended except for the animal session. The program is still accepting application for the 2008 Neighborhood Pride.

4th of July Parade Committee

Sandy LaFollette took a moment to thank the media for promoting the parade.

Public Safety

There has been one Neighborhood Safety Workgroup meeting held so far. One of the concerns being addressed by the workgroup is the way crime is being portrayed in the media.

Schools

Chuck Wolfe suggested inviting the high schools to be a part of Candidate's Night.

Membership

Three Members lost their voting privileges and Salem Village was finally voted into the NCC.

Traffic

Chuck advised that there is a new ramp open from I-270 west to I-71 south.

Social

Chuck called for suggestions on where to host the NCC Christmas Party. He is also looking for someone to take over the NCC Banquet duties.

Peppertree Condo Association

Peppertree reported that they are going to be meeting with Jeff Murray and Dick Graham concerning some of the businesses in the area.

Strawberry Farms

Strawberry Farms is continuing to fight with ODOT. Currently both the left and right turn lanes are closed off to Strawberry Farms. Many people are making illegal u-turns to get into the neighborhood and getting fined in the process.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Nothing to report

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Halatek and seconded by Tom Nann. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Prepared and submitted by Roseann Hicks, NCC Secretary
September 30, 2007