



**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**of the Northwest Civic Association**  
**Meadow Park Church**  
**March 6, 2019**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

President Nick Cipiti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present: Nick Cipiti, Dennis Damon, David Ditmars, John Fortkamp, Amanda Gibbs, Marilyn Goodman, Cheryl Grossman, John Guroy, Kit Logsdon, and Alyson Miles. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

John F. moved to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes; Amanda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kit moved to approve the report; Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approve New Members**

Since the previous meeting, new member applications were received from:

For Individual Membership		For Associate Membership
Rebecca Garrity	Kathryn Daft	
James Mackin	Marilyn Bender	
Ken Smith	Thomas and Patricia	
Lewie Parsley	Buening	
Pamela Kilgus	Linda Thompson	

Nick recommended approving the new members. Alyson moved to approve the new members; John F. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

Nick announced that he is working with an attorney, Jim Adair, on refiling the Articles of Incorporation for the association. NWCA is also working on the student trustee reboot. There are NWCA t-shirts available for purchase for \$15 each.

**City Reports**

*Police Department*

No report.

**Announcement**

Kit announced that the first Tuesday of August is National Night Out, a community-based event to raise awareness of crime prevention and to build community relationships. She will talk with the police liaison to find out what events will be held in Northwest Columbus.

*Fire Department*

No report.

*Neighborhood Liaison, Katherine Cull*

No report.

**Committee Reports**

*Code Enforcement*

No report.

*Membership and Social*

David reported that the picnic for members will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Antrim Park. Space is limited, and details are forthcoming. There are also ongoing discussions on membership levels. Dennis expressed the associations gratitude to the church for providing the association with a larger meeting space. Nick reminded everyone to renew their memberships ahead of the annual meeting in May.

*Streets and Safety*

John F. reminded the association to report potholes through 311.

*Website and Communications*

Nick reported that announcements will continue to be posted on the new website. Comments on the new format are welcome.

*OSU Airport*

Marilyn reported that there was a recent newspaper article on the airport and upcoming events at the airport on March 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an open house from 3-5pm and a public meeting from 6-8pm regarding a report on the master plan.

*Sheep Farm*

Roy Wentzel reported that there were environmental issues discovered at the site (old benzene tank) and that OSU agreed to mitigate the issues before the sale closes. Roy responded to questions from members.

*Parks, Recreation, and Bikeways*

Kit reported that the next meeting is on March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a jazz concert/fundraiser at Just North UCC church on Henderson Rd. for the Southside Community Ministries Food Pantry on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*Traffic*

Kit reported that a few association members have signed up to be on the committee and met with City Councilmember Remy to let him know about the committee.

*Graphics and Zoning*

- Marilyn reported that the city will be holding zoning training on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-11am at 111 Front St. There is free parking in a nearby parking garage. Marilyn spoke with city officials about why the parking recommendation for new developments is only 1.5 spaces per apartment.

Officials said that research from Parking Generation was used to determine the number of spaces, and 1.5 is only a minimum recommendation.

- The zoning committee met and brainstormed how best to hold hearings and will be presenting new procedures at the next meeting. Upcoming zoning issues: Habitat for Humanity wants a variance for the old Graeter's building and there may be a zoning request at the BP at Bethel and Olentangy.
- 5085 Reed Rd. – Request for zoning change from office use to mixed use.
  - Kit reported that there was an informal zoning meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss this request, the concerns were consolidated, and Preferred Living worked with residents on possible site changes.
  - Jared Smith with Preferred Living reported that the initial application was filed in Fall 2018, and, based on the information provided by residents, Preferred Living asks for the request to be tabled. Smith responded to questions and concerns from the board and association members. Member concerns included traffic, parking, noise, affordable housing, height of the buildings, and park use.
  - Preferred Living will continue working with residents on these concerns, and the request will be heard at the next NWCA meeting.

#### *City Council Announcement*

Sandra Lopez, advisor with City Council, announced that the city was hosting a community event at Columbus State University on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am. Councilmembers Favor, Dorans, and Remy will be in attendance.

#### **Old Business**

- Marilyn reported that there were updates at the Riverside Dr. developments. Cheryl reported that she attended the city zoning commission meeting regarding 5570 and 5580 Riverside, and the commission denied the request citing concerns that there was too little greenspace and too many mature trees that would be cut down. Kit reported that there was a fear of erosion at this site, and the developer has to take a new look at their plans. Marilyn added that city staff had raised these issues prior to the vote.
- Dennis announced that the association would be doing a membership push to ensure that the neighborhood's voice is heard.
- David requested that people living near Northcrest Park give the board feedback about the current state of the park.

#### **New Business**

Marilyn reported that she attended a history event at the library, and they've hired someone to collect the history of Northwest Columbus.

#### **Adjourn**

John F. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm; Amanda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.