



Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Northwest Civic Association
Meadow Park Church
April 3, 2019

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Ruth Royal called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present: Dennis Damon, David Ditmars, John Fortkamp, Marilyn Goodman, Cheryl Grossman, John Guroy, Kit Logsdon, Alyson Miles, Ruth Royal, and Roy Wentzel. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

John F. moved to approve the March 6, 2019 regular meeting and the March 6, 2019 special meeting minutes; John G. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Alyson moved to approve the report; John F. 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
Christy Finelli	Annabelle Moreland	Bethel Village Condo Association
John Ellis	Mindy Justis	
Olivia Karl	Ryan Justis	
Mike Karl	Matt Wolf	
Kathryn Musser	Beverly Cooper	
Erin DeGiralomo	Petra Schmalbrock	
Cathy Donnell	Beverly Tyler	
Sue Wrhen	David Pickut	
Libby Guffey	JoEllen Hemlinger	
Amanda Reuter	Ardon and Gloria Smith	
Rebecca Price		

Ruth recommended approving the new members. Alyson moved to approve the new members; Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Reports

Police Department

Officer Townsend reported on crime rates in the neighborhood and provided safety tips.

Fire Department

Captain Rybinski reported that the department would be starting to flush fire hydrants on April 21st.

Neighborhood Liaison

Bruce Black (Neighborhood Pride Program Manager for the City of Columbus) and Nora Gerber (Community Relations Coordinator for the City of Columbus) provided information on the Neighborhood Pride program. They responded to questions from the board and association members.

Announcements

Cheryl reminded members about the NWCA May 11th event and the August 6th National Night Out event and asked members to contact her if they would like to volunteer to help plan for either event.

Sandra Lopez, Legislative Advisor for Community Engagement for the City of Columbus, provided updates from City Council and responded to questions from the board.

- New councilmembers will be visiting NWCA in the next couple of months.
- Councilmember Dorans chairs the Neighborhoods committee.
- Councilmember Favor chairs the Housing committee.
- City Council is having a meeting at Hoyos Kitchen on April 30th.

Committee Reports

Code Enforcement

No report.

Membership and Social

Dave reminded members of the picnic scheduled for May 11th at Antrim Park. Space is limited, and the committee is working on scheduling speakers/presentations. Dennis expressed the associations gratitude to everyone who was in attendance.

Streets and Safety

John F. recommended to the residents living near Northcrest Park that one solution to the parking issues is to have the city put up “No Parking” signs.

Website and Communications

No report.

OSU Airport

Marilyn provided an update from the March events at the airport. OSU is moving forward with the master plan. There will be an airport cleanup of West Case Rd. and Sawmill Rd. on April 20th. Marilyn responded to questions from the board and association members. Dave encouraged members to provide the board with any concerns they have with the plan.

Sheep Farm

Roy reported that the plan was still to finalize the sale by the end of April. There are continued questions regarding an old benzene tank at the site and which entity must pay for the cleanup.

Parks, Recreation, and Bikeways

Kit reported that the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting is on April 10th. Kit is working to invite an urban forester to the May 11th event and presented the commission with information on the

Northcrest Park and the flooding/trash issues. Roy announced that the Recreation and Parks 2019 Spring/Summer Program Guide is out and lists the Sheep Farm as a priority for the city.

Traffic

Kit has connected with city council about working with the committee on traffic issues in Northwest Columbus.

Graphics and Zoning

- Marilyn reported that the committee met and drafted procedures for zoning issues brought before the board. The board will hear a zoning request from Habitat for Humanity and the Reed Rd./Burgess and Niple request at the May meeting.

Announcement

Marilyn announced that Kevin Parks, reporter from This Week News, is retiring. NWCA meetings will now be covered by reporter Gary Seman.

Graphics and Zoning, cont'd.

- 4766 Kenny Rd. – Request for variance for Puptown Lounge
 - Peter Boyden, representing Puptown Lounge, requested a variance for the setback for the building currently on the lot and responded to questions from members.
 - Dave made a motion to recommend approval of the variance request as states; Roy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 10-0.
- 5570 Riverside Drive
 - Bill Schuck presented information on recent developments at 5570 Riverside Drive and the removal of trees in violation of the approved zoning for the development. Bill responded to questions from the board and association members.
 - Kit moved to reconsider the previously approved rezoning request for this development; Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 9-0, with one abstention.
 - John F. moved to rescind the previously approved rezoning request for this development; Kit seconded the motion. The motion was approved 9-0, with one abstention.
 - Marilyn moved to recommend disapproval of the application with the condition that NWCA is open to reconsideration of a revised plan with sufficient remediation to address our concerns is submitted to us in a timely manner. Kit seconded the motion. The motion was approved 10-0.
- 5015 Dierker Rd. – request for five variances for a mixed-use building
 - Josh Teders (property owner), Kent Thompson (architect), and Eric Zartman (attorney) presented the request for five variances to put in a mixed-use building with storage and a leasing office on the first floor and three apartments on the second floor. They responded to questions from the board and association members.
 - Marilyn moved to recommend approval of the 5015 Dierker Road Council Variance Application to permit the five requested variances:
 1. 3353.03 – to permit Section 3363.02 warehouse uses which are complementary to the leasing office and property management uses
 2. 3353.05(B) – to allow dwelling units above warehouse uses
 3. 3311.28(a) – to allow warehouse uses to be 10 ft or more from residential and apartment residential districts

4. 3312.09 – to reduce the drive aisle from 20 feet to 3.6 feet as Applicant owns this site and the property to the south which will share access and drive aisle
5. 3312.25 – to permit maneuvering across the parcel line between the two properties that applicant owns

- Kit seconded the motion. Discussion of the request continued, with Teders, Thompson, and Zartman responding to additional questions from association members.
- Marilyn amended her motion with the following condition:
...with the condition that only items that would normally be stored in a garage will be stored in the storage area.
- The motion passed 10-0.

New Business

- Cheryl announced that there will be a National Night Out event on August 6th.
- Dennis thanked the attendees for staying through the full meeting and reminded everyone about the May 11th event.
- Alyson reminded members that the May meeting is the annual meeting, which includes voting for board members. To vote, members must have their dues paid.
- Kit reported that there are several bond issues on the May primary ballot.
- Roy reported that the last bond issue included funds for sidewalks on Reed Rd., and those should be done in 2019.

Old Business

No report.

Adjourn

John F. moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm; Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.