

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025

Members: *Coleman Nash, Henri Bailey, Braton Danielson, Linda Clement, Caroline Dennis, Jann Hook, Nikki Kuhn, Sam Peregrin, Ann Parrish, Margaret Donnelly, Matt Goad, Susie White*

The meeting was held at Shakespeare in the Park. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The minutes from the October 30, 2025, meeting (as corrected) were reviewed and approved (motion by Nikki Kuhn; second by Jann Hook; voice vote).

The Treasurer's report for October was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Linda Clement; voice vote).

Petra Cox was absent but Coleman Nash reported that the Eppilog was sent to print on November 17 and should be mailed out in time for the Christmas party. The next issue will be for the first quarter of 2026.

The signs have all been installed, despite the presence of wasps' nests in the hollow signposts. Appreciation is extended to Henri Bailey and Matt Goad for this project.

The OKC action line can be used for reporting historic preservation issues (405-297-2535). If reporting online, it should be reported as a zoning violation. There is an event being planned in March for further information on historic preservation.

Coleman asked for volunteers for a subcommittee on welcome bags. Marilyn Edens has offered to store items at her home. We have approximately 8 canvas bags and stickers with the new logos that can be used on paper bags. The idea of a stamp with the logo was broached and Braton requested a new return address stamp. Contents could include items from 30th Street Market, Prairie Gypsies, This Land Yoga, etc., along with information about the neighborhood (Eppilog, security corporation, annual meeting, social events). A note from the block trustee should be added when a bag has been delivered.

Brian Bogert has agreed to host the Holiday Party on December 7 from 5-7 pm. Susie White will reach out to him. Nikki Kuhn and Monica Sexton will follow up with signs. Tipping for servers is encouraged and we could use our budgeted item for this purpose. Braton will look into a QR code for electronic tipping via Stripe or Venmo.

The Security Corporation reports that we currently have 93 members. Ideas for increasing this number include publishing membership participation by block, public shaming/peer pressure, etc. There have been reports of vandalism by young people going door to door.

The security company is responsive when they are notified (pictures preferred) but it is very unlikely that they would be present at the time a crime was occurring. Another proposal was to ask the police department to provide statistics or a presentation about the benefits of security at the annual meeting in January. The issue of locking the electric outlet at the gazebo was brought up and it may not have been locked up after past events, which can discourage vagrancy.

The 35th Street bridge was discussed. It is on the list for the OKC bond issue to be replaced, but we are attempting to get additional information from the city about the criteria for determining that it needs to be replaced.

Coleman asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to determine the number and placement of speed cushions. The consensus seemed to be for the neighborhood to sponsor them near the playground and around the perimeter, and individual blocks may be able to fund their own. The issue of parking, particularly along 30th Street with the opening of the new apartments, was also discussed. Jann requested a meeting with Rob Littlefield to discuss these issues. Another possibility was the digital speed limit/radar signs. Coleman will work on developing a specific proposal for the annual meeting.

The trencher for the streetlights has been unavailable but we are hopeful that that project will be completed shortly.

Brian Pever is working on a quote for the 36th Street entrance. We have one quote from Grooms to sod that area but not remove the curbing (\$2,056.42). Some opposition to a native plant garden was expressed. Another proposal was to fill the beds with landscape fabric and rock/hardscaping/sculpture, xeriscape, trees, etc.

The annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 25, at 4 pm. Additional meetings with the officers or subcommittees may be held prior to that. Matters for the full board may also be considered by email.

All trustees up for renewal have agreed to continue to serve except for one (no response). We are still looking for trustees on four blocks. It was suggested that trustees be required to sign the board commitment form (payment of dues, attendance at meetings, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

ADDENDUM (1/26/2026): Due to weather, an online vote was taken over the weekend of 1/24-25 to move the annual meeting to 2/1/2026 (motion by Caroline Dennis; second by Marilyn Edens; ayes: Henri Bailey, Jann Hook, Petra Cox, Linda Clement, Nikki Kuhn, Susie White, Coleman Nash, Lindsey Pever, Braton Danielson). The meeting will be held on 2/1/2026 at 4 pm at Harding Fine Arts Academy.