

EPPI Board of Trustees Meeting

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2023

Members: *Lindsey Pever, Katie Watts, Henri Bailey, Petra Cox, Christa Ball, Marilyn Edens, Andrea Monachella, Dennis Naumann, Caroline Dennis, Coleman Nash, Corey Phillips, Doug Stratton, Braton Danielson, Jann Hook, Jessica Johnson*

The meeting was held at the home of Corey Phillips. Lindsey Pever called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

Henri Bailey offered the use of Shakespeare in the Park for the annual meeting in January.

Lindsey suggested that we calendar the entire 2024 year at the next meeting rather than planning month to month.

The minutes from the October 26, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Marilyn Edens; second by Henri Bailey; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for October, as emailed by Braton Danielson, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote). Jann Hook asked about updating the endowment fund amount to reflect the most recent distribution, and about the inclusion of the Stripe fee in the bank service charges. Braton said the bank charges \$2 per month for the checking account and all other service charges are from the Stripe account. Jann did not remember a fee in the past for the checking account. The bank fee amount for the 2024 budget has been increased to account for the new Stripe fees. Lindsey will look into the question of whether the Stripe fees are tax deductible for members making contributions online.

Braton reviewed the proposed budget for 2024, which is similar to that for 2023. Anticipated revenue is flat. The website budget is higher than last year, although some of that funding may need to be shifted to account for continued printing of the newsletter. There is a slight increase to the budget for social events. Matt Goad was working on an estimate for cast metal signs and we have approximately \$1,300 in that account from the MENT apparel sales, which will continue next year. Braton will revise the budget and distribute to the group via email. The budget was approved subject to revisions to be emailed out (motion by Christa Ball; second by Doug Stratton; voice vote).

Christa Ball reported on the Christmas party, scheduled for December 3 from 4-6 pm, at the home of Cody and Alli Valentine, 216 NW 33rd.

Linda Clement reported via email that she is trying to schedule a call with Mark the web developer. She was able to schedule the streetlight repairs, which have been completed with the exception of the light at the home of Eric Groves. We are still waiting on a report about whether the lights would be covered under a standard homeowner's insurance policy.

The plan now is to continue to produce the paper newsletters to be mailed to nonsubscribers, as well as the email distribution for subscribers.

Andrea Monachella reported on historic preservation. A developer has proposed three-story multi-family apartments to be located at 30th and Hudson. The proposal appears to be insufficient with respect to parking. The Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association has proposed some revisions and our HP team has also weighed in. The OKC HP Commission should be meeting the first Wednesday of each month and Andrea is monitoring their agendas. The developer is apparently planning to request rezoning from residential to SPUD designation, which could affect the HP status of the property.

Lindsey encouraged all the board members to make sure they were current on their security dues payments, or to let her know privately if they were not planning to participate. Doug Stratton reported that a neighbor had had bicycles stolen and asked about notifying the security company.

Christa said that welcome bags would be available for new neighbors in January. Block captains are encouraged to report new residents (both homeowners and renters) to Christa.

Lindsey reported that the OCCF grant for the park beautification project is a hot mess. Contractors, engineers and architects are not available, particularly for discounted work, and the price for the shade awning materials has gone up. The city has reported that the shade structure needs to be significantly higher than the playground equipment, which further increases the costs. The entire grant of \$8k could be used on initial costs before the project even begins. One possibility might be to plant mature sycamore trees on the west side of the playground. A motion was approved to approach OCCF about using trees rather than man-made shade structures (motion by Parks and Landscape committee; voice vote).

Jessica Johnson reported that the city is planning to spray the park with pre- and post-emergent. It was decided to discuss this item further at the annual meeting. A late January date for the annual meeting was discussed and there was enthusiastic approval to have the bar open at that time.

Lindsey reported on the hole in the brick wall near 36th and Robinson. Lindsey found material from the car and reported the accident to OKC PD. Jann reported that the OG&E number to report streetlight outages is 405-272-9595.

The annual meeting was set for Sunday, January 21, at 4:00 pm at Shakespeare in the Park.

Petra Cox reported that the original Yard of the Month sign has reappeared, and that there appears to be an outage in the gazebo lights. Jessica Johnson reported a request for more “pick up after your dog” signs in the park, and more dog waste bags.

Some residents on the north side of the neighborhood reported that ONG or its contractors have already moved some gas meters. Some have failed inspection. The old meters are still operational.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.