

EPPI Board of Trustees Meeting

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2024

Members: *Lindsey Pever, Dennis Naumann, Caroline Dennis, Braton Danielson, Marilyn Edens, Susie White, Monica Sexton, Petra Cox, Jann Hook, Christa Ball, Katie Watts, Wendy Shreffler, Jessica Johnson, Andrea Monachella*

The meeting was held at the home of Dennis Naumann. Lindsey Pever called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes from the November 26, 2023, January 28, 2024 (annual meeting) and February 25, 2024 (no quorum), meetings were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Susie White; voice vote). Braton Danielson reviewed the increase in bank fees and Stripe fees as previously explained at the February meeting.

The treasurer's reports for January and February, as emailed by Braton Danielson, were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote). Braton reported that January was straightforward, and February revenues reflected an increase in dues payments. Stripe payments seem to be going well and neighbors are generally covering the extra fee on behalf of the neighborhood. Braton is going to check to see what the breakdown is between dues being paid monthly and paid in full, which will change our cash flow compared to past years.

Christa Ball reported on hospitality. The next event will not be until July 4. Block captains have been slow about reporting move-ins but bags are ready upon request. Christa has been researching neighborhood dues and they are both higher and lower than ours. Jann Hook made the point that some neighborhoods also have auxiliary fundraising events, sometimes with sponsors, so dues payment does not show the whole picture. The possibility of selling tickets to some (but not all) neighborhood events was discussed. Ideas for additional (possibly sponsored) events included kickball, kitchen or garden tours, progressive dinners, etc. There was a consensus that if dues are to be raised, we should have and communicate a rationale for doing so. The idea of doing a neighborhood survey was also floated. Monica Sexton volunteered to assist with hospitality and social events.

We have been asked to sponsor both the Redbud Classic and Paseo Arts Festival. The sponsorship for Paseo starts at \$1,000 but amounts as low as \$250 would be helpful as well. The discussion at the last meeting was that Paseo and the Memorial Marathon are better fits than the Redbud Classic. There was a lot of positive sentiment to have a banner or welcoming site on behalf of the neighborhood at the Marathon. A motion was made to allocate \$250 for Paseo Arts Festival now (motion by Caroline Dennis; second by Christa Ball; motion failed). The hospitality/social events committee was tasked with developing a proposal for community event sponsorship.

Lindsey encouraged the block trustees to make sure they have good lines of communication with all homes on the block, especially for last minute communications (example, upcoming meeting for the new project at 36th and Walker).

Jann Hook reported on the website in the absence of Linda Clement and Matt Goad. Neighbors are reporting problems with paying dues online. Payment is encouraged despite the ongoing issues.

Petra Cox is working on the latest Eppilog. Submissions are due on the 30th of January, April, July and October. Yard of the month is about to restart. Lindsey suggested a free ad for Paseo Arts Festival. Other suggestions included "life on the edge", "then and now", etc.

Andrea Monachella reported on historic preservation. She has worked on getting notice of HP meetings and would like to have a committee meeting this week. Jann Hook has agreed to host at 4 pm on March 31. A host is also requested for the April meeting.

Lindsey reported on SPUD 1581 (30th and Hudson), and the developer has moved much closer to our position. Councilperson James Cooper was 100% on our side and was prepared to fight this battle at the City Council level, but the outcome very close to our preference. Lindsey believes that the cost of continuing to go through either political or legal processes would be prohibitive. We continue to be formally opposed in partnership with the other HP neighborhoods in case the developer reneges. The current plan is 18 units, parking into the east setback, not meeting the east setback, and the sight triangle further south but in accordance with the guidelines. It is clear that our efforts and those of our partners improved the situation markedly. The City Council meeting is April 9 and 9:30 am. Lindsey will email out the revised SPUD plan.

On 36th and Walker, the public meeting is tomorrow at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This project may be on the Planning Commission agenda for next week.

Wendy Shreffler reported a plan for the social media committee to meet. Phoebe Barber continues to send out posts upon request.

The HP committee was also tasked with looking at the new rules on accessory dwelling units.

All board members are encouraged to pay securities dues (in part or full) ASAP.

OCCF has approved a modification to its grant to shift the funding for tree planting rather than a shade structure. OCCF will not pay for trees larger than 2-3 inches in diameter, although we would prefer larger trees to create shade sooner.

Jessica Johnson is organizing a park cleanup day prior to the Marathon, possibly April 13 (20th as a rain day). OKC Beautiful will provide trash bags and gloves (Susie has them on hand from last time).

Lindsey will send a doodle poll about future meeting dates. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.