

EPPI Board of Trustees Meeting

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (CORRECTED)

May 22, 2024

Members: *Lindsey Pever, Caroline Dennis, Braton Danielson, Linda Clement, Matt Goad, Susie White, Malia Tate, Coleman Nash, Jann Hook, Marilyn Edens, Andrea Monachella, Rita Benichek, Henri Bailey, Monica Sexton, Chapman the Cat*

The meeting was held at the home of Robert and Caroline Dennis. Lindsey Pever called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The minutes from the April 23 meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Marilyn Edens; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for April, as emailed by Braton Danielson, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Rita Benichek; voice vote). Donations and dues are below the budgeted amounts. Braton will review the YTD collections compared to 2023. Lindsey Pever suggested a second mailing to those who have not made payments, with a revised letter from her, prior to July 4. Linda Clement is monitoring communications between him and neighbors who are trying to make payments.

Lindsey reviewed the past development of the list of neighborhood vendors, which had grown beyond neighborhood members and locations, the original purpose of which was to be included in the welcome bags and the newsletter. There was general agreement that the list had gone beyond its original purpose and the website includes information on elected officials and city services. A motion was made to cease listing specific businesses and companies and professional services other than advertising in the newsletter (motion by Rita Benichek; second by Linda Clement; voice vote).

Linda Clement reported on the plan to get instructions from our website developer and begin website maintenance ourselves. Instructions have not been forthcoming but we still have funds for the project. Linda recommended that we ask the developer to do the updates and maintenance for the time being. Monica Sexton will ask her husband about assisting once we transfer these functions in-house. Photos and corrections should be emailed to Linda.

The Eppilog has been delayed in printing but should drop in mailboxes this week. We should be able to upload pdf copies to the website.

Andrea Monachella and Jann Hook reported on historic preservation, including the upcoming meeting on June 4 at 6 pm about the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance changes proposed by the city of OKC. Other states, including Colorado, have had legislation to encourage the use of ADUs. Andrea is hosting a meeting a week from Sunday prior to the city HP Commission meeting. Jann and Henri attended a wood window workshop hosted by the HP Commission, and another workshop on wood repair is scheduled for August. Heritage Hills had a meeting last night with Lisa Chronister (city planning) and James Cooper regarding ADUs and some dissatisfaction with the proposal was expressed. Jann reported that the Planning Commission proposed to pull historic landmarks (HL, such as Paseo) from the ordinance. Lindsey proposed a meeting with Lisa Chronister and other city representatives to discuss our concerns.

The issue of increasing dues is tabled until the next meeting as those who felt strongly on both sides of the issue were not present. Christa Ball and Corey Phillips are working on a proposal for a block social event. Christa is also working on the July 4 event in the morning and is looking for volunteers.

All neighbors are encouraged to pay security dues. Ann Parrish and Margaret Donnelly can provide info on whether neighbors are current on their payments. Payment can be made on the website, through Venmo or by old-timey checks.

Jessica Johnson and Lindsey Pever are working on the revised OCCF grant proposal. The plan is before OCCF and must also be approved by the OKC Parks Department.

Linda asked about the 36th Street entrance and the dead trees and lack of landscaping and maintenance. Lindsey reported that Echelawn had asked about changing the landscaping contract away from his company, and several board members reported problems, including high bids, poor attitudes and substandard service. The general consensus was to get a bid on removing the trees, possibly with Dennis Naumann serving as project manager.

There was discussion of another swag order to raise money for neighborhood signage. We have enough funds for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the project for the banner signs.

Linda reported that the streetlights have all been repaired with the exception of one, which is complicated.

Marilyn Edens reported the passing of Annie Dominguez, longtime neighbor.

The next meeting date has not been set but a poll will be sent out. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.