

## Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2025 - **CORRECTED**

Members: *Coleman Nash, Petra Cox, Braton Danielson, Lindsey Pever, Caroline Dennis, Jann Hook, Henri Bailey, Hallie Milner*

The meeting was held at the home of Caroline Dennis. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. A quorum was not present (only three block trustees). Action on the minutes and treasurer's report was deferred. Jann Hook asked about donations for the Harvey Median, which were reported as general donations rather than specific. Braton will restate those on the report for action at the June meeting.

The liability insurance policy for the 36<sup>th</sup> Street entrance was discussed; it has been paid regularly in the past. This was part of an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation from back when a utility line across the Broadway Extension was proposed in 2007. It was decided to continue to make this payment.

The ONG project was discussed, which has stopped on NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Lindsey Pever will ask about the schedule going forward.

Petra Cox reported on Communications. Content for the June newsletter will close on June 8 and will go to print on June 16. Petra got comparisons from Scott Printing and QuikPrint, with the better price from QuikPrint (\$537 plus postage). Lindsey will follow up with another contact at Scott. The next issue will be in November. Hallie Milner and Nikki Kuhn are willing to help in this area also. Lindsey and Jann have offered to review the newsletter before printing. Later in the meeting, the idea of incorporating pet photos was discussed with enthusiasm.

Henri Bailey offered space at Shakespeare in the Park if we wanted to have a larger meeting to discuss Maps 4 park funding. Councilman James Cooper and a representative from the Parks Department have offered to meet with us. We will also invite him and other elected officials to the July 4 party.

Jann Hook reported on Historic Preservation. There has been a change request (which has been approved but which may be protested) for the project at 30<sup>th</sup> and Hudson, to relocate windows. That may be an indication that this project will begin sooner rather than later. The Historic Preservation Committee Chair position remains open.

July 4 is a Friday this year, so there was discussion about moving the party to another day. The consensus was to leave it as is.

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up in 2026, Jann brought materials from 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Caroline Dennis offered to contact Bob Blackburn about a book or other

commemoration for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Henri Bailey is ordering some cast aluminum signs from Montague Metal and he will check to get preliminary figures on this type of signage. Artwork and/or swag was also discussed.

Coleman Nash reported that there was a break-in at 228 NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Coleman will follow up with Ann Parrish and Margaret Donnelly. Additional police interventions (not break-ins) were reported by Hallie Milner and Henri Bailey, including a short-term rental/high-speed chase story that was eye-popping.

A second park cleanup in September was discussed. Coleman will reach out to Doug Eason to see if there is a fall service day at OU or UCO. The overgrowth of the creek was discussed and will go on the list to discuss with Councilman Cooper.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Street entrance was discussed, with the possibility of taking out the edging and adding grass (estimate from Grooms of \$2,056.42). The idea of using native plants was brought up. A large tree at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Hudson was damaged in a recent storm and the city came out and took it out. All the lights in and around the park appear to be working again after much effort on the part of Lindsey Pever.

Jann reported that we are getting close to our budget for memberships and recommended sending out a second dues notice in June. We will also include a reminder on this in the Eppilog. We may be behind on invoicing for ads.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, June 26, possibly with Councilman James Cooper. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. The last Thursday of each month (with exceptions) will be our default meeting day.