

## EPPI Board of Trustees Meeting

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

August 28, 2024

Members: *Lindsey Pever, Caroline Dennis, Braton Danielson, Petra Cox, Ryan Cole, Marilyn Edens, Henri Bailey, Coleman Nash, Dennis Naumann, Jann Hook, Katie Watts,*

The meeting was held at the park gazebo. Lindsey Pever called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The minutes from the June 19, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Ryan Cole; second by Jann Hook; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for June, as emailed by Braton Danielson, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote). The report for July was reviewed and approved, with questions about the method by which the recipients of welcome bags were identified (motion by Jann Hook; second by Ryan Cole; voice vote). Braton indicated that online payments were coming in at a better pace than in the past and our income is in good shape relative to expenses.

Wendy Shreffler is remaining as Communications Chair for the remainder of the year, but a co-chair is needed who would assume the duties next year. Christa Ball has indicated her preference to step back as Social Chair as soon as possible and would welcome a co-chair. The idea of splitting up the social events with different people being in charge of each was discussed; Susie White has indicated interest in helping with this and any others would be most welcome.

Linda Clement is gathering documents to send to the web designer, including newsletters and minutes and the list of trustees. Photos of the park cleanup and July 4 event would be appreciated. She is also looking for photos from last year's holiday party and Oktoberfest.

The idea of using young people to post to social media accounts, with adult supervision, was discussed and was met with approval. The request for tree waterers will be posted again to social media.

Petra Cox reported that we are slightly behind on the newsletter but it is in progress. Ads are coming in well although some area businesses have declined. The cutoff for content is the end of the first week of September, and we are hoping to get it distributed in time to promote the Hamlet show at Shakespeare in the Park. The next newsletter will be distributed in November.

Andrea Monacella was not present but reported that the HP Commission will be meeting on September 4. ONG has requested a "final" extension for its project. Problems have been reported with re-sodding areas which have been dug up, and this may be on hold until the hot and dry weather improves.

Lindsey Pever requested that anyone having problems with ONG send her an email at [lindseypever@gmail.com](mailto:lindseypever@gmail.com) so we can present those together.

Jann Hook reported that she had not heard back on the meeting with OKC about our concerns with the SPUD approval process. Lindsey will send a written synopsis. Jann is working with city architect Lisa Chronister on an ADU task force.

The neighbors' night out is set for September 10, but we have not had a neighborhood-wide commitment to this event. The general sentiment seemed to be to not participate this year but to focus on Octoberfest. Susie White has agreed to help with Octoberfest although she will be out of town from the end of September through mid-October. October 20 was selected as the date, from 4-6 pm. Lindsey will approach Freeman's Liquor about donating the beer and Dennis Naumann once again agreed to provide the bratwursts (yum!). Coleman Nash, Katie Watts and Ryan Cole agreed to help with this event. The planning meeting will be at the Red Rooster on October 17.

Lindsey is planning a separate meeting about the security corporation; all are encouraged to attend and recruit interested neighbors. Petra Cox, Henri Bailey, Coleman Nash and Katie Watts volunteered to attend.

With respect to parks and landscaping, Lindsey reported that we are far apart from the city on location and types of trees with a goal of providing shade for the playground area of the park. The city prefers non-fruit and nut bearing trees (as do we). None of the types on the city-approved list are fast-growing. Lindsey will work further with the city on this issue.

Another merchandise order from Ment Apparel will be made later in the fall. Any requests for types of apparel are welcome.

Jann asked about moving forward on the signage project, and possibly raise funds for this on the side if necessary. The banner signs should be able to be ordered shortly after the next swag order, and the cast metal signs will be a longer-term project.

Ryan Cole reported on the possibility of a neighborhood-wide assessment, for projects such as irrigation, signage, security and park maintenance. At the city level, the creek has been transferred from the Public Works Department to the Parks and Recreation Department. The city has been cool to the assessment idea. The OKC Community Foundation apparently manages the assessment program and Ryan is soliciting further information and assistance.

The next meetings are set for September 19, October 23, and November 14, all at 6 pm.

Street maintenance was discussed, and any requests should be forwarded to Lindsey. We are hopeful that a comprehensive resurfacing project may be in a future city bond issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.