

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

Members: *Coleman Nash, Sheila Gibbs, Petra Cox, Henri Bailey, Caroline Dennis, Jann Hook, Katie Watts, Matt Goad, Susie White, Braton Danielson*

The meeting was held at Shakespeare in the Park. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The minutes from the June 26, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote).

The Treasurer's report for June was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote). The July report was tabled.

Petra Cox reported on the next edition of the Eppilog and asked if we should make this the last one of the year or do another one prior to the holiday/Christmas party. The consensus was to do one now and one more later. The deadline for content is the second week of September. Matt Goad suggested a "Pet of the Month" and/or "Wildlife of Edgemere" feature. Wildlife sightings include gray foxes, beavers and bald eagles. Information on the Oktoberfest party and speed cushions will be included as well. Jann and Susie will assist with proofing the newsletter.

Oktoberfest was set for Sunday, October 5, from 3-5 pm. Dennis Naumann has agreed to provide the bratwursts; beer will be requested from Freeman's and Lively Beerworks; and sides/desserts will be provided based on even/odd addresses.

Henri Bailey generously offered to host meetings at Shakespeare in the Park on a permanent basis in exchange for advertising in the Eppilog, schedule permitting. Having the Christmas party at the theatre was also discussed, although Brian Bogert has agreed to host this year.

Historic Preservation is in need of a chair and any volunteers would be welcome. Jann Hook asked about an assessment mentioned by James Cooper. Coleman or Jann will reach out to James or his assistant, Boyd.

Henri brought up the issue of Trinity students and teachers parking along Hudson and 32nd Street, sometimes causing excessive noise early in the morning, and reported that he had spoken to teachers about a problem with a particular student. Henri further asked about the possibility of putting in a circle drive on his property to accommodate tenants and whether that would be permissible under the historic preservation guidelines. The consensus was to discuss these issues with the administration at Trinity School. Jann

offered to check on the process for making certain areas “no parking” zones. Petra has a contact at Trinity and will forward that name to Henri for further discussion.

Neighbors Night Out has been scheduled for September 9, although we are not currently planning to participate due to our busy event schedule.

Reconstituting the Welcome Committee was discussed, which is an on-again-off-again process. Susie thought a problem with this process was getting contact information on new residents to the Welcome Committee. Possibilities to obtain this information include block captains and the county assessor’s website. Henri suggested a paper bag with our sticker on it in lieu of the canvas bags.

Matt Goad asked about data to support the security patrols, the attention to detail by the security patrollers, and whether we are getting our money’s worth re security. Braton Danielson asked about the separation between the security corporation and EPPI and the lack of presence of anyone from the security corporation at our meetings.

Matt Goad is going to request an updated estimate for park signage with the new logo, and we have received another payment for the sign fund from Ment Apparel. Matt will also get a quote for cast metal signs of various types and Petra will ask Doug Stratton about retrieving the original metal casting for the old signs. Henri asked about the small squares at the park corners and if they were originally intended for signage, and Jann reported that the idea had been explored in the past, possibly with the base designed to replicate the 35th Street bridge design.

With respect to the creek, Susie reported that Bill White called the city and was told that there are not funds to cut down the scrub trees along the creek bed. Susie suggested that we ask the city if we cut them down (in the winter) if the city would haul them away; Coleman will follow up with city.

Speed cushions are priced at \$2,500 apiece, split between the city and the neighborhood. The apartment construction company is supposed to provide them along 30th Street. Braton reported that his block is exploring doing an assessment of their own. Other areas could be along Robinson and near the playground. Coleman will ask James and Rob Littlefield (traffic commissioner) to see how many we might need.

Lindsey Pever is asking about another estimate for the 36th Street entrance, for a second native plant garden.

Braton reported that the second membership mailing resulted in an additional \$500 in dues. Our membership is at 119, fewer than half of our households.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 25, at 6 pm, at Shakespeare in the Park.

The new email address for correspondence with Coleman and future EPPI presidents is edgemerepresident@gmail.com.