

Edgemere Park Preservation Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025

Members: *Coleman Nash, Henri Bailey, Caroline Dennis, Marilyn Edens, Jann Hook, Sheila Gibbs, Petra Cox, Nikki Kuhn, Monica Sexton*

The meeting was held at Shakespeare in the Park. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The minutes from the August 28, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote).

The Treasurer's reports for July (as amended) and August were reviewed and approved (July; motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote; August; motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote).

The Eppilog content has been submitted and the newsletter should be sent to production shortly. Petra reported that a new layout partner would be welcome. We anticipate mailing out very close to the date of Oktoberfest. Petra would like to continue writing, ad sales and interviews. There was discussion about whether to hand-deliver or mail, and whether or not to have another issue before the end of the year. The consensus was to do one more before the Christmas/holiday party with content submitted in early November. A shorter version would certainly be acceptable. For the current one, we will see if Quikprint can turn it around in time to mail and will contact block trustees to distribute if not.

Coleman brought up an ongoing offer to Shakespeare in the Park for a free ad in the Eppilog to thank them for the use of their space for our monthly and annual meetings. There was general agreement and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

We are still in need of a Historic Preservation chair. Jann reported receiving an email from Keith Daniels, Administrative Assistant for the Planning Division of OKC, regarding an annual HP review committee meeting, which she will forward to Coleman.

Monica reported on planning for Oktoberfest. Dennis Naumann will provide homemade bratwurst, Freeman's will provide beer and signs will go up soon. Monica will print flyers. Odd/even addresses will provide sides/desserts. Monica will communicate other needs (ice chests, decorations, condiments, etc.). Susie White has brought sauerkraut in the past and we have plain hot dogs for kids left over from July 4.

The idea of welcome bags was broached, which everyone was in favor of, although the process of determining who was new in the neighborhood can be challenging, as well as the contents of the bags. Henri suggested a less formal process for neighbors to let the

board know if new people move in. Marilyn suggested setting a goal of getting this up and running by the first of the year. Joanne Holden might be willing to help.

Caroline reported on two break-ins on Eubanks. It is possible that the same person was responsible for both and one person was apprehended by OKC police.

Marilyn reported that a neighbor had trimmed some of the trees in the park. It is hoped that the city will pick up the branches when they mow. Coleman reported that the city will not be trimming trees down by the creek. The idea of a fall cleanup was discussed but tabled at this time.

Matt Goad sent out a proof for the new sheet metal signs, which was met with enthusiasm. Matt will measure the existing brackets to make sure that the new signs will fit. Once we get the final cost estimate, we will finalize action on this item.

Coleman met with Mary with the ASAP Division of the city regarding speed cushions. The cost is \$2,550, split between the neighborhood and the city. Approval of residents along the blocks will be required as part of the application process. The consensus was to develop a plan, timeline and cost estimates to present at the annual meeting in January. The apartment developer has pledged to install two on 30th Street.

Lindsey Pever is working on a second estimate for landscaping on the 30th Street entrance. Coleman and Jann will check with Linda Clement about the electrician working on the street lights. There are still two out on Eubanks.

There will be a Weed Party on Thursday, October 9 from 6-7 pm for Brian Pever to educate us on how to weed and maintain the native plant garden.

On new business, Jann asked about using \$500 to send to our endowment in memory of Eric Groves. Jann made a motion to take \$500 from our endowment reserve/match fund and make such a donation (second by Petra Cox; voice vote). Coleman will let Braton know to make the donation.

Petra displayed the original cast metal sign from Allen Brown's/Doug Stratton's home.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 30, at 6 pm, at Shakespeare in the Park.

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