

Edgemere Park Neighborhood Annual Meeting Minutes (CORRECTED)

February 1, 2026

The meeting was held at Harding Fine Arts Academy, with thanks to Lindsey Pever for making the arrangements. Coleman Nash called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

Members present: *Coleman Nash, Henri Bailey, Susie White, Sandra Harrison, Lindsey Pever, JoAnn Holden, Margaret Donnelly, Ann Parrish, Braton Danielson, Matt Goad, Petra Cox, Morgan Greer, Sam Peregrin, Kelley Smith, Jann and Terry Hook, Monica Sexton, Katie Watts, Kim Morgan, John Odgers, Jacqueline Odgers, J.J. and Nikki Kuhn, Brian Mitchell, Linda Clement, Marilyn Edens, Rita Benischek, Andrea Goad, Jane Cragun, Andrew Staker, Jessica Johnson, Caroline Dennis*

Everyone introduced themselves around the room with names and addresses. Approximately 35 neighbors were present.

Braton Danielson presented the 2026 draft budget. 2025 was a breakeven year after using some carryover funds from 2024. Most expenses are maintenance, utilities, printing and copying and social events. Dues were slightly under budget for 2025. Changes from last year included a reduction in website expenses. Linda Clement reported that we have three streetlights to re-trench and expressed concern that the line item of \$1,393 would not be enough. She will obtain an updated estimate. Action on the budget was deferred.

Coleman distributed the list of block and at-large trustees (attached). Renewing trustees include Petra Cox, Corey Phillips, Matt Goad, Sheila Gibbs, Sam Peregrin, Nikki Kuhn, Phoebe Barber, Rita Benischek, Marilyn Edens and Susie White. The slate as presented was approved (motion by Linsey Pever; second by Sandra Harrison; voice vote).

Councilperson James Cooper was introduced as our guest speaker.

With respect to concerns on MAPS 4 funding for parks, James requests an email to ward2@okc.gov outlining specifics.

Streetscape projects nearby include NW 23rd Street from Broadway to Western, Walker Avenue and N. 36th Street. Improvements will include wider sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, new traffic light at Hudson, trees, turn lane on Walker, updated crossings, drainage, etc. Sidewalks and drainage improvements are also scheduled along Walker (23rd to 32nd Street). A multi-use trail has been approved along the north side of 36th Street from Walker to Lincoln. Another streetscape along NW 23rd from Western to Penn is in the long-range plan, as well as the Asian District. Sidewalks along Classen from NW Expressway will also be converted to multi-use trails. With respect to the TIF district along Classen, housing and other construction must comply with historic preservation standards.

James explained some council politics that can impede historic preservation and other issues of interest to the neighborhood. There are three council members in urban core so it is often an uphill battle against the rest of the council on some of these issues (i.e., Gold Dome building). Matt Goad asked about the graffiti problem especially at 23rd and Walker. Last year budget cuts hit the graffiti abatement program and the city is looking at restoring this funding with special attention to the 23rd Street and Classen corridors.

Additional issues discussed included other streetscape projects, public transit availability, homelessness and affordable housing, sidewalk art, regional transit and the proposed (but as of now deferred) ICE detention center, improvements to the intersection of Walker and NW 36th Street, alternatives to traditional law enforcement including violence interruption. Mutual appreciation for James and our association was expressed.

With respect to security, Ann Parrish and Margaret Donnelly are stepping away from security, with great thanks from the group. We are seeking volunteers to step into this role. There is approximately \$8k on hand and we are planning to continue the security patrols through February. Any 2026 payments that have been made will be refunded. It would be helpful for those paying through the website to stop payments on their end. We will revisit again in June if we do not have volunteers to assist in this area. The board will continue to explore options.

Petra Cox will be stepping away from the Eppilog newsletter, again with great thanks from the group. We are also looking for a new chair in this area. We will also explore options such as converting to an electronic newsletter.

Monica Sexton solicited ideas to celebrate our 100th anniversary, possibly combining with other events such as the Marathon, July 4 and Oktoberfest. Other social events are proposed, such as Easter egg hunts, movies in the park, musicians, softball or kickball. Marilyn suggested inviting past residents. We will ask MENT Apparel about centennial swag, and a possible architecture walking tour through the OKC Foundation for Architecture.

Thanks were expressed to Matt Goad with new logo and signage and Henri Bailey for efforts to install. We are looking for other ways to incorporate the new logo going forward.

Jann Hook reported that the HP office at the city is planning an HP come and go in April, possibly at Belle Isle Library, to ask questions of city staff regarding the HP process.

With respect to traffic control, the board is planning a meeting with Rob Littlefield in February or March to discuss speed cushions, flashing signs or other ideas. It was suggested to use flashing signs first and possibly speed cushions as a secondary option. Concerns about school pickup at Trinity Edgemere were expressed; Henri reported that they are planning to add parking spaces to help with the street parking problem.

There is a neighborhood group forming for families with small children to meet up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Edgemere Park Preservation, Inc

2026 Slate of Trustees

BLOCK TRUSTEES: TERM

200 BLK 30TH ST Linda Clement 2025- 2026

200 BLK 31ST ST Petra Cox RENEWING 2026 - 2027

200 BLK 32ND ST Ann Parrish 2025- 2026

200 BLK 33RD ST Corey Phillips RENEWING 2026 - 2027

200 BLK 34TH ST Monica Sexton 2025- 2026

200 BLK 35TH ST Matt Goad RENEWING 2026 - 2027

200 BLK EDGEMERE CT Andrea Monachella 2025- 2026

200 BLK EUBANKS ST Sheila Gibbs RENEWING 2026 - 2027
200 BLK 36TH ST Hallie Milner 2025- 2026
400 BLK 32ND ST VACANT 2026- 2027
400 BLK 33RD ST VACANT 2025- 2026
400 BLK 34TH ST Sam Peregrin RENEWING 2026 - 2027
400 BLK 35TH ST VACANT 2025- 2026
400 BLK EUBANKS ST Nikki Kuhn RENEWING 2026 - 2027
400 BLK HILL ST Katie Watts 2025- 2026
3100-3200 BLK HARVEY Phoebe Barber RENEWING 2026 - 2027
3300-3600 BLK HARVEY Ryan Cole 2025- 2026
N WALKER AVENUE VACANT 2026- 2027
N HUDSON AVE Kelley Smith 2025- 2026
AT LARGE TRUSTEES:
Rita Benischek RENEWING 2026 - 2027
Jann Hook 2025- 2026
Marilyn Edens RENEWING 2026 - 2027
Jessica Johnson 2025- 2026
Susie White RENEWING 2026 - 2027