

Edgemere Park Neighborhood February 2026 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held at Shakespeare in the Park Theatre, with thanks to Henri Bailey for arranging the space. Meeting called to Order by Coleman Nash at 6:02 PM.

Members Present: Rita Benischek, Sandra Harrison, Jann Hook, Jessica Johnson, Henri Bailey, Linda Clement, Coleman Nash, Monica Sexton, Marilyn Edens, Sam Peregrin, Petra Cox, Andrea Goad, Sheila Gibbs

Guest Speakers: Representatives from Oklahoma Natural Gas – Sean Hadley, Mike McDaniel

ONG Q/A:

Q: When will the East side portion of the project finish?

A: 32nd to 33rd on Robinson will finish on April 20th, 2026.

Q: What is the next phase?”

A: ONG does not know; it will depend on budgeted dollars. Homeowners in the neighborhood will be notified as early in advance as possible.

Statement from Rita Benischek – Compliments to ONG as a whole for the work they are doing and the professionalism in their work.

Q: Where are the gas meters being placed?”

A: Depends house by house. There’s not a one size fits all, so it is a fluid process, but ONG will be as respectful to homeowners as possible.

Follow-up statement from Rita Benischek – Again, compliments to ONG and we appreciate that there is “no one size fits all” in our neighborhood.

Q: What are the large yellow pipes we see in the park?

A: These are the pipes that will be put into the park as a new line to tie in. The pipe that leads into the house will be much smaller and will horizontally drill under the driveway/ground to then connect into the meter. There will be one-offs but they will not be as large as the holes being dug in the park. The main is being dug about 48 inches. About half as much to get to the house depending on the other utility lines.

Q: Where will the meters be put if there are no issues?

A: Try for the garage side; 2/3 back of the house. Need space between lines and windows but they are trying to get on the side far enough back.

Q: What if the house has a basement?

A: They can still work on this but there might be more planning. ONG will take care of damage for line if it occurs. ONG will access the crawl space and once they set the meter, they will tie it all together.

Q: Marilyn Edens – Per Ranson (project supervisor in the neighborhood) her meter might not have to be moved. Is this correct?

A: There are very few that might not have to be moved. Jennifer (from ONG) can weigh in on this with ONG but it is not common.

Q: Is there an option of just “can’t do it” or the meter is already on the side of the house?

A: The meter will have to be moved away from the electrical box. This is due to a high-pressure system that is mandatory now. ONG will find the correct spot for the box.

Q: Is there anywhere that currently has medium pressure?

A: The last phase of that project was completed.

Q: What about houses with add on apartments that use gas?

A: If it is not separately metered, there is no change. Garages put in later might have gas lines that the owner owns. In this case, ONG will always discuss with the owners of the house. Everyone in this situation before was taken care of in the last phase.

Thank you to the representatives from ONG. We will now move to our normal meeting agenda.

The minutes from the November 20, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Monica Sexton; voice vote).

The minutes from the Annual Meeting (February 1, 2026) meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Linda Clement; second by Jann Hook; voice vote).

The treasurer’s report for November 2025, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Rita Benischek; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for December 2025, was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Linda Clement; voice vote).

The treasurer's report for January 2026, was reviewed and approved (motion by Linda Clement; second by Petra Cox; voice vote).

The Annual Budget (as amended to version 3) was reviewed and approved (motion by Jann Hook; second by Petra Cox; voice vote).

Communications Committee: A Communications Chair is still needed at this time and brought up to the attendees. Same Peregrin inquired about responsibilities, specific to the EPPILog, and agreed to take over as chair. Wendy Mills will continue to put the content together but Sam will take over duties previously held by Petra Cox. Petra will also stay on in an advisory position. Next issue to go out in April. Also discussed was the website and that the option to pay Security dues was removed. For Social Media, Morgan Peregrin is interested in taking these duties. Her email address was provided.

HP Committee: A Historic Preservation Chair is still needed at this time and was brought up to the attendees (no volunteers at this time). Caroline Dennis's email correspondence with the OK Historical Society was presented. Content of this email discusses the possibility of changing the 35th street bridge to a walking only bridge when replacement occurs. All members concerned with this project were encouraged to reach out to voice their opinions on this with the majority consensus being that we petition for the bridge be rebuilt to retain current aesthetics but with structural integrity. The Belle Isle HP event being held on April 18th was brought up and all are encouraged to attend to inquire further. This will be at Belle Isle Library from 10-2.

Social Committee: Monica will be emailing on possible fundraising for the 100th Year Celebrations for 2026. Thoughts so far are an Architecture Tour, Centennial in the Park Celebration, Time Capsule Ceremony, "100 Year Strong" signage campaign, and Storytelling (interviewing current residents for stories) as options to boost fundraising. There was a question on how much funding we will need and it was decided that we will need a subcommittee for this Centennial Celebrations.

Security Corporation: A Security Corp. Chair is still needed at this time and was brought up to the attendees (no volunteers at this time). There was a question on complaints so far on security going away and there have not been at this time. 35th St. crime situation was discussed and Monica Sexton brought up a break-in on her block so far. It was decided to include the police reports involving Edgemere in the EPPILog like we used to. Lindsey Pever is talking with Crown Heights about possibly doing a joint security patrol effort for both

neighborhoods. We also need to change the domain website ownership. Per Jann, Speed Cushions are now 6 months out. Jann sent an email from the developer about 30th St. apartments and Jann and Pam (email) agree that no parking signs are the most important issue at this time. Pam wants to work with us on the "No Parking" signage for 30th St. We can then look at digital signs or speed cushions. It is believed that the apt. complex will help with the signage as this was discussed before development started.

Jann would like to host a meeting next week with 30th St. Edgemere residents and Jefferson Park to talk about the different options.

Resource Development: We will have more membership dues coming in this month.

Old Business: Historic plaques being located at Linda's house is incorrect. Jann will connect neighbors to get plaques for their houses.

Next Meeting to be on 3-26-26 at Shakespeare in the Park at 6 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM.