

**SALEM CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2019  
MINUTES**

Motion made to accept September 2019 minutes. Accepted

**Columbus Police Liaison** - Rick Foster - Community Response Team Member  
Watch out for scam calls as they increase during the holidays. CPD can run folks out of homeless camps along the railroad.

**Environmental Court Judge** - Stephanie Mingo

Explains all that she oversees (building/housing code enforcement, animal abuse & neglect) Code violation cases can take 4-5 months to resolve issue (get property into compliance). If not compliant, goes to Judge. Explained that there are usually issues that have lead to property decline (drug abuse, death of spouse, illness in family, hoarding, etc.) While community complains about property, Judge looks behind the case for the cause of the problem and links these owners with resources to help them.

Admitted that vacant properties attract crime and try to put those on faster track. The can try to bring vacant properties in compliance or can have them demolished.

Question from resident about the trash around the homeless camps along railroad. She referred SCA to City Engineer Robertson, who wants to be notified about these issues. Phone number (614) 525-3043, crobertson@franklincountyengineer.org)

Kyle Kirker - resource in Environmental Court.

**Columbus Community Liaison:** Alfred Akainyah - aaakainyah@Columbus.gov - not present.

5661 Crawford - there is a court case to be filed for not compliant.

Concrete at corner of Hillary and Roche - still not fixed.

Stop sign at North Meadows and Garvey - tree was pruned.

Sewer issues have been addressed by the city. They Cleaned tree roots from curb out to the street but tree roots in sewer line from the curb into the home is the owner's responsibility.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pat Hammel

As a result of concerns raised at the September meeting over the 2019 budget that was presented and approved in January 2019 and reviewed and approved without changes in June 2019, the executive board reviewed the concerns and prepared a recommendation. In the past, donated funds were added to the budgeted amount. The 2019 Budget that was approved did not do that. Several members feel that budget lines that receive donations deserve both funds budgeted from the general fund and donated amounts be added together .

The executive board recommends that for the current 2019 fiscal year, any donated funds for the following activities: Salem Elementary School, feral cats, food bank, Thanksgiving dinners, be added to the original general fund budgeted amount. Motion to accept this recommendation

was made and seconded.

After discussion, the motion was amended to state that the 2019 budget will include expenditures from donations first, then expenditures from general funds second. Donated money not spent should carry forward to the following year. General fund money not spent in respective categories should revert to the general fund. Motion seconded.

Another amendment was brought to the floor to add beautification committee line (other) to budget as there have been donations.

Motion made to vote on the amendment to the motion - amendment passed.

Motion made to amendment to add beautification committee line to budget. passed

Original motion as amended seconded. Motion passed.

Income - \$4,667.00

Expenses - \$2,702.33

Net Income - \$1,964.67

Checking account balance - \$6,114.58

Remaining budget obligations - \$3,112.67

Annual Cash Reserve - \$2,335.00

Cash Available - \$666.91

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report. Passed

#### **NCC UPDATE** - Pat Hammel

- Karl Road library providing after school homework help (k-12) from 4-7pm M-F including snack.
- Elevate Northland. Financial literacy class "Different Ways to Pay: Understanding Credit," September 24, 6:30-8:30pm, Ashland University room 107 1900 E DG Road.

#### **NCC Development Committee** - Sam Shy (not present)

#### **Communications** - Jessie Baldwin

Lamplighter articles due November 26th.

Delivery the week of December 9th.

Executive Board will be increasing ad prices for 2020 and will be adjusting ad sizes. More information will be presented at a later date.

#### **Web Page** - Stephanie Wheeler (by Jake Wheeler)

Salemcivicasociation.org is live

Constitution will be added to web page.

#### **Membership** - Jake Wheeler

Residential Members YTD - 200

Business members YTD - 25

**Safety Committee** - Jeff Combs

Nothing to report.

**Social Committee** - Need chairperson

Block Party, October 26th, Garvey Road between Roche & Darcy 3-7pm. SCA providing drinks, snacks and deli tray.

Sign up genius on Facebook page for needs for food, tables, etc. Invite your neighbors.

**Hospitality** - Charlene Combs

- Chipotle fundraiser, Chipotle on 161, December 8, 4-8pm. Take printed flyer or show on your phone. The flyer is in the Lamplighter and will be emailed.
- Christmas party at SCA meeting, December 17th, 7pm - Pizza and bingo. Pizza and salad will be from Pizza House. Live entertainment.

A motion was made to authorize up to \$400 to sponsor block party. Motion passed.

**Salem Elementary** - PTA

- May 15th - Shark Frenzy
- Male volunteers are needed every day of the week for Watch Dads - ongoing all year. Please call the school at 365-5352 to schedule if interested.
- Wants to do movie night - need support to pop popcorn and other help.

**Beautification Committee** - Leslie Baab

Nothing going on this time of year.

**Old Business** -

- City sewer clean out - has been addressed.
- 5661 Crawford - grass has been cut.
- 961 E Dublin Granville (back lot behind Tim Hortons)- not cut. Has been reported to city and environmental court.

**New Business** -

Officer elections will take place at November meeting. All positions are open if anyone is interested. Right now, current officers have agreed to continue:

- President - Charlene Combs
- Vice President - Pat Hammel
- Secretary - Angie VanHulle
- Interim trustee position (1 year) - Norma Sisson agreed to run.
- Trustee position (3-year) - Cindy Baker agreed to run.

Need someone for the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Communications
  
- Due to Chris Rudin moving, the Lamplighter stuffing and pick-up organization will be overseen by Charlene and her family. The following routes were assigned to:
  - All of Joos, 45 houses. Stacy Smith
  - Roche Ct. N/S/W, 35 houses: Jake Wheeler

Motion to adjourn.