

**SALEM CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2020
MINUTES**

Motion made to accept January, 2020 minutes. Passed

Columbus Police Liaison - Scott Clinger

Officer Clinger reported that the issues with apartments at 887 E. Dublin Granville Road are not crime issues but are code and squatter issues. He encouraged residents to call if they see any crime/code issue in the neighborhood.

Area hotel issues, including Innwood Suites and Extended Stay America are actively being processed and have come before the judge. Owners of these properties must comply with CPD direction of where lights and cameras must be placed. CPD is keeping a close eye on these types of properties and are doing everything they can to keep our neighborhood safe.

City of Columbus Community Liaison - Kyle Kirker (environmental court)

The property at 5661 Crawford Drive will soon be filed on for non compliance.

The property at 5428 North Meadows home is vacant; Kyle will follow up.

Walking paths from Strimple to Minerva, Norcross to Salem Elementary and Crawford to Sinclair are the responsibility of Columbus Schools. These issues have been reported to them.

Residents complained about the lot at 961 E. Dublin Granville behind the Dollar Store being full of trash, tires, mattresses, and the parking lot has super deep potholes. Kyle is going to work with code enforcement to get it cleaned up.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Hammel (acting treasurer)

Year-to-Date Income:

Income - \$673.00

Expenses - \$40.26

Net Income - \$632.74

Checking account balance - \$5,126.17

Remaining budget obligations - \$4549.74

Annual Cash Reserve - \$2,335.00

Cash Available - (\$1,768.57)

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report. Passed

NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

- Karl Road library construction begins March, completed July 2021 - will double current size (2 stories). Existing library will remain open during construction.
- Free Immigration Law Clinic, March 11, 11am-7pm, The Mix Charcoal Chicken Restaurant, 4362 Karl Road - 10% of food sales donated to Elevate Northland.

- Columbus Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry Master Plan Open House meeting to get input on preserving, increasing and maintaining the city's tree canopy, March 4th, 6-8pm, Wyandot Lodge, 3228 Indian Village Rd.
- NCC Development Meeting Wednesday, February 26 (nothing from neighborhood).

Communications - Charlene Combs (acting)

Lamplighter articles due April 13th (firm).

Delivery the week of April 24th.

Articles needed and need to be turned in on time.

Inkwell give \$50 off every printing.

Web Page - memberships have been processed online. They would like items and pictures to post.

Membership - Jake Wheeler

Residential Members YTD - 35 + 12 received tonight.

Business members YTD - 26

Business Membership Income has already met budgeted amount of \$1,600.

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

He reported that it has been quiet in the neighborhood.

He reminded residents to turn on porch lights, lock cars, and call in any crime issues to CPD.

Police can respond to illegal activity at vacant Walgreens parking lot. Please call 645-4545.

The importance of calling crime issues is that it affects the amount of police and cruiser allocated to Salem Village when Columbus Public Safety re-draws all precinct and cruiser lines.

Social Committee - Need chairperson

Lamplighter delivery: Jane Cooley and sons helped deliver Sinclair.

Block Party: Stacy Smith and Jane Cooley have volunteered to coordinate; they will come to future executive committee meetings.

National Night Out August 4th. Start thinking about what we want to do. A chairman is needed for this event.

Hospitality - Charlene Combs

Bring canned good for Salem Baptist Food Bank.

PTA/Salem Elementary - volunteers needed:

May 15 - Shark Frenzy

Spring Clean Up (needs volunteers to help clean up ground) - no date yet.

Want to install a garden and need help to maintain the vegetable garden over the summer.

Beautification Committee - Leslie Baab (not present)

- Chaseland park has a nice bright corner - residents want to approach Park and Recs to

be able to plant milkweed and wildflowers. Doug will talk to Phyllis.

- This idea could be used in the lot behind Dollar Store - to designate the space for wild flower and community gardens.
- Helpers needed for this committee.

Old Business:

4th of July Parade - "Using our 2020 focus to elevate northland."

New Business -

A suggestion was made to begin a "Movies in the Park" night at Chaseland Park. If anyone wants to pursue, please do.

Rae Kirkbride:

New cats to feral site on North Meadows need to be trapped and TNR they need volunteers. If interested, please call or text. **(Need phone number)**

Resident reported that outgoing mail is being taken off of mailboxes; it is best to take to a post office or drop in a mailbox.

There is informed delivery you can sign up for to see what is to be delivered to your house.

Need to sign up for on USPS website.

Motion to adjourn.