



Minutes of the Meeting  
Of  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in person only due to password issue

Executive Board Members Present: Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Vice Chair; Jess Cruz, Community Liaison Chair; Shirley Robertson, Treasurer; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair).

Absent: Don Jensen, Pedro Mayoral

General Board Members present: Rebecca Strieper; Joanne Barnhart (trying to get in but due to zoom issues, could not get in); Michael Hoselton, Bill Berry, Randy Ray.

Guest Speaker: Mark Wigg, Candidate for Marion County Commissioner's position

Note: Colm Willis, Commissioner for Marion County was invited three times but at the third try, he said he had a schedule conflict and could come in November. He was invited on September 10, 14 and October 1, 2022.

Other guest speaker: Marissa Thieve, Light Specialist

Other Members: Hannah Surcamp (SP?)

Bayard, Chair, started the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

After the introductions were made the first speaker was police officer Jantz who replaced Sgt. Pratt. He talked about the police cameras, about the dangers of fentanyl, shootings in the neighborhood and arrested a couple of teens, Bill asked about someone shooting to the sky in the neighborhood and the officer took notes as to the whereabouts to investigate later. Kaethe asked what to do with Northgate Avenue where a neighbor was complaining how dark it is at night and asking for streetlights to be installed. He said to get in touch with the City Traffic Engineers.

Mark Wigg, guest speaker, started off by saying his opponent was going to put the homeless into jail, spoke about different sites in the city to build managed camps, one by Amazon in the industrialized zone. Shirley asked him about the City allowing camps in sidewalks and parks. Wigg said it's legal according to what is in the code and if there is no other place for them to sleep.

Marissa Thieve, Light Specialist, showed on screen how light could affect our daily lives. She said light "pollution" could affect migrant birds that travel at night and mentioned there is a small light pollution coming from the car dealership on Cherry Street. She advised lighting should look down and not affect your neighbors, light looking upwards to the sky is wasteful energy and unnecessary. She also showed how light could affect tree leaves by showing a picture of a tree with light shining on one side at night still with leaves intact while the other side of the tree where there is no light, has natural fallen leaves.

Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Vice Chair, updated everyone about Marion County getting up to 8 Mobile Crisis Units, each of which will be equipped with two people, one being a plainclothes officer and another a medical professional. This is being planned in the not-so-distant future.

Kaethe, Park Chair, reported Stephens Yoshikai School Park is planned for a Master Plan process this Fall. As for Fisher Road Park, improvements are to start a Master Plan process Spring, 2023. In the meantime, Kaethe has submitted the

Letter of Intent to City Parks Operations for two soccer goals. She received 66 neighbors of this park requesting for it. Then, about Hazelgreen property, the City is scheduled to begin a master plan in three years, if all goes well.

Chair Report: Bayard asked everyone to be careful of Fentanyl especially with Halloween soon coming, so not to get something like Skittle and other rainbow-colored candy. There was not much time left so he wanted to end the meeting. The meeting was adjourned after he called for it to end, Kaethe made a motion for a vote and Becca seconded it and everyone said aye.

Note, on-line voting:

- On October 4, 2022, voted for Kaethe to be able to spend up to \$20 for 35 sets of print work re survey for the homeless situation. The actual amount came to \$13.13 with Irma paying directly to Salem Printing Blueprint, Inc. (Brent Ziegenhagel) using City credit card to avoid extra paperwork. Seconded and voted by: Michael Hoselton; Shirley Robertson; Becca Strieper; Bill Berry; Phyllis Abott-Cavota; Joanne Barnhart and Kaethe.
- On October 10, 2022, voted to extend zoom for another year at \$149.90. Seconded and voted by both Michael and Randy, Don, Becca, Bill, Jess and Kaethe.
- On October 12th we got the September minutes voted in. So, the voting started affirmatively with Shirley who also seconded it. Voted in by Phyllis, Jess, Joanne, Bill and Kaethe.
- On October 25, 2022, voted in favor of meeting at Northgate Park to discuss the dangers of Fentanyl to all neighbors, prior to the Halloween party on Sunday, October 30, 3-5:30 p.m., who may not be aware of this deadly drug especially at Halloween. NGNA realizes the Halloween event is bringing in a lot of people and hopeful of getting new membership to NGNA. Seconded and voted by Shirley and Michael, Phyllis, Randy, Bill, Jess and Kaethe.
- On October 27, 2022, voted in favor of taking out \$109 from our account to help Eduardo Angulo to pay for half of the park fee of \$218. This is for usage of Northgate Park on Sunday, October 30, 2022, 3 p.m. -5:30 p.m. for a safe Halloween for the community children and adults. Phyllis seconded and voted yes followed by Shirley, Bill, Becca, Jess, Randy and Kaethe. (We learned later that Eduardo was able to get the full amount of \$218 from Hallman-Northgate Neighborhood Family Council so this request was cancelled on Friday, 10/28/2022).