



CCH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting

May 19, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Shamrock Park

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mika Vela-Gude @ 6:38 p.m.

a. Attendees:

- i. See attached document for full list of attendees

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Treasurer's Report– Presented by Mika Vela-Gude on behalf of Holly Baran

- i. See attached document with snapshot of financials over the past few months.
- ii. Membership is up significantly from this time last year.
- iii. CCHNA sponsored teacher appreciation breakfast for Eastway MS and Shamrock Gardens Elementary. CCHNA also provided checks for \$550 each to Shamrock, Eastway, and Garinger.
- iv. If you haven't already, pay your dues today through Venmo, Cash, Check or Paypal.

b. Community Safety & Crimewatch Committee – Ryan Lyttle & Officers Freeman & Moore

i. Ryan Lyttle

1. Lots of complaints about speeding and traffic related concerns.
2. Call 911 if you hear or see something suspicious. Provide as much detail as possible about the suspicious activity or person.
3. If you see street lights out, use the CLT+ app to report them and the city will change them out. This applies to the purple lights that are defective.
4. For real-time crime detection and safety alerts download CLT+, Citizen, and MYCMPD.

ii. Officer Freeman

1. CCH is by far the quietest neighborhood in terms of crime in Area 1 (This includes: Belmont, Villa Heights, Plaza Shamrock, Noda, Optimist Park, and CCH).
2. Only 3 part 1 offenses reported in recent months and they were all at the gas station on Eastway and Shamrock.
3. Officers are trying to address the speeding issue on Country Club Drive. They installed a traffic mitigation device for a few weeks hoping to deter speeding.
4. CMPD has responded to numerous calls about teenagers smoking pot in the park. Officers always respond and take the kids back to school.

iii. Officer Moore

1. Officer Moore is new to the Community Coordinator unit, but has worked in patrol for many years. He will be primarily based in Plaza Midwood but has worked in CCH in the past.

2. When CMPD completed traffic reinforcements at stop signs in the neighborhood, the majority of the individuals they pulled over lived in the neighborhood. SLOW DOWN!

iv. Questions from Neighbors

1. Why are there so many helicopters flying around all the time?
 - a. Officer Moore reported that we are next to the North Tryon division (share a border and radio calls) and they are very busy when it comes to calls. The helicopter might be looking for someone (criminal or special needs individuals that is lost). Most likely, it is related to crime that originated outside of CCH.
2. What is the protocol for reporting gunshots?
 - a. Always call 911 even if you don't know where the gunshots originated. The only way to have an officer dispatched is if you call 911.
3. What can be done about the drag racers on Eastway?
 - a. You can call 911, but, the likelihood of getting an officer dispatched for this is low. By the time the officer would arrive, the racers are likely to be gone. It is something that they need to catch in the moment.

c. Social Committee Report– Julia Parker

i. Events to date

1. **Easter Egg Hunt** – Huge success with nearly 1,500 eggs stuffed and hidden. We tried to enforce different start times for different age groups, but, it didn't work. Next year, everyone will officially start at the same time.
2. **Storytime in the Park** – Great attendance and neighbors seemed to enjoy it. Neighbors would like to see more food trucks at the park. Kelley explained that it is difficult because the business needs to make a minimum in order for it to be worth it. Attendance at food trucks hasn't always been great, especially during COVID. But, we are going to keep trying.

ii. Upcoming events

1. **Movie in the Park – Saturday, May 28th at 8 p.m. at Shamrock Park.** Julia and Sam have a 20 ft inflatable screen and a PA system that they will set up in the tennis court area. The featured film is Princess Bride. Liz Baxter from Helen Adams Realty is the sponsor of this event and paid the licensing fee for the movie. Popcorn will be provided but bring your own seating accommodations.
2. **Cook out at the Community Garden – Saturday, May 28th from 12p-3p.** Susanna reported that this is a very casual event and neighbors can drop in at any time. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and chips provided. This is a great opportunity to learn about the community garden, join the waitlist for a plot, and see what neighbors are growing.

d. Beautification Committee Update – Amy Melody

- i. This committee selects Yard of the Month from April to September, along with the Spooktacular Award in October and the Holiday Decorations in December.
- ii. To nominate a yard, you can send an email to CCH or contact us on facebook.
- iii. May's Yard of the Month winner was Erica Grace @ 1915 Margate Avenue.

e. Schools Committee– Robert Joseph

- i. CCHNA donated \$550 to Shamrock, Eastway and Garinger. Shamrock will use the funds to support their upcoming move to the new school. Eastway will use the funds to support their garden and greenhouse. Garinger will use the funds for the teacher and student event fund. All 3 schools were very happy with our contribution.

- ii. CCHNA sponsored Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at Eastway and Shamrock. The food was provided by Good Wurst Company, who lives in our community. This was well received. Robert is working on a similar event with Garinger before the school year ends.

iii. Upcoming Opportunities

- 1. Eastway MS needs volunteers to proctor testing. They also need volunteers for Field Day, and a Social Event for 8th graders that is upcoming. Dates TBD.
- 2. Shamrock Gardens Elementary needs help moving from Lincoln Heights Academy (temporary school while Shamrock was being built) to the new Shamrock Gardens. Teachers need help getting packed up and unpacking at the new school.
- 3. To volunteer for either school, you must register through CMS and sign up to become an official volunteer.

f. Communication Committee– Kelley Jozwiakowski

- i. Kelley is working hard to increase our presence on social media. Follow CCHNA on Facebook and Instagram. If you do not participate in Social Media, you can sign up to receive email updates or visit our new website for updates.

g. Festival Committee – Presented by Julia Parker on behalf of Shelley Lyttle

- i. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 1p-5p at Shamrock Park.
- ii. We will have Food trucks, live music, and vendors. We are looking for vendors to sign up, so if you know anyone that is interested in selling items, please pass along their information.
- iii. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up. Stay tuned for more details on how to sign up.
- iv. The Beautification Committee will team up with the Social Committee to organize a Neighborhood Plant Swap during the Festival.

h. Other Business

i. Website Refresh – Mika Vela-Gude

- 1. We have a new and update website courtesy of neighbor, Colby Bell. We are still working to improve the website and are looking for volunteers that have experience in website design.

ii. Merchandise – Mika Vela-Gude

- 1. We are working on updating our logo and merchandise selection. We are hoping to have new merchandise for sale very soon.
- 2. Purchase the original merchandise today – LAST CALL!
 - a. T-Shirts, Mugs, Hats, Socks

iii. New Neighborhood Tagline – Kelley Jozwiakowski

- 1. “A good place to put down roots.”
- 2. New Tagline created by Beautification Committee Rep, Amy Melody.

iv. Open Position

- 1. We are looking for a Vice President to fill an empty role on the CCHNA Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please speak with us after the meeting or reach out via Facebook, Instagram or email.

v. Kathy’s Bench

- 1. The CCH community is dedicating a bench with an iron plack to Kathy Burns, beloved neighbor, friend, and previous board member. The dedication will take place during the Fall Festival at Shamrock Park.

vi. Friends of the Park – Jim Farley

1. Informal group that focuses on preserving the park and natural plant habitat. If you are interested in joining, contact CCHNA via facebook, Instagram, or email, and we will connect you with Jim.
2. The drinking fountain at the park is working again.
3. Ongoing issue with Poison Ivy at the Park. If you see poison ivy, you can put in a request through Parks and Rec to have them come out and spray. You can also report this through the CLT+ app.

vii. Farewell, Susanna

1. Thank you to our wonderful neighbor and friend, Susanna Escobar, for 3 years of dedication to our community. Susanna is moving to Arkansas and will be greatly missed.

i. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:23 p.m.

Join us after the meeting for some social time at Letty's on Shamrock!

Next Meeting Date – August 18 @ 6:30 PM (Location – TBD) –
Guest speaker, Keith Sorensen (City Sidewalk Department representative)



CCH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting

February 17, 2022 – 6:30 PM

3100 Anne Street – Kurtis's Backyard

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – Kurtis Andree 6:33 p.m.

a. Attendees:

- i. See attached document titled CCHNA 2022

b. Opening comments/Welcome:

- i. Welcome presented by president, Kurtis Andree. This is the 1st CCHNA Quarterly Meeting of 2022, with the largest turnout seen in years.

c. Goal for Meeting:

- i. This is a Special Election meeting in addition to quarterly neighborhood meeting. The Association will vote on new board members, and changes to committees will be announced. Each committee will share updates.

II. SPECIAL ELECTION

a. Introduction of nominees for new board members and committee chairs

- i. Vice President – Colby Bell
- ii. Secretary – Mika Vela-Gude
- iii. At-Large (Festival Committee) – Shelley Lyttle
- iv. At-Large (Sergeant at Arm) – Joe Wadford

b. Motion to Vote

- i. Motion presented by Elena King and seconded by Rosemary Farley to vote in new board members. Association voted unanimously to vote in new members.

c. New Committee Chair Appointments by the Board

- i. Communications Chair - Kelley Jozwiakowski
- ii. Schools Committee Chair - Robert Joseph

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report– Holly Baran

- i. As of this afternoon, 50 members have paid 2022 dues.
- ii. For those that haven't, you can pay your dues today via Venmo, Paypal, Cash, Check or QR Code– minimum \$20 per household requested.
- iii. In January, CCH voted to sponsor the Shamrock Shuffle, and donated \$500 to Shamrock Gardens Elementary, Eastway Middle School and Garinger High School (total of \$1,500).
- iv. See attached document titled General Ledger 2022.

b. Crimewatch & Neighborhood Safety Report – Ryan Lyttle & Officers Freeman and Rango

- i. Ryan- Ongoing issues with vandalism at Shamrock Park (graffiti, broken glass, trash). Groups of unsupervised teens seen at the park during school hours continue to be an issue. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Better descriptions will help officers find individual(s) and decide if the person has legitimate business in the area.
 - ii. Officer Freeman has worked in this neighborhood for over 5 years and loves the tight-knit community. Crime is lower than surrounding neighborhoods due to the vigilance of our community. Continue to call 911 for suspicious activity.
 - iii. Officer Rango is a new CCH CMPD Liaison. Largest neighborhood meeting turnout he has seen in the city.
 - iv. Member, Jared Yerg, voiced concerns with stop signs being ignored, especially by the park (intersection of Hillard Dr & Airlie St).
 - 1. Officer Freeman reported that they are working to increase patrols there and to have more of a presence.
 - v. For real-time crime detection and safety alerts download [CLT+](#), [Citizen](#), [MYCMPD](#)
- c. Communications Report – Kelly Jozwiakowski**
- i. Kelly has taken over the CCH Social Media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Website, and neighborhood emails). Like and follow @countryclubheights on Instagram and County Club Heights Neighborhood Association on Facebook. Email correspondence hasn't been consistent, but will improve this year.
 - ii. Help is needed to update the CCH Website. VP, Colby Bell, has agreed to help, but more help is always appreciated.
 - iii. Susanna has been in charge of the newsletter for the past few years, but needs assistance. Most complicated aspect is gathering all of the information for the content.
 - iv. Volunteers greatly needed for all committees.
- d. Social Committee Report– Julia Parker**
- i. Upcoming events –
 - 1. Plaza Shamrock Neighborhood Association is hosting the “Shamrock Jam” on March 12th @ Mattie's Diner (soft opening of restaurant from 11a-3p).
 - 2. Shamrock Shuffle on March 13th– Sign up [today!](#)
 - ii. New Event Ideas –
 - 1. Movies in the park (need to figure out licensing and obtain sponsors)
 - 2. Scavenger Hunts in the neighborhood
 - 3. Cycling/Walking Tours
 - 4. Plant Swap
- e. Beautification Committee Report– Jim Farley (speaking for Craig Shelton)**
- i. Yard of the month will resume from April to September. You can nominate a neighbor anytime. Consideration of adding backyards to the docket as well as garden tours.
 - ii. Continue with Spooktacular and Holiday Decorations Yard Awards.
 - iii. “Friends of the Park” (an unofficial subcommittee of the Beautification Committee) continues to attend to the native garden at Shamrock Park. They recently put in a channel so that the garden doesn't get wiped out when it rains.
- f. Garden Committee Report – Joanna Hollingsworth**
- i. This is the oldest and longest standing community garden in Mecklenburg County.

- ii. Event on Saturday, February 19th, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to help clean up the overall garden. Event on March 5th (time TBD) to clean up individual plots.
- g. Festivals Committee Report – Shelley Lyttle**
- i. Not much to report this early in the year. Looking for volunteers to assist this committee. Ideal to identify individuals to take on specific roles (i.e. managing vendors, volunteers, entertainment).
 - ii. Former President, Jared Yerg, has an ongoing insurance policy for the festival that he will pass along to Kurtis.
- h. School Committee Report- Robert Joseph**
- i. CCH recently donated \$500 to each school in the area (Shamrock Gardens Elementary, Eastway Middle School and Garinger High School). This was money raised from the proceeds of last year’s Festival in the Heights.
 - ii. We want to continue to engage with our neighborhood schools as much as possible.
- i. Other Business – Sidewalk Petition by Jim Farley**
- i. See attachment titled “1/14/22 Sidewalk Petition Report”
 - ii. Original sidewalk petition presented by member, Elena King, 4 years ago. Petitions presented for Bentley, Townsend, and Dunlavin from Townsend to Country Club Drive. In December 2021, the petition disappeared from the C-DOT list with no explanation.
 - iii. To advocate for sidewalk safety, contact the City Government and C-DOT.
 - iv. The neighborhood must come together to fight this issue.
 - 1. Consider online poll to assess neighborhood interest

IV. OTHER

a. Introduction of Billy Maddalon for Charlotte City Council, District 1

- i. Very action oriented and ready to “GTS” (Get stuff done).
- ii. To learn more about his campaign or discuss a concern, visit his [website](#).

b. Creek Cleanup – John Brien

- i. Wants to know if there is interest in creek clean up from Country Club Drive to Eastway Drive.
 - 1. Consider online poll to assess neighborhood interest
 - 2. Date TBD based on interest

c. Next Meeting

- i. 3rd Thursday in May - 6:30 PM – location TBD

V. ADJOURNED – Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Date		Check #	Description	Category	Credit	Debit	Balance
12/31/2021							\$10,635.51
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01/10/2022	Check/Cash		Membership	Membership	\$60.00		\$10,695.51
01/10/2022			Constant Contact	Communications		\$45.00	\$10,650.51
01/13/2022	PayPal		Membership	Membership	\$56.79		\$10,707.30
01/13/2022	VENMO		membership	membership	\$97.70		\$10,805.00
01/24/2022		1127	Sponsorship	Shamrock Shuffle		\$250.00	\$10,555.00
01/31/2022	BALANCE						\$10,555.00
02/07/2022			Membership	Membership	\$66.99		\$10,621.99
02/07/2022			Membership	Membership	\$18.93		\$10,640.92
02/17/2022			Membership	Membership	\$80.00		\$10,720.92

Detail

Beginning Balance		\$10,635.51	
Deposits			
	Membership	\$380.41	
	Festival		
	Merchandise		
	Holiday Party		
	Donations/SGE Food		
	Chance Raffle		
	ToTW Raffle		
	Advertising		
		\$ 380.41	\$ 380.41
Expenses			
	Storage Unit		
	Community Engagement		
	Festival		
	Communications Co	\$45.00	
	Newsletter		
	Shamrock Shuffle	\$250.00	
	Charitable Giving		
	Donation		
	Holiday Party		
	Fundraising		
	Merchandise		
	Garden Committee		
	Other		
	Fee		
		\$ 295.00	
Ending Balance			\$ 85.41
	Surplus		\$ 85.41

1/14/22

Sidewalk Petition Report

As we begin with a reconstituted Board, I thought that it might be advisable to update the status of our sidewalk petition effort and determine where we want to go from here.

Five(?) years ago the then-president, Scott Gartlan, and the Board initiated a safety campaign. It was aimed specifically for students and parents going to and coming from Shamrock Garden school. The morning rush hour was especially problematic. There had been several near accidents. The first project was the paint-the-street project at Ann and Cheryl Sts. (We had originally wanted to paint Shamrock Drive, but CDOT wouldn't permit closure of the drive for three days.) Scott was able to obtain a grant to fund the project. The project, a group effort by the art teacher, the students, parents, CDOT and neighbors was a spectacular success.

The next project, the reconstructed and painted intersection of Country Club Drive and Dunlavin Way, another joint effort between CDOT and CCHNA, has been similarly successful in "traffic calming" a dangerous intersection.

In conjunction with the intersection project, neighbors on three adjoining streets Bentley Place, Townsend Drive and Dunlavin Way from Townsend to Country Club Dr., gathered and submitted to CDOT petitions for the installation of sidewalks on those streets.

Two years ago, before the epidemic struck, an email from CDOT stated that out of 170(?) submitted petitions, Dunlavin ranked 5th and the other two streets ranked 12th and 13th.

Then the epidemic struck. The latest email at the end of 2021 erased all of that. It stated that CDOT had changed its method of ranking sidewalk petitions, that none of the three was in the current bond cycle, nor in the foreseeable future and sidewalk installation is now part of CNIP (Charlotte Neighborhood Improved Program).

By contract Rodgers Construction Co. must deliver the completed new Shamrock Gardens Elementary School to CMS by May 2022. In what one of our neighbors, Liz Hoy, calls "mall of America," it will house 1000 students, almost double the numbers of the old SGE. According to CMS demographics, 60 CCH children attended the old SGE in 2019. The number of CCH kids in the new school, verified by the number of young parents and strollers creating traffic jams on our streets, will surely double. They are entitled to safety on their morning, some-times reluctant, trek to school.

This where we now stand.

Does the Board wish to pursue the issue? I suggest taking the issue to the general membership. Perhaps including it on the agenda for the next general meeting. Is the Board confident of its communication network to do this? I am willing to continue working on the campaign, which I personally think is vital, but there is no point in one individual confronting CDOT if the Board of Governors, and more importantly, our membership and non-member neighbors are in agreement.

Submitted, Jim Farley; email: rofar515@gmail.com