

North Street Neighborhood Association (NSNA)

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 6th, 2025, 6:30 ~ 7:30 pm
Bashford United Methodist Church & online

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ixo-dffp-cji>

Or dial: (US) +1 832-835-0995 PIN: 392 018 435#

Note: The date of the NSNA Earth Day Clean-up, organized by the Greenspace Committee, has switched to Saturday, April 26th.

Monthly Meeting Agenda.....	1
Welcome and Intros (5 min).....	2
February Meeting Minutes (2 min).....	2
County Supervisor Update (10 min).....	2
Officers' Report (3 min).....	2
Treasurer's report (2 min).....	3
Alder Update (8 min).....	3
Festival Committee Update (8 minutes).....	3
Access Policy Proposal (10 minutes).....	3
Open Comment (10 minutes).....	4
Announcements.....	4
Earth Day Clean-up.....	4
Festival committee.....	4
Yard Sale - Save the date.....	4
Greenspace committee survey.....	4

Welcome and Intros (5 min)

Note new process:

- Sign-in sheet will have a column to indicate if you have any topics for open comment
- Sign-in sheet will have a column to indicate if there any committees you want to join that you aren't already connected with
- Email addresses aren't necessary if you are already getting our emails

February Meeting Minutes (2 min)

You can read the February 2025 meeting minutes [here](#).

County Supervisor Update (10 min)

Our County Supervisor for District 2, Heidi Wegleitner, will join us to share county updates. The County Board meets on Thursday evenings, so she will be joining us for a few minutes before their meeting starts.

Officers' Report (3 min)

Officers' Report

The officers met on February 13th, just a week after our full association meeting.

We have continued to review items related to the officer transition, including working on an Access Policy outlining who should have access to which digital and physical assets of the association, and how to make sure we transfer things properly. We are working to renew our website and ensure that we have clear ways for members to connect. Towards this, we sent an email to all current members, thanking them for being members and highlighting how they can get involved and how to receive information from us. Going forward, this will be a "welcome email" that we will send to new members in the early fall once the August/September rush is over and during the year as new members join.

We received correspondence from the Emerson Eken Arts organization, saying that they have decided to dissolve in the absence of fiscal sponsorship from a 501c3 (they had approached NSNA, but officers and our lawyer were concerned that the Art Walk would jeopardize our 501c3 status because it serves as an individual "marketplace"). They are open to passing on information to anyone who wants to organize an event in the future.

Our lawyer noted that the mission of NSNA stated in our bylaws is different from the mission we provided to the IRS in our 501c3 application, so we are working on drafting a new mission statement that we feel explains the way that we are a charitable organization (while still being broader than the mission we submitted to the IRS, which is specifically about Eken Park Festival

and the Giving Committee). Once we have drafted something, we will share it with the lawyer for input on whether they think it meets the IRS guidelines. It would then come to the full association for approval (at two consecutive meetings as a bylaws change), before the lawyer would resume working on the various resolutions and bylaws amendments that we need in order to be compliant with the IRS requirements.

We are still working on finding a time to meet with the accountants, but at our meeting, we drafted a list of questions for them in order to maximize our time. Those questions include how to handle donations (timely if we have any donors for the festival), best practices for handling cash, and confirming that we don't need to collect & pay sales tax on items we sell at the festival.

Treasurer's report (2 min)

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Alder Update (8 min)

Our District 12 Alder, Amani Latimer Burris, will join us to give updates on City items of interest to our neighborhoods. To stay up to date with information from her, you can subscribe to her [blog](#).

Festival Committee Update (8 minutes)

[Access Policy Proposal](#) (10 minutes)

The officers are proposing a [policy](#) for access to the various physical and electronic resources of the neighborhood association. This policy includes agreements about holding keys and what happens if someone loses a key, who should have access to checks and debit cards, when and how to change passwords to make sure our electronic accounts are secure, and a framework for tracking who currently has access to each of these things.

At this meeting, we are introducing the policy and seeking feedback, but do NOT plan to vote on it until April.

Open Comment (10 minutes)

Announcements

Earth Day Clean-up

The Earth Day Clean-up will be on Saturday, April 26th, focused on the parks and general neighborhoods of both Emerson East and Eken Park. More information will be available soon. You can get involved with the Greenspace committee by contacting them at greenspace@northstreetna.org.

Festival committee

Festival planning is underway. If you want to join the committee to help plan the festival, contact festival@northstreetna.org.

Yard Sale - Save the date

The NSNA Yard Sale will be on Saturday June 7th, with a rain date of Saturday June 14th.

Greenspace committee survey

We wanted to send a friendly reminder to complete the [NSNA Greenspace Committee Interest Survey](#) that was highlighted in our last newsletter. Please complete the survey no later than Friday 3/7/25 to ensure we can gather your feedback to implement your thoughts with the upcoming spring and summer months.