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HAPPENINGS IN THE 'HOOD

by Jann Hook

EPPI Streetlights - Six neighborhood-owned streetlights were recently repaired so all lights should now be working! Please report any EPPI lights that are out to Mark Clopton or me. All city streetlights that are out can be reported to OG&E at 272-9595. Allow 7 to 10 business days for them to be repaired.

80th Anniversary Celebration - This will be a wonderful affair with food, drink and music to celebrate 80 years of community. A silent auction will be held offering a wide array of goods and services. Proceeds from the event will benefit neighborhood improvement projects. Mark your calendars for May 19th and see inside for more details.

Feral Cat Program - EPPI is considering participation in a new program coordinated by the Oklahoma Humane Society to help bring feral cat populations under control. This innovative program has seen great success in other cities and Edgemere Park could be one of the first neighborhoods to participate. Representatives from the Humane Society will be on hand at the April 9 membership meeting to explain how it works and answer questions.

Park Cleanup - Our annual cleanup of the creek and park is scheduled for April 14 at 9:00am. Let's make the park look spectacular for her 80th birthday! OU students will be helping as we weed and mulch the flower beds and add mulch around the new trees. Lots of Edgemerites will be needed to bring tools and help coordinate tasks for the students. Call Mary Surbeck if you have wheelbarrows, shovels and other tools that can be used.

April 9 General Membership Meeting - More meetings are scheduled this year for EPPI members to keep you informed on topics of interest to the neighborhood. In addition to the Humane Society presentation, this meeting will focus on the historic preservation guidelines that must be followed when making exterior changes to your home. Eva Osborne will also answer questions on the Certificate of Appropriateness process. Please attend and let me know if there are topics you would like addressed at future meetings.

Edgemere Park Book Project - Energetic Edgemerite Jeanie Robards has proposed researching, compiling and publishing a book on Edgemere homes and history. This project will take a couple of years and the help of a committee of many neighbors, but would be extremely valuable in preserving our history and leaving a legacy. Call Jeanie if you want to help.

Web Site - Last, but definitely not least, Edgemere Park is developing a Web site. Our thanks to John West for obtaining the domain name and to Richard Harrison for volunteering to develop the site. This will be a great tool to provide timely information to residents and promote the neighborhood to others. Site planning is underway and we hope to announce a launch date soon.



80th Anniversary Celebration

From the Roaring 20s
to the New Millennium:
**The 80th Anniversary
Edgemere Park
Extravaganza**

Come celebrate with your
friends and neighbors on
May 19th, alfresco @ the
Taylor's abode from
7:00-11:00 p.m.

Dress in your favorite
fashion era, from 1920s to
present, and enjoy good
food, drink, & live music,
as well as a silent auction
to benefit Edgemere Park
neighborhood
beautification projects.

Edgemerites and friends of
Edgemere Park are
welcome.

Ticket price is \$20.00.
Please get your tickets in
advance from your block
trustee or Liz Bullen @
528-2561.

**This party will be
the cat's pajamas,
so don't miss it!**

THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PROCESS

Part II of a Series
by Sandra B. Harrison

Last month's article on historic preservation focused on modifications to the exterior of your home which require a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA) from the Oklahoma City Historic Preservation and Landmark Commission (Commission). As defined by the Oklahoma City Ordinance, Certificate of Appropriateness shall mean the official document issued by the Historic Preservation Commission approving any application for permission to construct, erect, demolish, relocate, reconstruct, restore, or alter any structure designated by the authority of this section.

Application

The CA application is available from either the City or the Edgemere Historic Preservation Committee. The CA process involves the submission of the following: (1) a CA Application, (2) form with the fee of \$63.00 and (3) attachment checklist. The attachment checklist includes such items as your site plan, relevant drawings, sections, elevations, manufacturers' brochures and materials list. The packet can be obtained from the City of Oklahoma City website under the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission at www.okc.gov.

Typically you must submit your application 3 to 4 weeks in advance of the meeting where your application will be heard but deadlines for submission are included in the CA Application packet and listed on page 6. The packet is submitted to the Commission which will be either administratively approved or submitted for review of the Commission. The difference between administrative approval and review by the entire Commission was reviewed in the March Eppilog. For the purpose of administering the Historic Preservation Ordinance and assisting property owners and the Commission in evaluating and completing preservation projects which are historically and architecturally appropriate, the Commission relies upon the "Preservation Guidelines and Standards for Oklahoma City Historic Districts." Copies of the guidelines are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are also available in the Planning Department, or on the www.okc.gov web site.

Application Fee

The \$63 application fee for a CA must be filed in the City Treasurer's office on the first floor of 420 West Main Street. The "fee form" included in the CA packet must be submitted to the City Treasurer's Office along with your payment to ensure proper credit of the payment. One copy of the receipt for the application fee must be attached to your application upon submission to the Planning Department.

Submittal of CA

Your application may be mailed or delivered to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission staff in the Planning Department. The application must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date for the scheduled meeting at which you wish your application to be heard. As complete documentation required to properly review the project must be received by the deadline, you may wish to deliver the packet at least a week prior to the deadline. Early filing of the CA will allow staff time to review the file and, if necessary, request additional documentation prior to the deadline. Lack of sufficient documentation and descriptive material will delay your project, so please do not hesitate to contact the Commission staff if you have questions regarding what should be included with your application.

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EDGEMERE PARK TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 12 March 2007, 7:00 PM

Iron Starr Urban Barbecue

Attendees: Jann Hook, President, Rita Benischek, Allen Brown, John Doddy, Liz and Eric Howard, Jenifer Cawley, Mark Clopton, Cindy Garrett, Sandra and Richard Harrison, Julie Jungman, Karla Meeker, Dennis Nauman, Chris Peters, and Mary Surbeck

Guest residents: Valeriya and John Knight, Jeanie Robards

Guest presenters: Christy Counts and Samantha Burnett representing the Oklahoma Humane Society

I. Welcome and Introductions. Jann Hook called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM followed by self-introductions.

II. Spaying/Neutering of Feral Cats. John and Valeriya Knight, residents in the 200 block 32nd, presented their research and possible solutions to the ongoing problem of feral cat colonies in Edgemere. Christy Counts and Samantha Burnett explained a new program, Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), a partnership among OK Humane Society, Animal Control, local veterinarians and residents of designated neighborhoods. This procedure has produced successful results in other cities. Edgemere would be one of the first venues for the OK Humane Society in OKC. The board indicated that an education program and early disclosure were important. Special flyers would be circulated prior to trapping. The goal is to reduce the number of colonies or reduce the count of cats in a colony. John Knight will write an article for the EPPILOG and will give the next follow-up at the membership meeting 9 April 2007 at the First Christian Church. The board expressed appreciation for the Knight's efforts about this issue.

III. Edgemere Book Proposal. Jeanie Robards presented her written proposal that included research for development of a historical memory book about Edgemere Park. She has explored several methods of publication and pathways to complete an estimated two-year effort. Her work includes information and research possibilities through the Oklahoma Historical Society along with the potential for grant proposals. The information would assist in updating our historic overlay designation with the Department of Interior. Sandra Harrison reported that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) might also be a source of funding. The board passed a motion to develop a committee to commence on this project and report at the next meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes. Approved for the meetings 12 Feb and 18 Feb 2007. Jann circulated board responsibilities from Mesta Park. Rita circulated the basic ideas for a policy and procedure manual. Additional information about her research will be presented at the April meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report. Julie presented the February financial report showing assets of \$17,938.13. She will track the expenses for the 80th EPPI Celebration separately. Julie will print the EPPI membership notices. Cindy Garrett has volunteered to be Membership Coordinator to maintain the database. She will be working with the public relations chair and the communications chair.

VI. President's Report

Capacity Building Grant. Jann informed the board of additional details and responsibilities about EPPI's grant. A committee was formed to prepare for enlisting a strategic planner for the neighborhood. Committee members:

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EPPI Membership Meeting

Monday, April 9, 7:00pm
First Christian Church Chapel
36th and Walker
Park and enter on the east side.

Don't miss interesting presentations on the

Oklahoma Humane Society's Trap-Neuter-Return Program
by Christy Counts and Samantha Burnett

&

Historic Preservation Ordinance and Guidelines
by Eva Osborne,
Historic Preservation Architect,
City of Oklahoma City
Planning Department

The Action Center at 297-2535

routes complaints and questions to other City departments and divisions, including Police, Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement. For emergencies call 911. Among the code violations which can be reported to the Action Center are illegally parked cars, abandoned and inoperable cars, dead trees and tall weeds.

Edgemere's Annual Park Clean Up

**Saturday, April 14
9:00am**

**Meet at the 35th Street
Bridge**

Trash bags, donuts and water provided. Bring long handled tools to retrieve trash from the creek (or even better, wear waders if you have them!).

Again this year we will have help from OU students participating in their community service "Big Event" day. In addition to cleaning the creek, we'll work on the Canna beds (cleaning, weeding, trimming and mulching) and weeding and mulching around the new trees.

**Let's make the park shine
for it's 80th birthday!**



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Mark, Allen, and Mary (who will assist in the interview for the facilitator).

Near Northwest Regional Alliance Bond Proposal. Jann and Mark reported on the "assn of assn" which includes historic overlays, OCU and others bounded by NW 23rd St., I-44, Penn and I-235. The focus of the group is to develop a link via sidewalks, parks, and green spaces connecting neighborhoods, commercial and business districts. The group hopes the proposal will be included in the December 2007 bond proposal.

VII. Support of Billboard Lawsuit (23rd and Robinson). Jann reported on the unfavorable decision for the historic neighborhoods made by the Board of Adjustment. The Board passed a motion to donate \$1,000 to Historic Preservation, Inc. (HPI) to assist the legal efforts as the neighborhoods have filed a complaint in District Court.

VIII. Committee Reports

Communications. Richard Harrison will continue to do the newsletter layout as other long-term options are explored. Submissions deadline is the 20th of each month and items should be sent to Jann prior to Richard's layout. Motion carried that Richard will develop a website for EPPI. He will present a mock-up at the next meeting.

Historic Preservation (HP). The HP committee is being rejuvenated. Eva Osborne, HP Staff Architect, will present at the April 9th EPPI meeting.

Park/Public Improvements. Mary reviewed the tree watering responsibilities. The Park Clean Up Day is scheduled on April 14th. Again this year, student volunteers from OU will assist. The clean up commences at 9:00 AM at the 35th St bridge.

Public Relations. New residents have been e-mailed to the Welcome Committee.

Security. Mark stated he is recruiting new EPSC board members. He hopes to have two telethons this year to increase the membership paying for security. Chris and Randy Stalcup have indicated they will help.

Social and Special Events. Jenifer Cawley is hosting Women on the Edge at her home on March 26th. The 80th Anniversary Celebration Revised Proposal was reviewed. Sandra and Mary are working on the music for the event. Marnie and Clayton Taylor will host the event at their home on May 19th. Liz, auction committee chair reported on her work. Other neighborhood residents are assisting with responsibilities. Discussion of the July 4th Parade and Picnic included a potluck dinner, cake walk and other events. EPPI will provide for some items.

IX. New Business. Deferred.

X. Next Meetings. The next meeting will be held at the First Christian Church, 36th and Walker, at 7 PM. Enter the church from the east side of the building. The board of Trustees will meet May 14th, 7:00 PM at Iron Starr.

XI. Adjourned: 9:00 PM by Jann Hook.

Submitted,
Rita Benischek

FERAL CAT TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM

Dear Edgemere Residents,

Whether you love cats, hate cats, or are indifferent, you will agree that Edgemere does not need any more cats.

We are currently in a priority position to begin participating in a new program that will humanely reduce our feral cat population.

The Oklahoma Humane Society has partnered with the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division and Volunteers for Animal Welfare to implement a structured program to trap, spay/neuter, vaccinate, and return feral cats to their current locations. The return of these cats will prevent the repopulation of Edgemere with other, non-sterilized cats.

This service will be provided at no cost to Edgemere Residents. Please come to the next neighborhood Association meeting on April 9, where a representative of the Oklahoma Humane Society will present the details of this plan.

For more information on the program, please contact Christy Counts at the Oklahoma Humane Society, 405-343-7057.

John Knight
Edgemere Resident

WANTED:

The Edgemere Park Notebook containing pictures of individual homes of NW 30th through NW 32nd Streets – which was submitted in 1975 to the National Park Service for the designation of Edgemere on the National Register of Historic Places – is missing.

If you have any information regarding the recovery of the notebook or have the notebook, please contact Sandra Harrison at 521-0730 or sbenischek@cox.net.

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Play a Big Part in Edgemere Park History & Celebrate 80 years of Community!



EPPI is looking for nice, new gifts or services, large and small, to be donated for the Silent Auction to be held during the 80th Anniversary Party. All proceeds are to benefit street and park beautification projects for our neighborhood.

If you or a friend or business associate would wish to donate to Edgemere Park, or if you wish to share your ideas for this event, please contact the Silent Auction committee chair, Liz Bullen: 528-2561 or ebullen@ouhsc.edu.

Let your creative energies loose and share your ideas with us! And don't forget to mark your calendars for the evening of May 19th.

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Notice of Application to Certain Adjacent Property Owners

The Historic Preservation Officer shall notify adjacent property owners of the substance of the application and the time, date and place of the hearing before the Commission. Notification as required herein shall be given by mailing by Regular Mail at least six business days prior to the hearing. A fully executed copy of the application filed by the applicant will be mailed to the following persons:

1. The owners of the lots situated across the street from the property to which the application pertains;
2. The owners of the lots situated on both sides of the lots described in Paragraph Number 1 above;
3. The owners of the lots situated on both sides of the property to which the application pertains;
4. The owners of the lots situated directly behind the property to which the application pertains; and
5. The owners of the lots situated on both sides of the lots described in Paragraph Number 4 above.

Edgemere Historic Preservation Committee

The Edgemere Historic Preservation Committee (EHPC) is the Preservation Review Committee which advises the City of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation and Landmark Commission regarding CA applications. According to the Municipal Ordinance, "The Historic Preservation Commission shall be empowered to appoint Preservation Review Committees to assist applicants appearing before the Commission. The Commission shall be further empowered to establish the procedures for appointment of review committees and to establish rules for their operation. Review committees shall be comprised of non-Commission members whose purpose it shall be to provide technical support to property owners regarding their renovation and rehabilitation projects; and to make non-binding recommendations to the Commission regarding applications for certificates of appropriateness." §59-4200.8(C). The Commission has never established procedures of appointment and rules of operation. The EHPC is comprised of volunteers and meets once a month on the Sunday evening before the Commission meets (unless otherwise notified). Staff Reports on CA's are not provided to the EHPC until roughly four days prior

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City Of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Commission Calendar

All meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 N. Walker Ave., 3rd Floor.

CA Filing Deadline

April 10, 2007 5 PM

May 8, 2007 5 PM

June 12, 2007 5 PM

July 17, 2007 5 PM

August 14, 2007 5 PM

September 11, 2007 5 PM

October 9, 2007 5 PM

November 13, 2007 5 PM

December 19, 2007 5 PM

Meeting Date

May 2, 2007 3 PM

June 6, 2007 3 PM

July 11, 2007 3 PM

August 1, 2007 3 PM

September 5, 2007 3 PM

October 3, 2007 3 PM

November 7, 2007 3 PM

December 5, 2007 3 PM

January 9, 2008 3 PM

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Contact:
OCMAPS Project Office
(405) 297-3461, or
Kim Holding and Ann McNellis
OKCPS Foundation
(405) 879-2007

Edgemere Elementary Entering Final Stage of MAPS for Kids Community Meeting Process; *Meeting Planned for Tuesday, April 3*

Oklahoma City — Learning in a school built in 1911 has its challenges. So needless to say, the **Edgemere Elementary School Robins** are excited about the \$2.2 million renovation soon to take place at their school. The **FINAL MAPS for Kids community school design meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3. Beginning at 6 p.m., in the school auditorium** (3200 N. Walker Avenue, 73118), the community is urged to attend to hear the final design plans from Meyer Architecture Plus, LLC.

Edgemere's 96-year-old building will be converted from a PK5 to a PK6 facility accommodating 270 students. The renovation will include a new cafeteria, fire stairs, elevator and ramp for accessibility, as well as general renovations and an expansion of the core facilities.

Under the MAPS for Kids plan, and in an effort to gain community input, four community meetings are held for each school. These meetings include **Planning and Programming Discussion, Schematic Design Review, Preliminary Design Presentation** and the **Final Design Review**.

If you need a sign language interpreter, language interpreter or have a disability requiring assistance at the community meetings, please call 879-2007, before noon on the day of the meeting.

For more information regarding MAPS for Kids community meetings, please call the OCMAPS Project Office at (405) 297-3461. For more information on MAPS for Kids, visit www.okc.gov or www.okckids.com.

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to the Commission meeting which leaves the EHPC with a very quick turnaround on meeting and providing feedback to the Commission. All CA applicants will be contacted regarding their meeting with the EHPC to review their CA but such a meeting is completely voluntary.

Commission

Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission are held once a month on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers. See the table below for a list of deadlines and meetings for 2007. No CA granted by the Commission shall become effective until the expiration of the 10-day appeal period provided for in the Ordinance. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Historic Preservation Commission in granting or denying a certificate of appropriateness may appeal the decision to the Board of Adjustment. The Commission shall apply the criteria established by the Ordinance and guidelines and shall either: (1) approve, (2) vote a continuance (one time), (2) deny with prejudice, or (3) deny the CA without prejudice. If the Commission denies a CA, no building permit shall be issued and the applicant shall not proceed with the proposed work. If the application is denied without prejudice, the applicant may reapply at any time. If the application is denied with prejudice, the applicant may not resubmit for at least one year, provided however, that the Commission may waive the denial with prejudice at any time if the Commission determines that the circumstances affecting the application have changed.

Questions? Call Eva Osborne, Preservation Officer, 297-3084 or e-mail her at eva.osborne@okc.gov or Sandra B. Harrison, Chairman, Edgemere Historic Preservation Committee, 521-0730 or hpchair@edgemerepark.org, for an Adobe Acrobat file of the CA Packet.

Edgemere Park Events

Sunday, April 1

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
The Harrison's, 3600 N. Harvey Pkwy
7:00pm

Monday, April 9

EPPI Membership Meeting
Historic Preservation Program
First Christian Church Chapel
36th and Walker
7:00pm
Park and enter on the east side.

Saturday, April 14

Annual Park Cleanup
Meet at 35th Street Bridge
9:00am

Saturday, April 14

Meet Your Neighbors Open House
Deidra D'Amico's, 438 N. W. 35th St.
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Monday, April 30

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
The Harrison's, 3600 N. Harvey Pkwy
7:00pm

Monday, May 14

EPPI Board Meeting
Iron Starr Urban Barbecue
7:00pm

Saturday, May 19

80th Anniversary Celebration
The Taylor's, 3212 N. Harvey Pkwy
7:00pm

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