

NLIA Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2026 @ 6:30pm
Location: Overlook Elementary School Art Room

Opening: Meeting called to order by Renee Knisely at 6:31pm

Present Board: Renee Knisely (President), Collin Alexander (Vice President) Shannon Burgoon-Mize (Secretary), Melissa Wotring (Treasurer)

Attendees: Kathy Gordon, Tracey Estep, Barb Plitt, Kim Rook, Sarah Alexander, Tiffany Stanson, BJ Stanson, Courtney Upperman, Shannon O'Brien, Nick O'Brien, Angie Adams, Garry Adams, Yvonne Ackley-Cox, Tina Grabill, Mark McKay, Christine Schiller, Amanda Hendershot, Charlene LeBon, Delegate Simmons, Mrs. Simmons, Darcy Brannock, Amy Sherlock

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes: June 2026 meeting minutes approved.

Guest Speakers:

Officer Megan Ott w/ AACPD Community Relations Division Crime Prevention Unit- to talk about Citizens on Patrol Program. Left pamphlets which provide an overview of the program and how to get involved. If/when we do formally decide to participate, two neighborhood watch signs will be placed in the community. When making reports regarding incidents in the community, remember you **DO NOT** need to provide a name, but providing a phone number even when asking to remain anonymous is helpful.

Ross Benicasa- Senior VP of Community Development w/ Fello, Inc. – to talk about the former Overlook Pool Property Development Project. Zero plans now or in the near future to do anything with the property, but will to work with the community, or willing to sell the property to the community if that becomes an option. Ross provided a very detailed overview of Fello and what their company does. They are a non-profit who focus on inclusive properties for people with mixed income and mixed abilities. They are not government funding and low income housing and the average income is 60-80K. They purchased the property for 141K. Focus on adults over the age of 21 needing support.

Senator Clarence Lam- District 12 MD State Senate- to talk about the current 150K funding for the amphitheater being repurposed to potentially purchase the former park pool property. They can work on reallocating the funds during session, which begins in January 2027. There is a 7 year window for funds being used and a broad umbrella on use of funding deemed outside of the boundaries. Gary Simmons provided Renee with information on how to being the process of requesting the reallocation of funds.

Justin Sherlock- Republican Candidate for AA County District 1 County Council.

Blair Brannock- Republican Candidate for MD House of Delegates District 12B.

Gary Simmons- Democrat who is currently serving as the MD House of Delegates Representative for District 12B and will be re-running to keep his position.

Report from Board:

Linthicum Fair- NLIA and The Overlook PTA will be doing a joint booth for this event and will split the cost and profits. The fair will be on Saturday, September 26th from 10-3. The parade will begin at 9am. The booth will be selling sand art and volunteers are needed.

2026-2027 Tentative Calendar of Events- a tentative calendar of events list was discussed and distributed to all attendees. Waiting to confirm a few dates, but a majority of the event dates and times have been confirmed.

American Flag Raffle Drawing- Melissa Wotring's won the raffle drawing. Big thanks to Garry Adams for donating the beautifully made American flag.

Halloween Night Road Closures- looking to get a permit to shut down Charles Road between Mansion Road and Colonial Drive. Karley E. is working on getting signatures from neighbors on these two blocks before the request is submitted. Will need to get this submitted ASAP to ensure there is enough time for approval process. Will reach out to Karley E. to see where she is in this process.

Reports from Special Committees:

Bylaws Committee- The bylaws were updated by Bethany Spore (Chair), Marnie Ford, and Shannon Burgoon-Mize over the summer. The bylaws were posted on the NLIA Website 15 days prior to the meeting for review and were approved at last night's meeting with an effective date of September 15th, 2026. Bylaws are posted on the NLIA Website.

Sound Barrier Wall Committee- no new updates from Mrs. Kathy Gordon.

Turkey Trot Committee- Inaugural Turkey Trot will take place on Saturday, November 14th at 9:00am. Registration to begin at 8:00am. This is a rain or shine event. 20 people have already signed up as of 9.15.26. We have several sponsors who have already donated and there will be informational vendor booths set up on the day of the event. Shannon O'Brien and Courtney Upperman are chairing this event.

Sunshine Committee- Shannon O'Brien, Courtney Upperman, Tiffany Stanson, and Sarah Alexander are on this committee. Renee provided cards to the committee as a start for any new neighbors who have moved into the community. More ideas to come over the next few weeks.

Treasury Report (Missy) - Checking \$3,895.42, Savings \$1.16, Grant/Savings \$10,419.26. The 2026-2027 proposed budget was presented and approved by attendees. Proposed and approved by attendees to get a Debit Card for NLIA to make purchasing items for events easier and to be able to track expenses better. Renee and Melissa will work on getting the debit card over the next few weeks.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Overlook Elementary School Art Room

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Renee Knisely at 7:57pm

Minutes Submitted By: Shannon Burgoon-Mize, NLIA Secretary on 9.16.26