

Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina
Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of the Majlis Shoora
May 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Location ~Masjed ~Greenville, North Carolina

Present at the Meeting:

Member Attendance	Yes	No
Mohammed Shams	X	
Eslam Ali	X	
Hani Antar	X	
Zia urRehman	X	
Rashad Wahib	X	
Wasila Musa	X	
Magda Hindi	X	

Special guest:

Brother Farhad (Treasurer)

The Meeting was called to order by Brother Shams, Chair of the Majlis Shoora at 6:30pm. Brother Shams opened the meeting with dua and started the meeting by welcoming Brother Farhad. The Shoora invited Brother Farhad to present a financial statement and discuss the Masjid's earnings and expenses.

Approval of Agenda

The minutes for the May 16, 2023 meeting was approved by all the Shoora Members present.

Agenda Items & Updates

- The Ramadan fundraiser was productive and successful, Alhudullilah.
- The Shoora would like to thank all our brothers and sisters who extended their hands and donated during the month of Ramadan. May Allah bless them and reward them with the best of rewards. Jazahum Allahu Khairan.
- The funds raised will be utilized to cover the expenditures of the masjid.
- The fence around the masjid: awaiting the permit from the city and insha Allah once the permit is obtained, the Maintenance Committee will proceed with the construction of the fence.
- The Shoora highlighted the problems that occurred during Ramadan, including parking, noise and disturbances during Salat Al-Taraweeh, comunal iftar, cleanliness and some technological issues. All of these issues will be considered by the Shoora, who will devise a plan to prevent such issues for next Ramadan, inshaa Allah.
- The Shoora welcomes all concerns and suggestions from any member of our community and encourages our brothers and sisters to be part of the solution.
- The Shoora discussed parking issues that arose during Friday prayer. We have a parking coordinator who is there to serve our community during the Friday prayer. But unfortunately, there has been some interference from one of our community members. This member is not assigned to direct cars and he is not responsible for parking.
- The Shoora is not responsible for any kind of harassment that comes from that member who is acting on his own or any parking tickets that are given by the Greenville Police officers.
- The Shoora is working on finding some other solutions for parking, but in the meantime, we ask that our brothers and sisters respect the rules and regulations of parking. Our parking coordinator is the only person who is responsible for directing cars into our Mosque's parking lot, not the city's street parking spaces. Those are under the jurisdiction of Greenville's Traffic and Police Department.
- The Shoora also urges our community members to be respectful of the Masjid's neighbors and not block their driveways. If they call the police for anyone that blocks their driveways, we are not responsible for that and cannot help you in this matter because it is illegal and it is their right to do so.

- Dear brothers and sisters, please respect the neighbors and their properties as you would like people to respect you and your property. Treat people as you would like to be treated.
- The Shoorah is kindly requesting and pushing our community members to abide by the city's parking regulations because we are residents of this city and must abide by these regulations just like everyone else.
- Issues such as disobedience of parking laws and blocking the neighbors driveways may damage our reputation as Muslims and the reputation of the Muslim community as a whole.
- The Shoorah is working diligently on securing the utilities, such as water and electricity, to the land, and once we have these services, we will be able to use the area for our Islamic activities and events, Insha Allah.
- The Maintenance Committee will resume and complete the construction of the washroom soon, insha Allah.

Brother Shams ended the meeting with a dua and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.