

NORTHDALÉ CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2006

Call to Order

President Nancy Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present: Jesus Blasques, Bill Castens, Ann Frisbie, Frank Giordano, Don Hachey, Carmela Joseph, Cullen Logan, Claude Siler-Nixon and Carmen Torres

Directors absent: Logan Mabe and Ann Teigen

Guests attending: Lolita Broffard, Sylvia and Marty Katz, Jason Loughren, Bill Neese, John Stickles, Donna Tafuro, Larry Weaver, Ron Wembey and Deputy Mike Russell

Board Business

Board Resignation/Opening – Nancy Stearns confirmed that Linda Harris had submitted her resignation. She then gave a brief statement to our visitors of what the expectations were for fulfilling the open position on the Board, i.e., someone with Marketing skills, willing to be active in community events, available the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., etc. She then had each visitor introduce themselves and give the reason why they were interested in joining the Board, or possibly becoming an advisor to the Board. This was followed by each Board member giving their own introduction. Only one visitor expressed an interest in joining the Board. The Board decided to hold off on filling the opening and will take it up again at the next meeting. All the visitors were invited to attend the next NCA Board Meeting on September 20th.

Approval of Minutes – the minutes for July were presented. Jesus Blasques made the motion to accept the minutes. Claude Siler-Nixon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Budget Approval – In Ann Teigen's absence, Bill Castens presented the July 2006 Profit and Loss Financial Reports for the NCA and OWLS respectively. To date, 596 memberships have been received. The goal is 860 homes. The OWLS are currently ahead of budget for the year with renewal memberships coming in. Carmen Torres made the motion to accept the July financial reports. Carmela Joseph seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Communications

Webpage – Nancy Stearns noted that once the minutes and financial reports are approved, they need to be forwarded to Suncoast Web Gallery in a timely manner for posting. In addition, it was noted that Suncoast will begin billing charges for the webpage quarterly, rather than monthly.

Community Relations

Candidates Night – Ann Frisbie reported that there have been about a dozen responses from candidates that plan to attend the event. A “Meet the Candidates” banner has been put up, Logan Mabe has been provided a press release for publication, and the event is on the NCA website.

Newsletter Editor & Press Releases – Nancy Stearns reported that the turnover of the NCA Newsletter editing to Logan Mabe is complete and all press releases should go to Logan. Nancy also noted that Robert McClure is now the news editor/contact for the Carrollwood News.

Deed Restrictions

Frank Giordano explained to the visitors how deed restrictions are handled by the NCA, emphasizing that the complaint must be in writing. He described Kevin Ambler’s proposed Home Court Advantage bill and how it would help the NCA handle enforcement. Frank also told the guests that starting July of next year deed restrictions are coming up for renewal with Gables I being the first neighborhood to come due. His plan is to hold individual community meetings to go over the options. He noted that individual neighborhood restrictions, as well as the basic deed restrictions for all of Northdale can be located on the Northdale website. Frank reported that there were 8 complaints this month. County code violations are still not being resolved. There is a situation in Gables I on Gardenside where the owner is operating a salvage yard.

Events

Concert in the Park – event date is September 15, with a rain date of September 29. Ann Teigen and Ann Frisbie will co-chair. Ann Frisbie reported that the Tom Kats, a 16-piece Big Band/Jazz group has been booked by Ann Teigen. The flyer draft has been sent to Logan Mabe to be included as an insert in the September/October Newsletter and copies will be given to Rick Valdez to distribute at the Park as well as the next OWLS monthly meeting. A banner will be put up after the Candidates Night event.

Pumpkin Run – event date is October 28. Logan Mabe is event coordinator. In Logan's absence Marty Katz reported that there was a meeting held today with the key players. The bottom line is that we need sponsors!

Membership

Don Hachey noted the benefits of membership: deed restrictions, fun events, the new website, etc. However, we need to address the question of why should I join when I get all the benefits. Don indicated that the Board members should contact those people on his list of volunteers that indicated an interest and assure them we'll be in touch with them 6 to 8 weeks prior to the event. Door hangers will be hung on those homes that don't respond after the second mailing. Jesus is going to come up with a list of rental properties to contact separately.

Welcome Baskets – Jesus reported there were 19 baskets delivered this month.

OWLS

Bill Castens reported that the goal is to break even on expenses. Tomorrow there is a tour of Metropolitan Ministries; there were two bus loads for the Rat Pack Too event which was a huge success. Marty Katz has put together an evening of dining and music at Alessi Woodstone Oven in September. In addition, Bill and Marty are sending out a letter in support of the Northdale Special Tax Referendum.

Old Business

NSTD Referendum Assistance - Frank Giordano explained the \$30 increase for the 2007 tax year won't show up in our budget until 2008. It will help support the cost of off-duty police deputies to patrol Northdale. Board members were given door hangers in support of the referendum that need to be delivered to about 800 homes by Labor Day weekend.

New Business

Deputy Mike Russell was introduced to the visitors and Board members who had not met him at the July meeting.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Bill Castens made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Giordano made the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Frisbie, NCA Secretary