

NORTHDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2006

Call to Order

President Nancy Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Directors present were: Bill Castens, Ann Frisbie, Don Hachey, Linda Harris, Carmela Joseph, Cullen Logan, Logan Mabe, Ann Teigen and Carmen Torres
Directors absent were: Jesus Blasques, Frank Giordano and Claude Siler-Nixon
Guests attending were: Marty Katz, Deputy Jeffrey Massaro and Ruth Zeigler

Board Business

Approval of Minutes – the minutes for February were presented. Don Hachey made the motion to accept the minutes. Carmela Joseph seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Ann Teigen presented the NCA financial reports and Bill Castens provided a report of OWLS assets through end of February, 2006. The OWLS and NCA budget expenses have now been reconciled between Bill Castens and Ann Teigen. Don Hachey made the motion to accept both financial reports. Logan Mabe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Alpha Graphics had computer difficulties which caused problems with the March/April Newsletter's graphics. Nancy will contact advertisers for clean artwork for the next issue.

Communications

Webpage - a notice for the annual Garage Sale with links to the map has been added to the webpage. Nancy has asked Jesus to cleanup the webpage of old Alpha Graphics info, add information that deed restriction copies are available in the Premier Drive building, update the OWLS calendar, Board of Directors information, etc.

Community Relations

Welcome Basket Update – 20 Welcome Baskets were delivered in February and 6 have been delivered in March to date. We need to order bags, cups, license plates, etc.

Deed Restrictions

Frank Giordano was absent, but provided the following Deed Restriction status report for March:

County Code Cases: Frank has reported 3 new cases to the County. All 3 involve the parking of a commercial vehicle in the residential neighborhood of Claywell.

Thirteen new cases: Claywell (5), Bay Levit (2), Gables I (5), Golf Club Estates (1) Frank is still in discussion with Attorney Bob Wiggins about NCA options regarding Deed Restriction changes and enforcement. Frank should be prepared to address the Board on these issues after the Family Fun Festival.

Nancy mentioned that there is a case on Pinerock Drive that may go to court.

Events

Easter Egg Hunt - event will be held April 15. Carmen Torres is coordinating. Supplies are stored in the Arts and Crafts room of the original Park Bldg. Star Capitano is donating \$100. for candy, cookies, etc. We are still looking for an Easter Bunny volunteer. Ann T. will check whether her daughter would be interested and get back to Carmen. Board member volunteers are needed to hide eggs the morning of the 15th.

Family Fun Festival – event will be held April 8. Bill Castens is coordinating. Bill reported that he still needs to get a commitment that the fire fighters will volunteer as cooks. Kash n’ Karry still has not confirmed they will provide the hotdog buns. We do have a commitment from WalMart for 3,100 hotdogs and a check for \$750. from Publix. To date, no realtors have signed up as sponsors. It was recommended that Board members should wear closed- toe comfortable shoes and hats for the sun as well as their NCA shirts and nametags the day of the event. Board members were encouraged to make the effort to circulate and thank the vendors that day. It was stated that the V.I.P. invitations need to go out ASAP. Logan Maby will handle.

Flyers - Board members were reminded not to put flyers on mailboxes, but lay them open end toward the street on driveways. Flyers should be delivered between March 25th and April 1. All Board members were reminded to take the required number of flyers (100 to a bag) to cover their assigned neighborhoods.

Parade – Ruth Zeigler reported that there are currently 512 signed up for the parade.

Garage Sale – event will be held March 25. Julia Jones is coordinating and Carmen Torres is assisting. The garage sale flyer will be an insert in the March/April Newsletter. To date there are 18 families signed up for the treasure map. Signs will go up on Friday, March 24th and come down Saturday, March 25th. Ann T. reported that Metropolitan Ministries will not have a truck at the park to pick up left over items.

Marketing

CABA – Carmen Torres handed out CABA Membership Application forms to Board members. She encouraged us not to forget to specify NCA so that we get the \$25. credit for referring new members. It was unanimously agreed that the NCA should send a letter to Mark Thornton, Park Director, thanking Rick Valdes for the invaluable support that he provides the Northdale community. Nancy will compose and send this letter. The CABA breakfast that the NCA held this morning at the new park building was well attended. Many comments were heard praising the new facility and that people enjoyed the comedian. We believe we gained a couple of sponsorship leads for the Family Fun Festival.

Membership

Grants – Don Hachey reported that we missed the Sheriff’s Dept. grant. There is a Hillsborough County grant due in July for \$1,500. Specialty grants also may be available. Don will bring information on them to the next meeting.

OWLS

Bill Castens reported that the OWLS are doing fine. The monthly meeting for March was held in the new park building addition which provided much needed space.

Nite Owls – Linda Harris reported that the Nite OWLS are on hiatus until further notice.

Old Business

Neighborhood Relations Conference – Don Hachey was the only Board member that attended the March 11 conference. Don passed out copies of a handout, “Wellness Challenge for Neighborhood Organizations!” to the Board. Don reported that the sessions were informative.

Candidates Night – Nancy has confirmed that the park is available August 24th. We will serve bottled water and light refreshments between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. The time slot for speakers will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nancy will contact Buddy Johnson’s office to find out who is running. Nancy asked for a volunteer to head a committee to run this event. No hand was raised, so Ann Frisbie and Nancy will work together on this event. Carmen said she still has decorations left from the last candidate’s night we held.

New Business

None this meeting.

Public Comment

Deputy Jeffrey Massaro reported that the person who was breaking into vehicles around the Northdale Plaza has been apprehended. Jeff is still trying to get a sport celebrity for the Family Fun Festival. Jeff reported on what a great job the two volunteers who stuffed the flyers for the Family Fun Festival did and asked if the Board would consider some type of recognition for them. It was unanimously agreed by the Board to send letters thanking them.

It was stated that Bay City Bank made a donation of \$500. How do we keep them supporting us? The Board was asked to think about it.

Adjournment

Ann Frisbie made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Hachey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Frisbie
Secretary