

**NORTHDALÉ CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MAY 15, 2008
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Annual Meeting of the Northdale Civic Association was called to order by President Bill Castens at 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 15, 2008. Directors present were Raymond Powell, Nancy Stearns, Frank Giordano, Nancy Wix, Ann Frisbie, Trip Stringer, Donna Tafuro, Chris Cook and Cullen Logan. Directors absent were John Stickles, Claude Siler-Nixon and Joe Bourdeau. Numerous guests included Northdale residents attending the Power Line meeting, as well Nancy Fleming, Patricia Sanchez and Steve McGlocklin representing Commissioner Hagan's office.

After the pledge to the flag, President Castens indicated that due to the nature of the evening's meeting the minutes and financial report would be tabled until the June meeting. He then asked for a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget, which is attached to these minutes. On a motion by Frank Giordano and a second by Donna Tafuro the Budget was approved as submitted.

The next item of business was the election of Directors for the 2008-2009 Board. Fourteen names appeared on the ballot; however, Cullen Logan removed his name and will remain as an advisor leaving the required thirteen Director's names, including Patricia Sanchez. Nancy Stearns made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation with a second by Chris Cook. The motion was passed unanimously by the required quorum of residents.

Bill then turned the meeting over to Chris Cook who introduced the attending representatives from Progress Energy; Gail Simpson and Mark Wimberley. Gail then made a power point presentation of the requested power line increase of 150kV to 230 kV from the Lake Tarpon Substation to Polk County. Gail, who is Progress Energy's Public Policy representative, indicated that the project includes 10 Florida counties with a projected completion date of 2016. After a brief history of the existing lines and the requirement of more power for the growing needs, she indicated it takes ten years to plan, approve and construct these new lines. The DEP will make a final decision on the route these project power lines will take; State Road 54 in Pasco County or Northdale and surrounding dozens of other small communities.

Nancy Fleming then spoke in opposition to these proposed lines running through Northdale and surrounding neighborhoods. Nancy has experience in this area as she spearheaded the original opposition to similar power lines a decade ago and won. She suggests "prudent avoidance" because of health issues and a decline of property values. A question & answer session followed with a vow from several of the residents that they will fight the installation of these power lines to the limits of their abilities; legally and otherwise.

There was not further business. On a motion by Nancy Stearns and a second by Raymond Powell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Nancy Stearns, Secretary