

NORTHDALÉ CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2006

Call to Order

President Nancy Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Directors present: Bill Castens, Ann Frisbie, Frank Giordano, Don Hachey, Cullen Logan, Claude Siler-Nixon, Logan Mabe, Donna Tafuro

Directors absent: Carmela Joseph, Ann Teigen and Carmen Torres

Guests attending: Anne Castens, Sylvia Katz, Marty Katz, Deputy Mike Russell, and Nancy Wix

Board Business

Nancy Stearns opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer for the passing of Board member Carmela Joseph that morning. Ann Frisbie gave the Board members information regarding funeral arrangements and church services that will be held for Carmela.

Director Election – Nancy Wix gave the Board a brief introduction and summary of her experience. Don Hachey nominated Nancy Wix to the Board. Claude Siler-Nixon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Nancy will represent the Silverhill neighborhood.

Approval of Minutes – the minutes for October were presented. Bill Castens made the motion to accept the minutes. Cullen Logan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Budget Approval – Bill Castens presented the October 2006 Financial Status Report for the OWLS. Bill reported that the OWLS are functioning break even to slightly ahead. OWLS members volunteered today at Metropolitan Ministries and will do so again on December 21st. Due to Ann Teigen's absence, it was agreed to hold off on approving the financials for this month.

Committee Reports

Communications

Webpage – Nancy Stearns reported that effective October 1, 2006, the NCA has a signed contract with Suncoast Web Gallery. The contracted price for hosting the Northdale website is now \$100. per month. This increase was approved by the Board at the October meeting.

Community Relations

Newsletter Past Due Accounts – It was agreed that we need to encourage customers to pay one year in advance. Also, that we need a written procedure in place by the first of the year.

Mailing of Newsletter – in the address block we need to add in the following: “or Current Resident”

Advertising - Claude Siler-Nixon volunteered to head up going out to solicit advertising the Newsletter if Marty Katz would work with him.

Deed Restrictions

Frank Giordano explained to the Board what the duties of handling deed restriction involved. Frank said that he needs support from the Board with the upcoming deed restriction renewals.

The Board agreed to table the following agenda items that were requested by Ann Teigen due to her absence:

- Deed Restrictions Detailed Reports
- Pumpkin Run Final Report
- Paid Accountant
- Marketing Director

The Board agreed that an Executive Meeting was in order. Frank Giordano and Donna Tafuro indicated that they want to attend. An Executive meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Nancy Stearns’ home.

Events

Holiday Lighting Contest – Nancy Stearns reminded the Board that the holiday lighting judging begins December 9th. Each Board member needs to send Nancy two home selections for their respective neighborhoods prior to the 16th. Ann Teigen will be asked to provide the latest membership listing so we can confirm that the homes nominated are paid members. Saturday, December 16th we are to meet at the park at 6 p.m. Nancy confirmed Deputy Mike Russell will be available and Ray Rose will provide a wagon, hay and driver. Gift certificates valued at \$50. will be given to each neighborhood’s winner. There will be a get together following the judging at Nancy Stearns’ home.

Concert in the Park – Ann Teigen was not in attendance to give an update. The concert is scheduled to be held Friday, January 19th with either a Blue Grass or Jazz ensemble. The rain date will be January 26th. Ann Frisbie reported that the park staff has confirmed availability for the dates.

Garage Sale - Event date is March 24. Nancy will contact Julia Jones to see if she’ll still coordinate.

Membership

Membership gift (2007) – A suggestion was made for a paper cube. Donna Tafuro will put out a request to CABA members to get pricing for 1200. Don Hachey will get a quote from ABACUS.

Old Business

The January Planning Meeting will now be held January 11 at 7:00 p.m. to coincide with the change of Board meetings from Wednesday to Thursday evenings (see New Business item below). This meeting is to plan and brainstorm ideas to gain sponsorships and establish a plan for the next year.

Nancy Stearns will revise the Neighborhood Representative listing and send to all Board Members.

New Business

Meeting Date Change: It was unanimously agreed by the Board members that were present to change the Board Meeting Night from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday of the month effective with the January 18th meeting. Nancy Stearns will check with Ann Teigen and Carmen Torres for their approval. If they agree, Ann Frisbie will update the Bylaws to reflect this change.

Nancy Stearns reported that the Hillsborough County Annual Conference will be held March 10th from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.

Donna Tafuro made the motion for the Board to send a check for \$100. to the Hospice of Tampa Bay in memory of Carmela Joseph. Bill Castens seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Deputy Mike Russell reported that 3 or 4 men driving a large black vehicle (4-door sedan with big wheels) have been breaking into homes in the area. They first ring the door bell, if no one comes to answer the door they proceed to break in. He advised us to be alert and report any suspicious activity.

Adjournment

Logan Mabe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Hachey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Frisbie, NCA Secretary