

NORTHDALÉ CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Frisbie at 7:00 PM. Directors attending were Bill Castens, Robert DeMeo, Ann Frisbie, Martha Hughes, Nelson Marcano, Raymond Powell, Claude Siler-Nixon, Jim Salgado, Chelsea Walkenhorst and Jessica Watterson. Absent were Julie Collins, Robert Mantler and Tom Murray. Guests attending were Deputy Chris Depolis, Wayne Hay, Loretta Temaur, Steve Forkner, Donna Forkner, Karen Jaroch, Ana Maria and Rafael Andrade, Piki Hrezo, Donald Hayward, Tom Hume, and Rich Reidy.

After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting were read and approved following a motion from Bill Castens and 2nd by Claude Siler-Nixon.

Deed Restrictions- Bill Castens

We started working with Merit (a company that monitors the neighborhood for violations - monthly) in January 2019 with one neighborhood in Northdale, Gables I. In June Merit started evaluating the entire Northdale community and at this point 4th letters (lawyer letters) have been mailed out.

Financial Report-Bill Castens

Status through August 31

We have 218K in our checking account as of the end of August, 160K of that is in the Northdale Civic Association that also works with the OWLS. Membership income is about \$1,600 short, so overall income is a little bit behind on this report.

We are still under budget for deed restrictions because we raised membership dues in January to \$50 in anticipation of working with Merit. We know we will have some expenses coming up soon.

Everything else is in good shape. Family Fun Fest brought in more than expected. We are investing about \$1000 in an outdoor water fountain for Northdale Park, if the Hillsborough grant gets approved.

YTD 17K ahead. Deed Restriction money is being consumed quicker than our monthly budget, as expected for the first year or so, we expect it to calm down after first year.

Membership Report-

We are about \$1,600 behind because a lot of people paid their dues in December so it didn't go toward the 2019 numbers. NCA Membership has been asking for Deed Restriction upkeep of this 40 year old neighborhood to keep it from deteriorating. It doesn't seem like Deed Restrictions are affecting the membership numbers negatively.

A motion was made by Robert DeMeo to accept the Financial Report and a 2nd was made by Claude Siler-Nixon.

Membership

Membership Drive- Nelson Marcano

Gables I Meet and Greet- October 19th, 3-5pm

Two items still need to be completed- addresses for Gables I and changing the survey based on Ann's comments.

Community Relations/Outreach- Robert DeMeo

No updates

Communications

Newsletter-Robert Mantler

Still need Deed Restriction note for first page and input from Claywell.

Facebook, Neighbors of Northdale and Nextdoor- Julie Collins

Trying to get Julie administration privileges to Facebook. Posts are infrequent.

Website-Nelson Marcano

A committee was formed to give input on revised website. At the last board meeting, when Angela was here, we talked about what changes we wanted to make. We are going to meet to go over the website and get the changes to Angela then get a timeline and costs put together and ready for next months meeting. Goal is to have new website up before 2020

Community Events

Fall Community Garage Sale- Saturday, October 12th- Robert DeMeo

5K Pumpkin Run- Saturday, November 2nd- Watterson

Howl-O-Ween at Northdale Park- Friday, October 25 (volunteers needed)

Tree Lighting at Northdale Park (in partnership with CABA)- Saturday December 7

Holiday Lighting Contest (Make selections 12/14 thru 12/19) Final judging (Saturday, 12/21)

Must be NCA Members to win. 1st place- \$100, 2nd place- \$75, 3rd place- \$50

A motion was made by Bill to change prizes to the three prizes listed above and a 2nd was made by Rob DeMeo. All approved except Martha Hughes.

New Year's Eve Party at the Park (\$13)- Tuesday, December 31- 9PM- Midnight

Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 11- Martha Hughes

2020 Family Fun Festival and Parade- Saturday, April 18

Public Comment

Wayne Hay- Has lived in Northdale 38 years, came to a meeting 8 months ago to follow up on complaints he made and still hasn't heard anything back from Merit or the board. We need more follow up to complaints. Concerned that Merit reports aren't in resident language. Willing to help people who need assistance fixing their homes.

Loretta Tamaur- Has lived in Northdale 20 years, this is her first meeting and just wanted to check things out.

Steve Forkner- Has lived in Northdale 3 years. Concerned that Merit letter wasn't very specific and is just a form letter. Also, concerned with elderly and how to help them when they receive a deed restriction letter.

Donna Forkner- Expressed that she enjoys and is about to work on her house and expressed thanks to board and Merit. She doesn't consider the letters to be harassment. She moved from an HOA neighborhood, it was a lot to handle but nice that it was maintained. Also, concerned about elderly people who need assistance up keeping their homes and is willing to help. Concerned that most residents don't receive the newsletter, she wasn't aware of the deed restriction changes but is willing to help.

Karen Jaroch- Has lived in Northdale 16 years. Expressed thanks and gladly pays NCA dues. We need to figure out a way to help elderly and homebound people. She currently helps a neighbor with their yard. She talked about voting for 1% tax to improve roads, collecting about 16 Billion a year but wasn't used correctly. There will be a meeting to address the issue and she would like to see NCA at these huge community meetings since there are other associations that attend to represent their neighborhoods.

Ana Maria Andrade- Has lived in Northdale for 26 years, she is tired and annoyed. Companies keep bothering her about buying her house. She is tired of hearing speeding cars and has to move her cars to protect them, her yard has been destroyed by speeders. The board recommended she speak with the local Sheriff who was in attendance at the meeting.

Donald Hayward- Received a letter from Merit and expressed that Merit communication is poor. He reached out to Merit and didn't hear a response. He grew up in a neighborhood with dues and didn't like it.

Tom Hume- Lived here since 1984, in 3 different houses. Would like to volunteer to help people who need help with their homes and Deed Restrictions. He watched the community grow and do well, and watched it also contract. Wants to see it kept up!

NCA Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7PM

Visitors Welcome

Northdale Park

B.C. Gymnasium Conference Room

Executive Committee members will meet at 6:15PM

Minutes submitted by Chelsea Walkenhorst, NCA Secretary.