

NORTHDALÉ CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

1-The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Marcano at 7:00 P.M. Directors attending were: Bill Castens, Robert DeMeo, Martha Hughes, Robert Mantler, Nelson Marcano, Alicia Moreno, and Jim Salgado. Directors absent were: Angela Bianco, Amar Dembla, Hector Hernandez Jr., Gerald Johnson, Raymond Powell, and Zachary Sechrist. Guests attending were Manuel Felin and John Venturino.

2-The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved following a motion by Bill Castens and seconded by Robert DeMeo.

3-Deed Restrictions-

- **Deed Restrictions-** ; Merit will send us a monthly status report via electronic copy (the NTSD is handling all deed restriction activity as of the January NCA Board meeting). It was suggested that it be put on the website, available to Board Members only, but Bill Castens pointed out that this report is extremely large and suggested that we look at a couple before we decide on what or how to attain a copy. In the February board meeting, Bill stressed the need to legally assign the deed restrictions to the NTSD as voted on at the January meeting.
- **Resident Survey-** Bianco; No report tonight.

4-Financial Report- Bill Castens

- **Status-** Castens; Bill explained the financial status report (FSR); the numbers were better than the projected budget numbers. There's over \$204,000 in the bank. Jim Salgado made a motion to approve the FSR, Martha Hughes seconded and all voted in favor to approve.
- **Membership Report-** Castens; Bill reported on the membership dollar comparisons.
- **Note:** As a side item, Nelson Marcano mentioned the need to have a volunteer assist Bill in the treasury duties; Bill felt it more direct to have someone take over the Treasury duties with Bill's advice and oversight.
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5-Membership- Robert Mantler

- **2021 Membership invoicing-** Mantler; the membership drive will start up in a few months.

6-Community Relations

- **New Resident Welcome Packets-** DeMeo; Bob noted that six new names came up out of 10 new sales.
- **Neighborhood Outreach-** Salgado; Jim discussed the success of the Operation Lend-a-Hand event on Winding Drive. That resident (a disabled veteran who was in great need of home repair) was extremely grateful for everyone's help. There is another potential event need on Silverhill, Jim will be looking into it.
- **Spanish Communications-** Salgado, Marcano; no activity to report tonight.

7-Communications

- **Newsletter-** Mantler; content has to be in by April 8 for the next newsletter.
- **Facebook-** Bianco; No updates for this section tonight.
- **Northdale Website-** ; no report tonight

8-Community Events

- There will be a drive-by Easter Egg Hunt at the Northdale Park for Easter. Angela will be asked to post this on the Facebook site.
- **Family Fun Festival-**; this will not be held this year.
- **Pumpkin Run-**; this may be held this year, with the local YMCA as an equal partner. The Y holds the event and the NCA finds sponsors and attendees, typically.
- All other events have been cancelled until the fall.

9-New Business

- Nelson Marcano wants to create a Board Member Booklet, which lists all deed restrictions, each Board Member position and what that entailed as duties, create new committees to resolve NCA items, etc. It has been suggested in the past to look at the NCA By-Laws and create change through those. Nelson will pass out printed versions with things he wants attention spent on; Alicia will send the electronic version to all Board Members. If something isn't working for you in the way this Board does things, this is an opportunity to affect change. Let's get involved!
- There may be a new meeting night for the Board meetings if it's not working for the majority of board members – see above.
- There have been several requests for NCA Board shirts, caps, even name tags at the very least. Perhaps a polo shirt and name tag can be supplied. The NCA would pay for the name tags; a polo shirt would be at the board Member's own expense. Alicia will send a list of Board member names to Bill Castens for the tags. Nelson made a motion to approve, Martha seconded, all voted Aye to tags at the very least and polos at the members own expense.

10-Old Business

- Status Quo for now; things are very quiet due to the COVID pandemic.

11-Public Comment

- Manuel Felin had several things to discuss, as follows:
 - He wanted to verify that the mandatory \$130 we each pay to the NSTD is different from the voluntary \$50 dues to the NCA, and that deed restriction duties fall to the NTSD now. That is indeed the case.
 - He wanted to know who was handling the maintenance of the area retention ponds; Bill Castens said that the NTSD treats the waterways visible from Northdale Blvd. and the common ways, but that private property lakes have to be cleaned by the individual owners.
 - He wanted to know if Merit would be addressing boats in people's yards; the new system through the NSTD would be starting up in March and that was indeed one of the things they would address.
- John Venturino also had several things to discuss, as follows:
 - He wanted to know if people could cut branches overhanging onto their property from trees that grew in the neighbor's yards without a permit. Hillsborough County is now allowing for tree-cutting to happen without a permit, but you have to have a certified arborist verify such action beforehand. It is the NCA's hope that people discuss such trimming with the neighbor first, and come to an agreement for the health and look of the trees in question before taking any action.
 - He questioned the area sidewalks and lack of them in certain areas. Typically, infrastructure is a difficult thing to upgrade as it is a county responsibility, not the NCA's.
 - He asked if homeowners were allowed to repair neighborhood common walls. Typically this is done through the NCA and not by individual homeowners.

The NCA appreciates these very good questions and comments; they are always welcome.

12-Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Castens and seconded by Bob DeMeo. All voted in favor.

Minutes taken and submitted by Alicia Moreno.

Next NCA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Northdale Park
Building "B" Game Room at 7:00 p.m. or via Internet