

NORTH FORT MYERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP JOINT MEETING

NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER, ROOM 102 A & B

March 13, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dailey at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Called for and Led by Doug Dailey and recited by all.
3. **OPENING PRAYER:** Called for by Doug Dailey and led by Danny Ballard
4. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** for Tom Cronin
5. **ATTENDANCE:** Board members present:
 - Doug Dailey, President
 - Danny Ballard, Vice President 1
 - Rudy Berndlmaier, Vice President 2
 - Laura Malcolm Lewis, Secretary
 - Kim Tester, Treasurer
 - Andy Rosman, Director
 - Dora Miller, Director
 - Teri Halm, Director
 - Debbie Ballard, Director
 - Chief John Lightbody, Director
 - Mark Lipton, Director

 - Matthew Malcolm, Director(excused absence)
6. **WELCOME TO GUESTS AND DIGNITARIES:** Doug Dailey presented the “Golden Hammer” and discussed goals and objectives of new board. “New Day moving forward”
Guests: Spencer Roach, political candidate and former Jag officer
Al Shilling, North Ft Myers resident and principal for Lee County School
William Earp, North Ft Myers resident, wants to get involved
Moses Jackson, political candidate; running for school board member district 4
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Laura Lewis found an error in the financial and the date of last meeting has 2017 and not 2018 is going to revise. **Motion by Ballard to approve with correction second by Dora Miller.**

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: Kim Tester reported the current financial balance at \$1478.64

Details	Total Money In	Expenses Other	Bank Balance
March	120		1478.64

9. PRESENTATION OF PAST SERVICE AWARDS: Doug Daily presented award to Larry Murphy for his past board service. Benda Sizemore was not in attendance but an award will be delivered to her. President Dailey recognized and thanked former president Mike Land who was presented with a plaque at a previous meeting.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Kim Tester reported new family membership since January at 17 families, \$255.00. New members appear to be coming from Bayshore and Lochmoor areas.

11. VISITOR TIME

- Mrs. McCormick discussed concerns regarding Hancock Bridge Square; wants to know who owns the property. Would like to see a restaurant in the old utilities building in Waterway.
- Mark Lipton discussed Develop Lee and briefly explained the program.
- Al Shilling discussed grants and former downtown redevelopment. Suggested we can learn from those examples and suggested we find someone who can write grants.
- Mike Land discussed article in The News-Press regarding Gannett Foundation Grant and explained the grant was previously applied for. Suggested Association find a grant writer.
- John Lightbody discussed code violations
- Mr. Sands is concerned with Merchant Crossing use. Would like to see more parking, He enjoys the car shows and is concerned there will be no room when new businesses open.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- **Town Hall Meeting:** discussion and review of Town Hall Meeting. Very informative meeting. Develop Lee has a website and we can get good information regarding North Ft Myers progress and events.
- **Bayshore Visionary:** we will be working with them to address concerns about future development and options.
- **Taste of North Fort Myers:** participation in the event had 8 new members join the Civic Association.

- **By-Laws:** Danny reviewed proposed changes for by-laws and will bring the changes before the board for approval in April.
- **Yearly Insurance:** Doug explained options for insurance and is currently having policies reviewed by John Gardner. New policy is due April 20th.
- **Tom Cronin Wake Service:** Doug discussed members in attendance at service and paid respect to Tom and his community participation and lifetime achievements.
- **Bank account signatures:** Kim addressed the status of the bank account signatures being updated to the current board. The issue will be addressed by Doug and Rudy.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Committee Appointments:** Doug Dailey made committee appointments; **Kim Tester:** Membership Director; **Mark Lipton:** Public Relations; will also do bi-weekly column in North Fort Myers Neighbor; **Rudy Berndlmaier:** Cultural Arts
- **Quarterly Newsletter:** Mark and Danny are currently working on creating a quarterly newsletter for the Civic Association
- **Town Hall Meetings:** Doug would like to work with the North Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce with political season approaching and would like to have bilateral meetings to meet the candidates. Doug would like to have a minimum of 3 meeting before elections.
- **Civic Awards:** Doug would like to create the “Tom Cronin Award”; this would be a yearly community award. Doug would also like to create the “Diamond Award” in recognition of the first president of the Civic Association this would be a North Fort Myers Civic Association yearly award.
- **Cell Phone:** Debbie Ballard has been getting prices on a phone for the Civic Association. Consumer Cellular has a \$50.00 phone. More information to come regarding costs. Al Shilling, community member recommended using a “Google Voice Number” at no cost.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Danny Ballard reminded everyone of the Easter egg hunt on March 24 from 8:30 to 11; need 4 people to assist

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Lee County Arts:** Rudy reports a current location for the Arts Center is being sought. They would like a standalone building

- **Map:** Currently for completion the map needs pictures for the back and that has put the project at a standstill.
- **Commission:** Andy discussed impact fees and they must be spent within 5 years. He also discussed 20/20 land acquisition conservation initiative.

Larry Murphy presented possible fundraising opportunity with coupon book sales.

15. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Next meeting April 10, 2018 at 7PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Laura Malcolm Lewis, SECRETARY

