

Nauset Heights Association, Inc.
Member Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2017
Polly & Ruff Meadows Home – 33 Nauset Road

- President Sandy Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., after a one-hour delay for the conclusion of 7+” of rain the night before. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting.
- Sandy thanked Polly and Ruff for hosting the meeting and announced that a donation in their names was being made to the Orleans Historical Society
- Sandy explained that this is the official Annual Meeting of the NHA, which is a registered Massachusetts non-for-profit corporation, and the meeting is an annual requirement
- Sandy recognized the current board members who were in attendance and noted that Meredith Farmer’s term on the board was expiring as was Kent Zelle’s term as a Director. Jeff Larsen was also stepping down as Clerk due to family reasons.
- Peter Chiarelli introduced himself as the only new member in attendance
- Sandy recognized those members who passed away since the 2016 Annual Meeting:
 - Nancy Callanan Barker
 - Edie Shedden Cowgill
 - Harriet Brigham
 - Bill Romey
 - Janice Palmer
 - Tom Martin
- **Secretary’s Report** – King Nelson summarized the Minutes from the August 2016 Annual Meeting and it was approved unanimously
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Fred Turner began by asking if any of the members was interested in being his assistant with a progression to Treasurer in the future. He stated the NHA currently has 191 paid members, 119 of which made additional donations to the Capital Fund (tents, chairs, etc.).

He indicated the association’s financial position is sound and he has good control of the assets. The Operating Fund has approximately \$11,000 in it, and the Capital and Stairs Fund has a \$27,000 balance in it, even after completing the new stairs project over the winter, in large part made possible through a generous donation to its cost. Major operating expenses continue to be Insurance (approximately \$3000 annually), Directors and Officers bonding (\$1,800), the Lawn Party and the storage facility (\$1,000).

Fred stated the new stairs expenses were approximately \$6,600 for design and engineering costs, \$32,410 for removal of the old stairs and construction of the new, and remediation and landscaping of the work site (~\$1,500) for a total of \$41,100. Joe

Tenney asked about the poor condition of the shrubs at the top of the stairs and King will speak with the remediation contractor. [A call has been placed to the vendor.]

Fred was asked about the association subsidy for the annual Lawn Party, beyond the \$10 fee, and he explained this year's event appears to be \$3380. In the past, the subsidy or shortfall that has been covered ran from \$2,500 to slightly over \$4000 for Centennial Party in 2015.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership unanimously.

- Sandy reviewed the NHA Event Calendar for the year:
 - The **Spring Fling Clean-up** had to be cancelled due to weather but she noted that many members went out independently and the Heights looks very good
 - June 10 saw the **Horseshoe Crab Walk**, hosted by Janet Bush. This was a huge success, with a great turnout and a tremendous amount of new crabs born just after the June full moon. It has been decided to take a year off for this event and schedule the next Horseshoe Crab Walk in 2019.
 - July 4 was the annual **Fun Run** and organizer Jess Tucker reported it was the biggest on record with 172 registered participants and an additional 100 spectators. There was a record turnout for children, too.
 - July 17 was the **Golf Outing** with 15 players
 - July 22 was the date for the **Beach Bonfire**. Thanks were given to Carl Trevison for organizing and running this annual event that had 61 attendees and a great representation of young families
 - The **Tennis Tournament** was “washed out” due to a full weekend of rain. Thanks to Jim Tyng for all the planning and organizing for this event.
 - August 5 saw the **Lawn Party**. There was a great turnout at the Tyng home with 229 attendees. 70 volunteers made the party a huge success and Sandy thanked Meredith Farmer and Charlie Carlson for leading the event and Pat and Jim Tyng for hosting the party. Special note was made about the table decorations and the great band that performed. The consensus is the NHA should hold the Lawn Party in early August every year rather than alternating between July and August as in the past.
 - August 12 was the **Sand Sculpture Contest**, led by Susan Brezina and her daughter, Kate Dewey. Twelve teams competed in this great event and they dodged the rain.
 - August 19 is today's **Annual Member Meeting**
 - October 14 is the date for the **Fall Clean-up**

- **Nominating Committee** – Sandy thanked Kent Zelle, Meredith Farmer and Jeff Larsen for their service to the Board. She said that Meredith has agreed to stay on the Board in the Clerk capacity and the slate of nominees is rounded out by Richard Thompson and Scott Scharf for Director seats expiring in 2020. Additionally, Dave Strickler would serve as 1st Vice President, Charlie Carlson as 2nd VP, Fred Turner as Treasurer, Kathy Pattison as Corresponding Secretary and King Nelson as Recording Secretary. There were no floor nominations and the slate was elected unanimously.

- **New Business** – Sandy announced that a bag of fishing tackle had been left at Priscilla Beach and was missing and asked if anyone had any information to please let her know.

The NHA book is still available at \$25 through Meredith Farmer as well as in bookstores in town.

Sandy relayed a request from the Fire Inspector to ensure private roads keep the brush cut back 14' wide and up to a height of 14' to allow fire trucks and ambulances access. Additionally, all houses should have readily visible house numbers and a lock box if there is an alarm system in the house.

Bill Mitchell asked about any new information on the "Spit Spat" as well as the Aspinet / Inlet Road issues. Jim Tyng who is most knowledgeable was not present and King suggested an eBlast be sent out to members summarizing the status. Bill also commented that the Beach Monitors have done a great job this year and suggested the NHA send a letter to the Town and perhaps consider a donation. Charlie Zelle said the Callanan Road Association did make a gift to the monitors.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kingsley H. Nelson
Recording Secretary