

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, BOARD MEETING

Call to Order – President Richard Scandaliato called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Gaines, Richard Scandaliato, Vern Hall, Richard Welsh, August Caimi, John Lang, Gordon Thomas, Dave Billings, Erin Sato, Brian Ward. Absent : Lori Terzoli and Teri Pierce

Secretary's Report: The minutes of December 19, 2023 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Scandaliato (reporting for Lori Terzoli) reported a balance of \$1,793 in checking. A Pay Pal balance to be posted is \$366.

Membership Committee: Gordon Thomas reported payment for 2024 total to date of 98 members. Seeking renewal from 444 members. The membership ad hoc committee is reviewing various strategies to promote membership growth. Previous action on creating and posting a large sign at 9th and Western Ave. was voted to *not proceed*, rather to use yard signs and personal contacts instead.

Web Report: Gordon Thomas reported on statistics noting a growing trend in stakeholder usage in recent weeks, many contacts focusing on scheduled events as well as community news. He is working to fine tuning functions for user friendly engagement.

Cyberwatch: His latest report was noted by Bob Genest showing trends on modest criminal activity in the area. Vehicle break-ins tend to be of most concern.

Sociables: Anita Mannila via email noted their next meeting will come in February.

Sidewalk Brigade: Recent activity led to a clean-up of designated areas in need.

Annual Business Meeting: The Tuesday, March 19 Annual Business Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Annual Members Reception: The Summer Members Reception is confirmed for September 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Open Business:

1. August Caimi assisted in presenting the awards to holiday decorations.
2. Richard Scandalito and Jerry Gaines reported on the Starbuck's proposal. Awaiting a hearing from the City Zoning Administrator.
3. John Lang observed nearby hillside construction and potential risks to land movement.
4. Erin Sato and Brian Ward reported on the success of the recent Membership Cocoa Cul-de-sac event in lower South Shores. Some 50 people were in attendance including Councilman Tim McCosker.
5. The Board members discussed other ideas on promoting neighborhood networking, including holding a group structured garage sale at a designated parking lot perhaps in March to promote "Spring Cleaning."

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m. Next meeting: February 20, 2024. Jerry Gaines, Secretary