

North Fort Myers Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Doug Dailey at 6:30 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer led by Debbie Ballard

3. Attendance:

Present:

Doug Dailey - President

Rudy Berndlmaier - 2nd Vice President

Laura Lewis - Secretary

Mark Lipton - Director

Matt Malcolm - Director

Andy Rosman - Director

Dora Miller - Director

Teri Hall - Director

Debbie Ballard - Director

Excused Absence by majority of board of directors' vote:

John Lightbody - Director

Kim Tester - Director

Danny Ballard - Director

4. **Approval of last month's minutes** – Minutes for May was approved 7-0

5. **Visitor Time** – New guests were introduced and briefly spoke as to why they attended the meeting.

6. **Presidents Report** – President Dailey spoke about his meeting with Commissioner Brian Hamman. The meeting was brief however a lot was learned regarding the water issues affecting Southwest Florida, Commissioner Hamman discussed the new swimming pool to be constructed on Orange Grove Blvd. replacing the old pool. President Dailey asked about softball complex for North Fort Myers. Commissioner Hamman stated nothing is slated for upcoming budget; however he will have Park Dept. heads look into it. For further consideration.

Air Conditioner giveaway was discussed as a coalition project. Many applications have started to come in and winner will be announced in early August.

Adopt-A-Road was turned down for a coalition project as it became known that the Rotary already had their own road, even though they were the ones to suggest a coalition Adopt-a-Road.

Plans are being made for a North Fort Myers Community Christmas Event, tentatively set for December 15. More information to follow at a later meeting

7. Committee Reports

. **Finance** – No Financial report given due to Treasurer not in attendance.

. **501 (c) 3 Update:** Mark – Mark offered a proposal to change wording of Association By-Laws to correspond with the transformation of the association from a 501(c)4 to a 501(c)3 in order that NFM Civic Association can accept tax deductible donations. Board members approved restructuring language to gain 501(c) 3 status.

. **Arts Center:** Rudy – Rudy offered an update on the Art walk scheduled for July 28 at the Hancock Square Shopping Plaza.

. **Commission:** Andy – Andy gave an overview of various topics discussed at the Lee County Commissioners meeting which was informative to the board and those in attendance.

8. Old Business

. **Association Logo** – A vote was conducted by the NFM Civic Association Board of Directors to rescind the vote at the May meeting regarding the Association Logo. President Dailey requested the rescinding of the vote due to there was not enough clarity on the matter at hand and that the board of directors was not fully informed prior to voting on the issue. The May vote regarding the Logo was voted 7-1 with board member Debbie Ballard casting the 1 vote to not rescind. The board will readdress the Logo issue at the July meeting when all board members have an opportunity to conduct research and to add their own logo ideas for approval.

. **Town Hall Meeting Update** – The Candidate town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday July 24th. It was requested that all who could attend to please come out and help by President Dailey. Dora Miller has already volunteered to be the timekeeper for the event. The meeting will be a joint effort between the NFM Civic and NFM Chamber of Commerce.

. **Social Media** - Kim Tester created a presentation regarding the new NFM Civic Association website. The new website came on-line and has been generating great reviews by those who have been on the site. According to Kim there is still some work to be done, however the site is running smoothly thus far.

. **Fundraising Wiffle Ball** - Tentative dates have been looked at for the Wiffle Ball Bash that the board decided to approve at the May meeting for a fundraising event for the Civic Association. The Wiffle Ball bash would be better suited as an event in February to coincide with Spring Training Baseball in Lee County. A Wiffle Ball Committee will be formed to help structure the event.

9. New Business

. Meeting Protocol - Due to confusion amongst the board of directors regarding an issue at the May meeting President Dailey introduced the Meeting Mulligan to assist in helping board members with clarity of an issue. The Meeting Mulligan is intended to give every board member complete clarity on any voting issue to help the board member in deciding how to cast their vote on any issue. The Meeting Mulligan was well received by the board members present as well as the crowd in attendance.

. North Fort Myers Community Night – President Dailey approached the Board of Directors regarding a conversation that he held with the Fort Myers Miracle Marketing Department regarding doing a North Fort Myers Community Night with the Fort Myers Miracle as a fundraising event for the Association. The board unanimously approved moving forward with a Community Night Fundraiser to be held Saturday August 4th at the Century Link Sports Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

