

Minutes from Sept 15, 2022 NBCA Meeting

Board members present: Pres Barbara Welder, Treas Michael Kennedy, Sec Carrie Meyer, Dolores Vela, Bob Catalano

Board members absent: VP Ron Graban (out of town)

Board member resigned: Debra Pope (via email on 9/13/22 - resigned for health reasons)

Members: About 26 people present

Location: The Breakers Lanai Room

5:30 PM - Announcements - Barbara Welder calls meeting to order, recognizes cottage developer Gordon Awsumb. Erik Engen introduces City Council Dist 1 candidate Tracy McCall.

Treasurer's Report - Michael reports balance of \$1,128.20 (+ \$2,000 Dolphin Park donations, \$5,220 History Plaza donations)

Minutes April 2021 - Printed minutes included in meeting packet. Carrie makes a motion, it's seconded and membership approves minutes.

5:35 PM - OLD BUSINESS

North Beach History Plaza Signs have been installed, sidewalk painted with colorful "trail" beside signs, 2 planters, 3 benches, trash can. City cut shade structure funding from 2023 budget, but it may get paid for in future years. Carrie contacted the city about staging a ribbon cutting.

Bond 2018 street projects Good news: Beach Ave and Gulfstream Ave are going to be rebuilt. City said in "mid-2023".

Bond 2020 - Surfside Park - Carrie gives update from ACM Neiman Young: the city is updating its design on the 2 streets near the park with plans to start construction within 90-120 days (~early 2023)

Bond 2022 - This will be on the Nov 8th ballot - North Beach Eco Park (\$100,000 for engineering) + \$3 million to rebuild 3 blocks of Surfside Blvd near the DoubleTree Hotel (formerly The Radisson)

Beach Nourishment – Carrie reports that the GLO says they are starting the beach nourishment this fall

Breakwater Islands – Judge Barbara Canales has applied for funding; Carrie attended Public Input meeting at Council of Governments in Sinton on Aug 24 with Peter Davidson (Ed Rachel Foundation) to speak in favor of the breakwater project.

NBCA Board Meetings

May 16 - Board met with Jeff Blackard in the War Room to discuss canal

August 5 – Board met with City Manager, city staff and Councilman Billy Lerma

August 22 – Board held meeting at Lighthouse Point (Debra's apartment)

NBCA Fundraising – Barbara reports that NBCA is low on funding and that we spend it on refreshments for the meetings, making copies, etc.

Refreshments – Barbara asks for volunteers to help and to talk with NBCA's Refreshment Chair Dolores Vela if you want to help with food for future meetings. For the **Oct 13 Candidates Forum**, we will have popcorn and pretzels. Barbara asks people to bring dip and other finger food.

5:50 PM - NEW BUSINESS

NBCA Board - Debra Pope resigned due to health issues, looking for volunteers to serve on the board

FUTURE NBCA MEETINGS

October 13 – Candidate's Forum for District 1 City Council, At-Large City Council at 5:30

November 17 – Holiday Potluck + Review 2022 Priorities at 5:30 PM

Speaker Ideas – Port of Corpus Christi, North Beach Business owners, Lexington/Aquarium, TxDOT (Harbor Bridge), Fire Chief/Police Chief

UPCOMING NBCA EVENTS

Sept 24 at 9 AM – Dolphin Park **Adopt-A-Park**. To volunteer call Carrie 361-442-0628

Oct 4 at 6 PM - "**National Night Out**" with police - Carrie & Pete Meyer will BBQ hamburgers for police officers & North Beach neighbors – on the beach at Gulf Spray Ave. Call Carrie 361-442-0628 - *Bob Catalano and Ron Graban* volunteer to donate \$400 to pay for food for the event

ADJOURN MEETING

6:00 PM - SPEAKER - Robert Dodd, Director of City of CC Parks & Rec Dept

Mr. Dodd worked as a coach and teacher at Ray High School for many years. Working for the city is a new career for him.

2023 Budget - City Council cut 2 North Beach parks projects- History Plaza shade + Vendor Incentive Program. Dodd says that the proposed vendor incentive program would not give money to individual vendors but would help pay for setting up a stage or bleachers for events. Barbara suggested that the History Plaza could be used as a venue for events.

Committee - Dolores asks how the city got the idea to add vendors and lifeguards (for example) on North Beach. Who do they talk to on North Beach to make those decisions, because none of us were contacted? Dodd doesn't know. Carrie brings up NBCA's suggestion of the city forming an official committee for North Beach representatives from hotels, businesses, attractions and residents that the city could then come to to present ideas for improvements as a way to vet those ideas across the community.

Surfside Park - Dodd said "Peter Zanon has made it a mission to revitalize this area."

North End - Gordon Aswaub who is building on 4600 block of Gulfbreeze said that the bathhouse at Dolphin Park is dirty and the whole area up there needs attention. Dodd said he will deal with bathhouse cleanliness but other improvements take time. Carrie said that the **Bond 2022 Eco Park** proposal would improve the entire 25 acres between the beach and the wetlands, if it gets voter approval on Nov 8.

Tracy McCall suggested we talk to **Parks & Rec Advisory Committee**, that PRAC member Kelly Summers is a North Beach advocate. Work with PRAC to get support. Carrie served on PRAC for 6 years, then Watershore & Beach Advisory Committee (WBAC) for another 6. Both impact North Beach.

6:45 PM - SOCIAL HOUR - CATERED MEAL 4 trays of hot sandwiches from Yo's Philly Cheesesteak paid for by NBCA Board member Bob Catalano.