

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Civic Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Rocky Point VFW

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Gary Pollakusky, President.
- Jeff Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

2. Roll Call

- President: Gary Pollakusky, present.
- Vice President: Jennifer Hald, present.
- Secretary: Thomas Buttacavoli, present.
- Treasurer: Position vacant.
- Membership Secretary: Kathy Weber, present.
- Sergeant at Arms: Tina Bogart, present.
- Trustees: Leah (absent excused), Alicia Palifka, & Quentin Palifka, present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes made by Jeff, seconded by Alicia.
- Minutes were accepted as written.

4. Report of Officers

- **Secretary's Report:**
 - Reported by Thomas Buttacavoli.
 - No mail or emails received. Requested forwarding of RPlcivic emails to his personal email for better access.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Reported by Gary Pollakusky.
 - Ending balance: \$11,990.24.
 - Received checks for planters from McGuire & Company, North Shore Beach Association, Rocky Point Funeral Home, and Alicia Politka's family.
 - Membership dues received from Maureen and Edith Mahler.
 - Heritage Paint sponsored a planter.

5. Report of Committees

- **Membership Secretary's Report:**
 - Reported by Kathy Weber.
 - 33 paid members as of the meeting date.
 - Dues can be paid via cash or on rplcivic.org.

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- **Land Use Committee Report:**
 - Chaired by Thomas Buttacavoli.
 - Ongoing discussions with Kathy Meehan about the Estates subdivision off Hallock and 25A. Planning a site visit to discuss designs and plans.
 - Members interested in participating can email rpcivicassociation@gmail.com.
- **Beautification Committee Report:**
 - Reported by Kathy Weber.
 - Flags placed and tulips removed with the help of community volunteers.
 - Preparations made for new flowers arriving; delivery and planting scheduled.
 - Upcoming garden tour on the 15th; tickets available at local businesses.
- **Police and COPE Report:**
 - Reported by Thomas Buttacavoli.
 - Received a written report from Officer Anson, 7th Precinct, detailing crime statistics and operations.
 - Highlighted a decrease in crime by 10%, operations against illegal massage parlors, and enforcement against the sale of tobacco to minors.

6. Old Business

- No old business discussed.

7. New Business

- Discussion about community beautification and safety concerns.
- Plans for upcoming Rocky Point Day and community involvement opportunities.
- Various community events and initiatives highlighted, including a strawberry festival and church anniversary picnic.
- **Historical Society Report:**
 - Congratulations were extended to the Historical Society for their recent successes, including a favorable vote for funding the Historical Society as a museum that led to significant media coverage and an increase in visitors.
 - A brief overview was provided on the allocation of funds received, focusing on ongoing restoration and operational costs of the historical house.
- **Educational Initiatives:**
 - Discussion on the chemistry course offered by local teachers, with community members including their children as participants.
 - Coordination efforts mentioned for further engagement with local schools and the potential expansion of educational programs.

8. Community Events, Announcements, & Initiatives:

- **D-Day Commemorative Dinner:**
 - Scheduled for Saturday, to include a tour of the Veterans Museum and a buffet dinner. The community is encouraged to participate.

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- **Legislative Updates:**
 - Updates on upcoming legislative sessions and community-oriented bills.
 - Announcement of a toiletry drive, a human trafficking presentation, and a blood drive, with emphasis on community participation.
- **Local Infrastructure and Safety:**
 - Discussion on local infrastructure improvements, particularly the maintenance of green spaces and traffic safety measures around Rocky Point.
 - Concerns raised about rumors of break-ins in the area, with suggestions to coordinate directly with local police for accurate information.

9. Volunteer and Community Involvement:

- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Calls for volunteers for upcoming community events, including garden tours and educational sessions.
 - Discussion on the need for additional support in beautifying and maintaining local landmarks and green spaces.
- **Historical and Cultural Engagement:**
 - The Historical Society shared a discovery of valuable local artifacts, highlighting the ongoing significance of community involvement in preserving local history.
- **Community Event Planning:**
 - Preparation for the annual 4th of July Hometown Heroes event, including logistical planning and volunteer coordination.
 - Discussion of various community events aimed at enhancing local engagement and cultural appreciation.

11. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Alicia, seconded by Thomas, and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be on August 6th, 2024, due to the cancellation of the July meeting in favor of supporting the Hometown Hero event on July 4th.
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