

## NORTHVILLE ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION (NECA)

### Minutes of Annual Meeting -- March 20, 2014

#### In Attendance

Dan & Lisa Ondrus, Nancy Zurawski, Chuck & Andrea Murdock, Walter Davison, Irene Petroski, Linda Chang, Chris Haas, Heather & Chris Warnick, Mary & Dennis Holt, Richard Feters, Roman Pawlowsky, Chris Vanlttersum

**Meeting started** at 7:05 PM by acting President, Dan Ondrus.

#### History of NECA

Dan recalled the history of NECA as being, many years ago, a social organization with many activities designed to bring the community together. For example, past events used to include: an annual subdivision picnic, sleigh rides with Santa, garden tractor races, etc.

In recent years, the association has dealt mainly with new construction and landscaping of the main entrance island, installation and maintenance of the prior wooden street signs, and the on-going maintenance of the front entranceway. In addition, there was a lot of effort put into to decorating the front sign for the holidays, and keeping the lights and sprinkler systems working.

We need to ask ourselves – what do we want this association to be and do?

#### Financial Report

Nancy reported that NECA had approximately \$13,000 available at year-end, and that annual dues revenues fairly closely equal the annual maintenance expenditures, so the overall balance does not change significantly year-to-year. But, we do have the opportunity to invest some funds in new projects or activities.

#### Election of Officers and Board Members

Motions were approved to elect the following Officers:

President:	Chuck Murdock	Vice President:	Walter Davison
Treasurer:	Andrea Murdock	Recording Secretary:	Heather Warnick
Communications:	Chris Vanlttersum		

In addition, the following will be Board Members at Large: Dan Ondrus, Nancy Zurawski

If any additional community members would like to participate in the Board, please contact Chuck.

#### Potential New Projects

- **Get Roads Fixed** -- there was some discussion about how to get the attention of City Hall with a petition, attending City Council meetings, or some other actions. Chuck will talk to the City Manager to see what steps may be appropriate. This will take some dedicated work by many of us.
- **Maintenance/Improvements to our 5 Cul-De-Sac Islands** -- lots of discussion about needing grass cut, weed control, street repair, and new plantings. The Board will get NECA resident feedback, and make a proposal in the coming months.
- **Entrance Sign** -- a new sign has been discussed in prior years, and has not gained traction. Chris Vanlttersum is very energized to see a new, more contemporary sign put in place – he will investigate design alternatives and costs. The Board will again ask for NECA resident feedback, and make a proposal. Pending the costs involved, we may need to do this in phases, or solicit a special financial contribution from our members.

- **Communication with NECA Members** -- we desperately need to start talking to each other. Chuck has created the [NECA001@comcast.net](mailto:NECA001@comcast.net) e-mail, and plans to send out information or updates at least every two months. We may eventually get to a point we can send out a regular newsletter. It works best, if we can get to everybody. We need to get as many residents on this distribution as possible.
- **Facebook Page and/or Website** -- to help spread the word, and to create a space to house information that can be important for all of us, Chris Warnick and Chris VanIttersum will work to create a Facebook page for NECA. We'll try this at first to see if it works for us – if not, we may need to move on to a website. (We know other subs have abandoned websites, as they are high maintenance.) If you are not a Facebook member, you can still see/read the info on the NECA page, but will be unable to “post”.
- **Annual Picnic** -- we talked a little bit about resurrecting the annual picnic, the reasons why we stopped, and how we might hold it again – perhaps at Maybury park. We can keep it on the list, and keep talking about it. We'll need volunteers from our residents – if we can get enough energy behind it, would be great to bring our community together again.
- **Subdivision Garage Sale** – there was some discussion about conducting a garage sale weekend – perhaps the same weekend as Abbey Knoll. Again, it will be a matter of a few volunteers working to coordinate the event – if you would like to help, please contact Chuck. More on this to come.

### **Next Steps**

We need to better communicate – we need to build our e-mail distribution list quickly. Please talk to your neighbors – please send them these minutes – have them respond to [NECA001@comcast.net](mailto:NECA001@comcast.net) to get their names on our list. We hope to send out a stream of good and useful information on an on-going basis.

**Meeting Ended** promptly at 8:00 PM.