Ridgewood Neighborhood Association Board Meeting June 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Moose Lodge and called to order by President Ralph Legg at 10:38 am.

Present: Ralph Legg, Dennis and Karen Herbert, Bob and Sandy Fisher, Jerry Lewis, Don Nester, Tom Crosby, Marty Gerbasi, Beverly Handelman and Chrystal Aceves.

The minutes from the February 19th Zoom meeting were approved with the following corrections; add Marty Gerbasi as an attendee, add a statement to the published minutes "Approved by the RNA Board on ...".

Jerry Lewis presented Treasurer's total expenditures were \$598.68. There are 66 residents that have paid their dues and 17 vacant lots with a total of 169 residents in Ridgewood I, II III.

Jerry requested an announcement in the next Newsletter to inform residents who pay their dues via a check to please be patient and do not place stop payments on checks as checks are not necessarily cashed immediately upon receipt, there may be a delay to avoid multiply trips to the bank. He prefers to coordinate trips to town. Residents who pay via cash and do not include their membership form to please include your Name and Address so he can identify who to credit payment of their dues!

Tom Crosby is encouraging more participation from Ridgewood I residents. He would like to let them know what "benefit(s)" their \$10.00 dues support. This led Chrystal to open discussion regarding Ridgewood being a "Firewise Community" and making available the NFPA Ridgewood 108 Firewise Certificate specifically listing addresses with paid dues to present to insurance companies.

A lot of discussion on this topic...include in Newsletter that a copy of the NFPA Ridgewood 108 Firewise Certificate is available on the website.

Marty Gerbasi reported new construction on Crestridge Way (Lot 53) has begun; homeowners Curtis and Diane Willemsen.

Ralph reminded the board the need for volunteers to fill several positions for the RNA to continue; specifically the RNA President and Firewise Chair positions will be vacated and officially ended July 1, 2021. Ralph and Dennis have agreed to stay on until September in hopes of announcing replacements at the meeting. Looking for recommendations and takers!! The Board will discuss the disbandment process, if necessary, at the next Board meeting.

Put a call out for volunteers needed for the following positions in the Newsletter: <u>Board of Directors:</u> President, Treasurer, and Member at Large <u>Block Captains (Ridgewood II & III):</u> Assistant Chairperson, Block Captain's for Blocks 2, 8 and 9 <u>Firewise Chairperson</u>: Contact Dennis Hebert

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Karen asked if a box (to check) could be included on the membership form to identify changes on the form vs having to compare the forms turned in to the roster.

Don Nester/Karen confirmed the resident roster has been updated with recent due payments.

Ralph moving on to some fun...discussion on when and where to have a Summer Ridgewood Get Together. Looking for ideas to increase neighborhood interest and attendance. Beverly suggested a neighbors-only car show. She knows several neighbors who have classic cars and is willing to reach out to them. Thoughts of where to hold it could be Ridgefield Ct or Fleetwood Rd. Beverly has agreed to take on the organization of the September 12th Summer event and meeting. She will form a committee to help with set up and organization. Ideas for guest speakers, possible a panel to field questions, were all discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

Respectfully written and submitted by Chrystal Aceves, Secretary