



# NORTH BEACH

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11, 2019

We opened the meeting to a great turnout of 28 people, with our featured speaker, Realtor JoAnn Donahue, who has pledged to become very active in North Beach. JoAnn has been active for four years with Mark Arbeit Company, and has decided to focus her efforts on North Beach, as an up-and-coming area on the island. She spoke for some time about real estate in general, and North Beach in particular, her observations and opinions on the market, and then took questions from attendants.

Next we discussed the upcoming Meet & Greet on Sat. evening, June 8. The cost is \$30, of which \$5 goes to the North Beach Scholarship Fund. After some discussion, we decided to have online ticket purchases, as well as physical tickets for sale to those who don't work online. There is a link on the website to buy tickets. We will also put tickets for sale at Jagielky's Candy and Mento's Ice Cream.

Richard Gober explained the North Beach Scholarship for the benefit of new attendees, and several people made generous donations on the spot. We have received a list of 13 possible candidates from the Counselor at AC High School. We should have a recommendation for the award of this year's scholarship this week.

We reviewed the establishment of annual dues for those who missed the last meeting. The dues are \$25 per person, and are due June 1. No one is forced to pay dues, and all are still welcome. However, dues-paying members will be able to vote on important issues as they come up, and will receive a \$5 discount on things like the Meet & Greet and the Sub Tub Ride, as well as 10% off on North Beach merchandise purchases. Stacey has set up a hot link on the NB website for payment of dues.

There was a question raised as to what we need money for, and what we do with it. Richard Gober explained that it is used for the North Beach banners and hardware on the poles throughout NB, purchase of branding merchandise, flowers for the North Beach boat at Nashville and Ventnor Aves., supplying beverages for the Meet and Greet and the Porch Party, food for the Sunset Cruise, and any other needs of the Association.

Pete D'Orazio then spoke about the upcoming Chef's Night Out on May 19. It is one of the greatest events in Ventnor, and tickets are limited. There are only 50–75 tickets left, and people are urged to buy the tickets as soon as possible. Please call Shelley D'Orazio at 267-980-7632 to secure tickets.

Paul Steinberg showed us a sample of the zippered hoodies. As we don't have money enough to order them ahead of time, we need to take preorders. They will cost \$35, and again, there is a link to order the hoodies on the website.

Dina Holt reported good news regarding flying the large North Beach flag. The board at the Regency has approved the idea, as long as we do not put it on their existing flagpole. We will look for placement and means to erect a flagpole. In the meantime, someone suggested that we hang our banner on the railing on the boardwalk. We also need to locate the flag, which is in storage somewhere.

Other items of interest discussed were the ongoing streetscape on Atlantic Avenue, the coming of Aroma Restaurant in the space formerly occupied by Sage and Lisa's, Bubbie's is moving to the old location of Poppy's on the corner of Weymouth and Atlantic, and news that the restoration of the Ventnor Square Theater will probably be finished by November.

The problem of unkempt properties in the area was raised. Richard Gober offered to have anyone with a complaint to contact him, and he will turn it over to the Housing Dept. Stacey will also place a link on the web page to Click & Fix, an anonymous post for problems to which the City is quick to respond.

In the past few weeks, it seems that weeds and grass have sprung up quite highly around the NB boat. After some discussion of how to deal with the problem, Paul Steinberg offered to clear it out with his Weed Whacker, and Jen and Doug Remer offered their gasoline mower for weekly use to keep the lot clear. This is important, as it was a condition of our putting the boat on the property that we keep the lot mowed. We will rotate volunteers weekly to keep it neat.

Reviewing a list of upcoming events, we have Chef's Night Out 5/19; Pick-up Posse (with a table of merchandise on the boardwalk) on Sat., May 25 (volunteers needed!); Meet & Greet Sat., 6/8; Beach Barbecue Sat., 7/6; the Porch Party on Sat., 7/27; Go Green on Sat., 8/3; National Night Out on Tues., 8/6; Subs on a Tub Sunset Cruise on Sat., 9/11; and date TBA for a Poker Tournament fundraiser. We are also open to ad hoc Sunday happy hours at local restaurants.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sat., June 8. This coincides with our Meet & Greet, and may be cancelled.

**• We want to remind everyone to please try to make the meetings of the City Commission, to stay on top of local government happenings. The Commission meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. The next Commission meeting is Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at City Hall. All are urged to attend.**