

FLANDERS, RIVERSIDE, NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

7:00pm, David Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road, Flanders

Minutes of the meeting of

February 12, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present:

Vince Taldone, President

Doris Dacus, Treasurer

Sandy Adams, Secretary

Absent:

Steven Schreier, Vice President

Paola Zuniga-Tellez, General Board Member

4. **No minutes up for adoption.** Last month's, meeting scheduled for January 8, 2018, was cancelled due to the closing of the Crohan Center's because of frozen/ruptured pipes, no heat.
5. **Treasurer's Report** was adopted.

6. Presentations/Discussions/Information

- **Flanders Northampton Ambulance Corp.** Ron Hintz report as to how the initial stage of 3rd party billing is working out. Also said that it's a great expense to add Riverside to the official name of the corporation, but *Riverside* has been added on the rescue vehicles. Anyone is welcome to attend their board meetings which occur the first Sunday of each month, 7pm at the ambulance building.
- **The Butterfly Project Effect.** Tia Fulford informed the membership that she is working in the Code Enforcement Office in Town Hall and goes on calls with them. She is also involved with the town agencies who head the Home Ownership Program as well as the Town program for free home repair. She also spoke about a program that can be set up to help home owners make back mortgage payments and how to access funding to hire a lawyer. All programs are income based. She is also now partnering with the Ladies of the Moose to reach out to more young girls. Thanks to FRNCA and Riverside Rediscovered she is working with 178 girls. A Black History Bowl is coming up at the Crohan Center. Tia was recently honored on the US House of Representatives floor by Congressman Lee Zeldin.

- **Riverside Rediscovered Update.** CMEE: 2,000 sq ft (of the 4,000 sq ft hoped for eventually) building. The new building planned to replace the diner at the Roundabout will be before the SH Planning Board and residents are encouraged to attend as a show of support for a variance to be approved for this building. Riverside is ready to move forward!!! This money is being used to hire a grant writer to benefit various interests and endeavors of the community. Sewer treatment facility being studied for installment at L40 property in Flanders. \$100,000 is available from NY State for this project.
- **FRNCA's Conflict of Interest Policy.** President Vince Taldone has been researching many sources to try to discern what public, community, school boards constitutes a *Conflict of Interest* with being a member of the FRNCA board. Running for and becoming a member of any local government board is a conflict of interest, but not being a member of a Board of Education. This amendment was approved by the membership present at this meeting.
- FRNCA received \$10,000 from the builder of the proposed medical building to show good faith toward the community of Riverside. This money is being used to hire a grant writer to benefit various interests and endeavors of the community.
- **Safe Harbor Project.** This is a counseling project for those released from prison to assist with re-entering the work force and to get back into "life". Will invite manager of this program to speak at future FRNCA meeting.
- **FRNCA Board.** The current board of FRNCA has been discussing enlarging the board from five (5) to seven (7) members. The membership was invited to provide input. Only one (1) member in attendance had negative comments. A motion to increase the size of the board will be made at the March meeting.
- **Ron Fisher.** Upcoming Food Truck Festival: already have more trucks interested and signing up than last year. Will have the town's show mobile for community performances. Also talked about Movie Nights at Crohan Center for kids.
- **Pastor Keith** – Truth Community Church. Website: truthcommunity.org Under "Events" to sign up to volunteer.
- **Suffolk Federal Credit Union.** "How To Buy A House", April 3, 6pm at SFCU on Flanders Road.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sandy Adams
Secretary