

**Friends of NCRD Board Meeting
May 20, 2025 (via Zoom)**

Present: Linda Makohon (President); Carol Mills (Treasurer); Gail Young (Secretary); Ed Gallagher (Director); Rick Coulson (Director); Kaleen Wineinger (Director); Laura Swanson (NCRD Comm&Outreach Coord); Marcus Runkle (NCRD Finance Manager)
Absent: Leslie Vipond (Vice President); Debbie Curley (Director)

Linda called the meeting to order at 10:40 with a reading of the Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT: To support NCRD programs and projects through promotion, fundraising, and providing scholarships to encourage inclusion for all.

FUTURE OF FRIENDS OF NCRD: Linda introduced Marcus Runkle, NCRD Finance Manager, to the Board. Marcus presented his **proposal for a change in the structure of Friends of NCRD to a foundation (Friends of NCRD Foundation)**. He explained that the change would result in a more streamlined structure, with Friends (1) filing **an amendment to the original Articles of Incorporation** and (2) changing its tax status from a 501(c)(3) to a **509 (a)(3)**, which is a subcategory of a 501(c)(3). With the change, Friends of NCRD Foundation would become a fundraising arm of NCRD, with the exclusive purpose of **benefiting NCRD and The District**. The Foundation would be legally **governed by the NCRD Board** and the NCRD Board **would choose the Friends of NCRD Foundation Board members**. An advantage of a Foundation is that it **could accept donations / bequeaths from people's wills, and NCRD's Finance Manager would manage those donations**. Existing fundraising, such as Flower Sales and Pop Goes the Heart, would remain unchanged

Ed made a motion to move forward with Marcus's recommendation to change Friends of NCRD to a Friends of NCRD Foundation. On a second by Rick, and unanimous vote by the six members present, the motion passed. Linda will ask Marcus to attend Friends' June 2025 meeting to continue the discussion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gail presented the April minutes as emailed to Board members. On a **motion by Gail, second by Kaleen and unanimous vote, the April Friends of NCRD Board meeting minutes were approved.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda reported the beginning of the month balance in the 1st Security Bank **Regular Checking Account** at \$2,641.45. Income of \$660.50 from Benevity and the \$6,357.31 transfer from US Bank brought the **end-of-month balance to \$9,659.26.**

The beginning of the month balance in the 1st Security Bank **On-line Donations Account** was \$1,646.84. Income from deposits for the new pool was \$756.35, bringing the **end-of-month balance to \$2,403.19. Total assets at the end of April: \$12,062.45.**

On a motion by Carol, second by Rick and unanimous vote, the April Treasurer's Report was accepted.

UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

Rick suggested that names of interested Board members, in preparation for the structural change to a foundation, be passed on to the NCRD Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Kaleen announced that Tiderunners will have a table at Farmer's Market this Friday and invited Friends to stop by and say hello. Tiderunners will have a table at the Market again in July;

Laura added that NCRD, too, will have a table at the Market this Friday and alternating Fridays for the entire season.

Kaleen asked about the Rockaway Summer Movies idea. Linda replied that the project has been taken on by Kiley; Laura offered to investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34.

NEXT MEETING: June 17, 2025 @ 10:30 am

ACTION ITEMS:

Linda: Invite Marcus to Friends' June meeting.

Laura: Ask Kiley about the Rockaway Summer Movies.