

The Goal of Newport Terrace... from my perspective as a Board Member

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Ever since I was appointed to the Newport Terrace Board of Directors, and thus became Vice President, did I really have the opportunity to experience the benefits of a real team effort. Of course before that, I did have the ability to join a number of committees, which I did, but it was this Board appointment that showed me just how important truly understanding all sides on an issue really was.

This is considerably different than just being elected by a few friends, then seemingly drawing a line in the sand and trying to pay back favors. Appointed, to me, at least put a whole new perspective to true responsibility to the entire community.

You also now have a Board who for the most part finally stepped up to the plate, and took on directly one of the hardest and most controversial tasks in the history of Newport Terrace. And that is the entire and needed renovation of all of Newport Terrace, plus, all while still maintaining and following the set and necessary procedures of the CC&R's.

For the majority of the Board to come to me personally, asking for my help and involvement for the benefit of the entire community, this was a major honor to me. Not only did I now have the ability to get further involved in committee and other activities, even take on the Liaison responsibility on a number of these committees, but to further help a community that I truly believe in, and the major reason why we moved here to begin with, just seven months before being appointed to this Board.

Not only was this an extreme honor to me as I said, but a great responsibility as well. Apparently, others saw just what I could do for them and the entire community, and came to me personally, not as a "yes" man, but someone who had the background and experience to help understand and share the weight, not just someone thrust upon them – for better or worse.

The task for any successful goal, is to first assemble the right team. And so now the right team is more or less in place. I say "more or less" for even a team effort will have differing opinions at times. Yet, there is a difference between working for the betterment of something based on facts and a true understanding, than to simply oppose everything based on a lack of knowledge or research.

So, as you can see, we're off to a really great start regarding this renovation project. This requirement has nothing to do about a yes or no vote, a loan or no loan, for all these renovations still need doing one way or another. The vote is/was to determine just how we are going to pay

for all these renovations, and how long we are going to take to do it. All that was presented at the Renovation Rollout Event on June 30, 2012, which I am also proud and honored to say, I am also part of this Renovation Rollout Committee/Team, and from the very beginning.

And again, let me emphasize the word team effort and the ability for all Committee and Board members to understand and work together for the greater good of the community.

Now, this is not to say or even imply that all the other things still on our agenda are not important or that your particular interest and/or concerns are or will be ignored. I will personally help see that that never happens. That's also my personal goal and objective on the Board, whether appointed or actually elected from actual and real first-hand experience.

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