

**Minutes of Rosemary District Association Board Meeting
February 11, 2020**

Called to order at 5:30 by Richard

Attendees: Debbie Trice, Jim Lampl, Howard Davis, Richard Mones, David Lough, Moriah Taliaferro, Sue Stewart, Melody Odell, Tracee Murphy, Emmett Gregory

Introductions around the table.

Minutes approved as submitted

Treasurer's report: \$5,074.79 bank balance

President's Report:

Mary Haber contacted Richard about a "Downtown Village" project, to build connections between Downtown residents. RDA will be invited to participate in an informational meeting, Monday March 30, 2-5 pm.

Richard advised new members to read Bylaws which, he said, were intentionally limited to give the organization flexibility.

Community Workshops are a way to make neighbors aware of development plans. Rosemary has 3 projects about to get underway: DRAPAC, Lofts on Lemon, Bayside Club. Consensus that RDA should approach developers to hold informational sessions.

Motion: Debbie; Second: Richard — RDA should adopt a template for Development Information Meetings, which would include: publicity by RDA, attendance sign ups by interested community member, a minimum attendance number required to actually hold the meeting. Passed.

Howard and Melody will be an ad hoc committee to work out the details and communicate with the developers.

April 30 Community Meeting: Stevie Freeman-Montes, Sarasota Sustainability Manager, invited to be headline speaker. Discussion about also inviting Jerry Fogle, Sarasota Parks and Recreation Director, to speak.

Motion: Jim; Second: Debbie — RDA to stick with its policy of a single headliner at Community Meetings. Failed.

Motion: Debbie; Second: Howard — RDA to approach Jerry Fogle with canned questions, to appear as a secondary speaker limited to 10-15 minutes. Passed

Business Alliance: Jim reported that there isn't much interest yet from business owners for Music on May, but we received several nice gift certificates for our drawing.

Communications: Debbie reported that the February newsletter goes out on the 15th. She will welcome short (2-3 paragraph) news items. Howard recommended a follow-up article on parking. He will try to provide a map.

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Community Relations: Sue will continue to meet/correspond with Capitan Demetri Konstoupoulos for regular updates on crime and incidents in the district. She will be meeting with Mr. Witten with the Salvation army to get updates. Sue recommended that RDA promote the fact that it was through the efforts of the RDA Community Relations Committee that police presence was increased and crime reduced. Moriah requested that RDA do positive PR to combat negative word-of-mouth about the neighborhood's homeless. Sue will stay active as liaison to SPD.

Events/Programs: Richard and Tracee will meet on Wednesday to review what has been done thus far.

Open Space Committee

David distributed a written report covering 12 topics.

Park: Howard suggested inviting Josh Weiner to meet with the Board to let us know his plans regarding the park property. David issue the invitation. David will meet with Tom Barwin to gain his perspective on the park's status.

Due to board members needing to leave at 7:00, OSC report was suspended to elect new Board officers.

Board Officer Elections

The following officers were elected: President—Debbie Trice; Vice President—Jim Lampl; Secretary—Moriah Taliaferro; Treasurer—Emmett Gregory

New President Report:

The consensus of the new Board members was to continue holding Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 to 7:00 at Hotel Indigo.

March 10th will be the next meeting

Board members presented 3-4 goals they would like the Board to accomplish in the next year. These goals will be consolidated and prioritized at the next Board meeting.

Old Business:

Howard has been conversing with City Parking Manager Mark Lyons on what the RDA could do to move

the parking plan along, which was presented at our last community meeting. After a discussion, they agreed that a message from the Rosemary District Association to Marlon Brown (deputy city manager) and Steve Cover (planning director and Mark's boss) would be helpful. Howard made a motion to send the drafted memo sent to the board prior to the board meeting. Motion seconded by Melody.

Open Space Committee Continued:

David wants consensus of Board regarding \$200k Block Grant, which was significantly amended to redivert funds. Richard made a motion that the RDA position on the block grant should remain earmarked for original need. Tracey 2nd. Motion passed

Melody made motion to Adjourn – 2nd by Emmett

Meeting adjourn at 7:25

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Respectfully Submitted,

Moriah Taliaferro

Board Secretary