

RDA Board of Directors Minutes of February 9, 2021 Meeting

The Feb 9 RDA Board meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:30 pm with both outgoing and incoming Board members attending.

Attended: Melody Odell, Jim Lampl, Emmett Gregory, David Lough, Debbie Trice, Howard Davis, Moriah Taliaferro, Josh Weiner, Ken Antonetti, Mike Marshall, Brett Morris, Anand Pallegar

Absent: Tracee Murphy

Guests: Jarred Wilson, Jessica Homier

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Motion by Howard. David Second.
2. Acceptance of Treasurer's report.
3. Rosemary District Park Update: 40 individuals contributed to the park fundraising efforts through the GCCF. Total funds contributed were \$121,000. An additional \$13,000 was collected from 120 individuals via the RDA website and PO Box. Property closed on February 3rd, 2021. Seller has the right to occupy the property through June 2021. David will contact the City to ask for approval to paint a mural on the side of the vacant building.

Motion: Waive Resurrection House and Yoga Shack stakeholder membership dues for 2021 as a “thank you” for contributing over \$1,000 directly to RDA. Board to review the donations to see if there is anyone else to waive membership dues as “thank you”. Motion by Debbie. Second by Jim. Motion Passed.

4. Cocoanut & Blvd of the Arts Rezone: Cocoanut Arts Group is seeking to rezone 9 parcels from DTE to DTC.

Motion: Letter be drafted and sent to the Planning Board and City Commission expressing concerns about the compatibility of the zoning change, recommends that the planning board follow staff’s recommendation to change Cocoanut to a primary street, and that a community workshop be suggested. Rosemary District Association will reach out to the Cincotta family and work with them to meet our needs. Motion by Howard. Second by Jim. Passes.

5. Sarasota-in-Motion: Prioritization of RDA projects in the Transportation Plan are in jeopardy. Teams will contact City Commissioners ASAP to make the case again for keeping 10th St and Blvd of the Arts "Complete Streets" in the plan. Teams are: Josh & David to Hagen Brody; Jim & Ken to Jen Ahearn-Koch; Richard & Jim to Kyle Battie; Howard & Brett to Liz Alpert.
6. The outgoing Board Members were thanked for their service and excused from the remainder of the meeting.
7. Election of Officers: The new Board elected its officers. President: Debbie Trice; Vice President: Jim Lampl; Treasurer: Emmett Gregory. No one was willing to accept the office of Secretary. Anand Pallegar agreed to serve briefly -- until he determines whether he can continue.

The new Board agreed to continuing to hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30–7:00, and agreed to hold an extra "organizational meeting" on Tuesday, Feb 16 at 5:30 for Board Members to volunteer for various on-going responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned after 7:00 pm with several agenda items postponed until the Feb. 16 meeting.