

Rosemary District Board Meeting

March 10th, 2020

Attendance: Jim Lampl, Howard Davis, Emmett Gregory, David Lough, Melody Odell, Debbie Trice, Richard Mones, Moriah Taliaferro. Absent: Tracee Murphy

President Report: Debbie and David attended February 21st Manasota Neighborhood Summit. Local resident expressed concerns about symbols on one of Rosemary District's historic buildings. Symbols were later removed by building owner.

Membership Report: Resident Members: 2020 Calendar Year: 66; 2019 Unexpired: 20.

Other stakeholders: 2020 calendar year: 15; 2019 Un expired: 10

Other members Listings = 39

Communications report: Newsletter goes out around the 15th of each month. Board members are encouraged to submit short pieces and photographs.

Any facebook page shares by local businesses and events should be sent to RosemaryDistrictAssociation@gmail.com or via Contact Us on the website.

Meeting Minutes: February Board Meeting Minutes approved by acclimation.

Treasurer report: Emmett - Account transferred to Emmett and Debbie; new debit cards issued; online banking set up; working on transferring Shopify and website from Michael Donahue. Account balance: \$5,477.85

Business Alliance: Jim – Motion by David. - RDA give a free membership to the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce in exchange for a free membership at the Chamber. Jim seconded. Motion passed. Melody will follow up with the Farmers Market about having a free booth. April may be the last Music on May Lane.

Open Space: Presented by David - 11 items on agenda

Traffic & Safety: Debbie commented that Traffic camera on BLVD of the arts is now working

Florida Ave: David states that signage will be modified to make traffic detours more clear

Rosemary District Tree Removal: Howard states BLVD roof top trees unlikely to count toward project tree mitigation. David stated that tree removal spreadsheet received a lot of notice by city staff. David recommends that the street tree inventory should be a priority of the board.

Urban Forestry: David & Emmett – Jerry Fogle, Director of Parks & Recreation for the City, mentioned during the meeting the city is looking to hire a staff member to head up Urban Forestry to create a master plan.

DSCA Workshop: Patrick Gannon with DSCA will be having Rob Northrop as a guest speaker during upcoming workshop regarding urban forestry. April 23rd.

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Music on May Lane: David volunteers to continue to supervise the RDA booth at Music on May Lane.

HUD Block Grant: Minutes of June 17th commission meeting state that the HUD Grant will be coming back for substantial amendment to redirect the \$200k granted to the RDA to affordable housing. David recommends that we do not send the letter drafted Richard months prior. Debbie suggests that we find out how they arrived at the data for substantial amendment. Howard suggests we get the application submitted to clerk and award from HUD. David to continue to get more information for future discussion. Debbie suggests that David find the data that states RD is no longer qualified.

Park Status: See Requests for Board Action

Sarasota in Motion Transportation Plan: 2 Open Houses on 3/10.

Requests for Board Action –

Motion Made by David: It is moved the Rosemary District Association write the City Commissioners and key staff to: Reaffirm the request made for a Rosemary District park in our 5/15/19 letter.

Motion revised by Howard: RDA Board will prepare and send a follow up to letter sent to city officials last May reaffirming the RDA's need for a park. Letter will be drafted by Howard with input from. David second. Motion passed

Motion by Richard: Continue to plan meetings with the understanding they may need to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. Debbie second. Motion passed.

Motion by Richard: Community workshop meetings should not be held if we receive fewer than 20 positive RSVPs at least 1 week in advance. Howard will write with Richard a policy. Melody second. Motion passed.

Motion by Debbie: RDA to support DSCA motion on street/sidewalk closures. Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance and Housekeeping – Board task assignments.

2020 RDA Goals Prioritization – Assigned board members to come back next month with Smart Goals and Strategy. Debbie outlined *2020 RDA Goal Prioritization*.

Public Art: Howard states a Public Art Fund has been established. RR0D requires projects to contribute 0.25% of construction cost to designated fund. Howard recommends that procedures for the used of this money be established and a public art plan be created by the district. Howard and Emmett will continue to engage with city staff and Public Art Committee.

Motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes – approved

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Community Meeting April 30th: Richard to send invite to Jerry Fogle and confirm with Stevie Freeman-Montes.

Sarasota in Motion: David – The Sarasota In Motion plan suggests 60+ methods have been identified to enhance transportation. BLVD of the Arts was #10 on the priority list (out of 10). David suggested to staff that the multimodal fees be part of the consideration for prioritization. David recommends that the park letter to the City have mention of the Sarasota in Motion plan. FPL has agreed to postpone hardening of the telephone lines. David will continue to follow this.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:15

Next board meeting Tuesday April 14th, 5:30, Hotel Indigo

Next Community Meeting, April 30th, 5:30-7:00, Fogartyville.