

## **Minutes of RDA Board Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** CitySide Apartments, 700 Cocoanut Ave, Sarasota, FL

### ***Attendees Present:***

Michael Bush, Howard Davis, Michael Donahue, Jude Levy, Bille Lindsay, Julia Sawyer and Samantha Wuerfel

### ***Absent:***

Andy Bailey and Richard Mones

### ***Agenda:***

1. "Housekeeping" (Administrative) Matters
2. Committee Reports
3. Scheduling - Next board meeting and next community meeting
4. Other matters

### ***Proceedings:***

1. Housekeeping and administrative matters
  - RDA Calendar: Reminder - Post all committee meetings to RDA calendar
    - Easy to use form on website allows anyone to submit a meeting or event.
  - RDA Funds
    - Donations are tax deductible
    - \$5500 at GulfCoast and roughly \$900 at Centennial Bank
    - Committees are starting projects that may need funding - grants are available
    - Board voted to approve the following as signatories on the Centennial Bank checking account: Michael Bush, Treasurer, Howard Davis, President and Richard Mones, Vice President.
2. Committee Reports
  - Governance - Julia Sawyer
    - Draft of bylaws presented, final will be approved by the board

- Discussion of two potential categories of membership in the association: full members, and a second category, for example “Friends of the Rosemary District.”
- Ideas for membership eligibility and annual fee/donation will be open to the community before final board decision
- Public Art - Michael Bush
  - 3 meetings so far, really passionate group
  - Working with developers in the district to donate to the public art fund, as well as work as consultants for new developers
  - Ideas for a performance art festival day, sometime in January 2019
  - Taking inventory of current arts in the neighborhood and possible locations for new murals
- Walkability - Billie
  - Focusing on what is present, condition of sidewalks, street corners, etc.
  - 5 focal points: Damage to sidewalks, street lights, ADA compliance, street trees and condition of sidewalks in general
  - Working on detailing where trees are needed
- Open Space - Howard
  - Meeting with Housing Authority, Wednesday, July 18
  - Sean Dresler donating time to design concept for pocket park at McGowen site
  - Acre of open space with Lofts on Lemon, we want to be involved in that design process
- Website - Michael Donahue
  - Launch of updated newsletter, updates contacts
  - Additional updates made to current website
  - Working more to develop redesign and concepts for more web and social media presence
- External Relations - Howard
  - Met with police chief last week, representatives from the police department will also be at the next community meetings
  - New more volunteers and help, very important committee

3. Scheduling

- Next board meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM - Cityside Apartments
- Next community meeting: Next Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30 PM - 12 Springs Church. Following meeting will be sometime in October 2018

4. No other matters were addressed at this time

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Prepared by

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