

Minutes of March 12, 2019 Board Meeting

The meeting, which was held at 900 Cocoanut Ave, was called to order at 5:30 pm by outgoing President Howard Davis.

Board Members Present: Howard Davis (presiding), Emilie Campos, Allison Ficken, Francisco Jimenez, Jim Lampl, David Lough, Ryan McBride, Richard Mones, Sue Stewart and Debbie Trice.

RDA Members Present: Moriah Taliaferro

Agenda Items

1. Welcome New Board (& RDA History Overview)
 - Gulf Coast Community Foundation has a fund [Rosemary District Project Fund] which enables persons wishing to make a sizable donation to RDA to take a charitable deduction. RDA can request money from this fund for purposes the IRS would deem appropriate.
 - RDA must pay an annual fee to the FL Secretary of State. (The incoming Treasurer should look into this.)

2. Approval of Feb 12 Minutes (& other administrative items)
 - Minutes approved by returning members Howard and Richard, and accepted into the record.
 - Minutes process that worked last year: Secy emails initial copy of minutes to President for comments and corrections; Secy emails corrected minutes to board members to review prior to the meeting.
 - Allison reported that the mural at 5th & Central will be dedicated on Sat., April 6 at 5 PM. She will coordinate with the RDA individual who has access to the mailing list to send announcements.
 - Howard is attending the County Commission meeting on March 13 to monitor progress on The Bay and allocation of TIF funds.
 - Howard reported that the March 6 City Planning Board meeting resulted in a 4-1 vote in support of RROD2 favored by RDA. Next step is final approval by the City Commission (possibly in May), review by the state, then second vote by the City Commission (possibly in Fall 2019).
 - Howard and David reported progress on park land acquisition project, with a favorable recommendation at the March 6 meeting and a directive from City Manager Tom Barwin to Jerry Fogle, Director of Parks & Recreation.

3. Overview of RDA Organization
 - 3a. Bylaws: Review of Bylaws prompted more discussion than there was time for on the agenda, so a longer discussion will be scheduled for another meeting. In the interim, board members will circulate a single email document to collect ideas and suggestions for amendments.
 - 3b-d. Howard reviewed the organization chart, responsibilities and expectations of board

members, and responsibilities of the board officers.

3e&f. Committees:

- Note that committees report to the board. No committee member should give the appearance of speaking for RDA. If committee member needs to express a position to the City, he must get guidance from Board or, if no time to wait for a meeting, President. When press requests an interview or statement, President is only person who can speak for RDA.
- Richard reported that RDA received a \$3,000 grant from City for website improvements which must be completed by September. City awarded contract to Brian Carlock who Richard anticipates meeting with on March 15. A Website Working Group consisting of Richard, Allison, Debbie and Emilie was formed to meet with Brian. Michael and Samantha will also be invited. We will need instructions and passwords from them as they transition out. A condition of the grant includes followup with Nancy Kelly on the City staff.

4. Goals for This Year: Postponed discussion for a future meeting.

5. Elect Officers

- President: Richard Mones
- Vice President: Sue Stewart
- Treasurer: Allison Ficken
- Secretary: Emilie Campos

6. Preliminary List of Committees: Postponed discussion for the next meeting.

7. Next Meetings

- Board Meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 to 7. The next meeting will be on April 9 at 900 Cocconut Ave.
- The next community meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 - 7 at 12 Springs Church. Sue will invite Bill Waddill to speak. A newsletter announcing the new board and its officers and the date of the community meeting should be sent to the mailing list as soon as possible.

8. Other business

- Allison asked for time on the April agenda to present a streetlight banner concept.
- Allison suggested that, in light of Hotel Indigo's invitation, the Board should consider diversifying the location of future Board meetings.

9. Meeting Adjourned by Richard Mones about 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Trice, Acting Secretary