

RDA Board of Directors Minutes of February 16, 2021 Meeting

A special meeting of the RDA Board meeting was held on Feb. 16 to set roles and responsibilities for the new 2021-2022 Board and to address agenda items left over from the regular Board meeting on Feb. 9. The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:30 PM..

Present: Jim Lampl, Emmett Gregory, David Lough, Debbie Trice, Josh Weiner, Ken Antonetti, Brett Morris, Anand Pallegar

Absent: Mike Marshall

Guests: Jarred Wilson, Jessica Homier

Changes to board officer line-up:

During the week after the new Board elected its officers, there was some rearrangement. The Board ratified the changes. Currently, Board officers are:

- President: Debbie Trice
- Vice President: Anand Pallegar
- Secretary: Brett Morris* (Brett subsequently indicated that he intended to volunteer for only two meetings)
- Treasurer: Emmett Gregory

Rosemary District Park Update:

- Motion ? Second? for Anand and David to meet with City Manager Marlon Brown to document an agreement on RDA's role and responsibilities in the design and development of the Rosemary District Park
- Discussion of expanding neighborhood involvement in the park at this time to include (1) identifying and planning park activities the community wants, and (2) fundraising to supplement what the City will be willing to pay for, in addition to the RDA team interfacing with the City and the Design Team.

Community Meeting Update:

- RDA agreed to set April 21 as the date for the next community meeting, and discuss topic and speaker more in March RDA meeting
- Team to work on April community meeting includes Anand, Jim & Brett

Sarasota in Motion: One-on-one conversations with Commissioners Alpert and Battie to protect prioritization of Rosemary District projects were positive. Meetings with other Commissioners haven't been held yet.

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Taskforce: Establishing this taskforce was postponed until the March meeting

RDA Newsletter: Debbie sends out newsletter next week and requests submissions by EOD Friday. David and Brett will edit the article from Allison about 332 Cocoanut.

Zoning

- Planning board voted 3-2 in favor of the requested Zoning Amendment (ASK DAVID TO CONFIRM the following) with the recommendation that Cocoanut Ave. be redesignated as a Primary Grid Street. This redesignation will reduce some of the street-level incompatibility between the east and west sides of Cocoanut.
- Jason Cincotta, owner of the subject property, is amenable to holding public workshops, although development can move forward without community involvement.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting, which will be the regular March meeting, will be March 9.