

Minutes of RDA Board Meeting

Date: Monday, October 8, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: CitySide Apartments, 700 Coconut Ave, Sarasota, FL

Attendees Present:

Andy Bailey, Michael Bush, Howard Davis, Michael Donahue, Jude Levy, Billie Lindsay, Richard Mones, Julia Sawyer, and Samantha Wuerfel

Agenda:

1. Administrative items
2. Discussion of agenda for October 24 Community Meeting
3. Committee reports
4. Richard's topics and other business
5. Set date(s) for next board meetings

Proceedings:

1. Administrative items
 - Approval of minutes from September 11 meeting - upon motion made and seconded, unanimously approved by the board.
 - Upcoming events: Red Hot Fire Fest, 12 Springs Church 10/27; Mural painting 11/17
2. Agenda for October 24 Community Meeting
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Announcements: Red Hot Fire Fest, 12 Springs Church 10/27; Mural painting 11/17
 - Committee updates (30 minutes total - 3 to 5 minutes each, except for Governance to discuss bylaws and membership, Community Relations to introduce Kevin Stiff
 - Community Relations/Report from City's Homeless Outreach Coordinator, Kevin Stiff
 - Proposed Fruitville Rd. configuration, Dan Ohrenstein, Ass't. City Engineer
 - Encourage community members to sign up for new membership, via physical forms or online

3. Committee Reports

- Community Relations
 - CCNA released statistics for crime on Sarasota, 20% of robberies occur in the Rosemary district; 8% of crime overall
 - Salvation Army working every day to make a difference and find solutions
 - Committed to attending every City Commissioner meeting and making our voices heard
 - Meeting with Kevin Stiff before the next community meeting to discuss geographical info and police signed to the district

- Governance
 - Bylaws approved at Sept. 11 board meeting
 - Membership form completed
 - Present at the next community meeting

- Public Art
 - Needed to redefine end game, master plan, cohesive and successful
 - Michael B. brought in Susan McLeod (Season of Sculpture); major contacts with public art community and consultants, experience
 - Meeting schedule on 10/12 with community leaders to discuss master plan and world class approach to art and design in the Rosemary District

- Open Space
 - Parks and Rec Master Plan to include the Rosemary District, Dec. 3; goal to meet with the City - suggestions wanted by early November
 - Focusing on beautification of Blvd of the Arts/6th St
 - Meeting scheduled with SSAS, At Large and Artisan Cheese Shop to discuss partnership and interests

- The Bay
 - The city approved the master plan, the board and planning consultants are now revising the organizational structure, developing a finance plan, etc.
 - Phase 1 of master plan includes the development of a new park and related amenities at the west end of Blvd of the Arts/6th St.

- Confident that this redevelopment will flow over into the Rosemary District
- Walkability
 - Meetings planned to connect and collaborate with Open Space on mutual goals
- Website/Social media
 - Working to make sure online payment for membership fees is acceptable by Oct. 24
- Zoning
 - The final proposal approved, will be presented to the community
 - Complicated language, looking for graphics and illustrations to describe zoning changes
 - Andrew Georgiadis, a Sarasota planning consultant, has agreed to create the graphics.
 - The total fee will be \$4000.00, of which \$2000.00 will be provided through donations from Howard Davis and Richard Mones (\$1000.00 each), and \$2000.00 from existing RDA fund in the Gulf Coast Community Foundation account.
 - Howard requested \$2000.00 from the RDA to purchase graphics/illustrations to support the zoning changes and approval to enter into an agreement with Andrew Georgiadis proposal. Motion to approve the request made by S. Wuerfel, seconded by J. Sawyer and received unanimous board approval.

4. Richard's Topics

- CCNA application - RDA Bylaws will need to be submitted to the city before we can apply for acceptance by the CCNA
 - Richard and Pam Mones have volunteered to follow through with the completion of the application
- Discussion of the proposed project, 1469 5th Street and how it is a great example of existing zoning shortcomings and the new zoning will prevent such projects
- Update Kimley Horn Survey from 2017 - drafting of new survey or surveys to gather information around growth in the community

5. Schedule for future meetings

- Next community meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 5:30 PM - 12 Springs Church
- Next board meetings: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, and Tuesday, December 1, 2018, at 5:30 PM - Cityside Apartments

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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