

Rosemary District Association Board Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2021 • 5:15pm

Present: Ken Antonetti, Jim Lampl, David Lough, Brett Morris, Anand Pallegar, Dawnyelle Singleton, Debbie Trice (President) and Josh Weiner **Absent:** Mike Marshall

Meeting called to order at 5:18pm

- Minutes of July 13 approved
- Treasurer's Report:
 - In response to a question regarding a new member whose dues were waived, Debbie indicated that RDA routinely waives dues for anyone who requests it.
 - Anand will discuss with GCCF about waiving Admin Fees on our account with them
- President's Report
 - Debbie is working with Donna Cubit-Swoyer to catalogue the art in the Rosemary District to add this information on the RDA website with self-guided walking tours.
 - Anand indicated that the art is already cataloged (using information provided by Cubit-Swoyer) and posted on the RADD website.
 - Debbie would like more information on this so the RDA website can link to it.
 - Debbie MOVED that RDA obtain the rosemarydistrictart.org domain name for approx. \$15/year. Seconded by Dawnyelle. Motion Passed.
- Community Meeting on July 21st Debrief
 - Panel Moderator was too much of an expert and went off task
 - In the future a RDA Board Member will moderate
 - Overall the program went well and was well received
 - Audience got restless when a topic ran long; Lesson: 30 minutes maximum
 - Debbie emailed Thank You notes to all the panelists; they appreciated
- Next Community meeting: October 20th date approved
 - This meeting will be held via ZOOM due to Covid spike
 - Topics suggested
 - The Suncoast Villages concept (short powerpoint by Deborah Gauvreau)
 - Homeless situation (Kevin Stiff)
 - The City is working on a strategic plan
 - We will look for a featured topic between now and then
- Park Update
 - Anand reported that the contract between the City and Kimley-Horn has been signed; we're waiting for the P.O.
 - Information for the community will be provided on a website
 - The buildings will likely be demolished around Thanksgiving
 - Once area is sodded and irrigated, a Park Committee Activation Team can start scheduling activities on it; activities will be based on Community Survey input

- Anand will work with K-H to plan a digital strategy in lieu of the August 18 meeting; Target date Sept. 1. The Park Committee will suggest 3 concepts to K-H.
- Delta Variant on Homeless
 - Josh has a meeting scheduled with the Homeless Outreach Team
 - The City response to new Covid closures at Salvation Army and Resurrection House will be discussed
 - RDA is asking the community to report issues immediately not after several weeks; Josh will find out how this reporting is to be done, e.g., when do you call 911, and when do you call the HOT team?
 - Taking photos of problem activity and posting trespassing signs were discussed
- Traffic Noise issue
 - Rosemary District residents facing US-41 requested that RDA support a Downtown-area petition drive for the City to establish a Sound Ordinance Committee.
 - Debbie recommended that RDA focus only on the issue of excessive motor vehicle noise, and avoid any position on amplified music which is not an issue in Rosemary District. After discussion and amendment, the following motion was made by Debbie, Seconded by Jim, and passed.
 - I MOVE that an ad-hoc team of RDA Board members draft a letter to City Manager Marlon Brown, SPD Chief James Rieser and the Sarasota City Commission requesting strict enforcement of Florida Statute 316.293 and other action needed to eliminate excessive noise generated by vehicle engines and sound systems on Rosemary District streets. The draft shall be emailed to Board members for their review no more than 2 weeks after the August Board meeting so that the letter can be sent by August 31.
 - Debbie and Dawnyelle will draft the letter to the City
 - David reported on the DSCA stance on music. Shantel Norman has headed up a roundtable discussion to work out the issues. The City is looking at the current Noise Ordinance. Marlon and David met and discussed a working group to come up with alternatives
- Report from DSCA by David
 - The City is developing a Strategic plan using an outside consultant. David was told that the only neighborhood input welcome was what CCNA is providing. It's not clear how the plan will be used.
- Development update
 - Kimley Horn (which is also designing the Blvd. of the Arts and 10th St. Streetscapes) will have a kick-off meeting shortly. David recommended that RDA have an opportunity to provide input
 - The City Commission will vote on Coconut Ave as a Primary Grid Street on August 17. David recommended that we send the CC an update of our previous letter. Josh agreed to update and send to Debbie and David for final review before sending.

- New Business?
 - David spoke to Resurrection House about a members-only dog park on their land
- Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm
- Next Meeting Tues. Sept 14th at 5:15 pm.

Minutes reported by Dawnyelle Singleton