

## **Minutes of RDA Board Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 14, 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:***

Richard Mones

### ***Agenda:***

1. Administrative items
2. Howard's slide show
3. Committee reports
4. Schedule future meetings and dates
5. Other matters

### ***Proceedings:***

1. Housekeeping and administrative matters
  - Approval of minutes from July 10 meeting - unanimously approved by the board. No other comments.
  - Michael D. reported that the newsletter is going well. People are contributing content to the online calendars as well. Discussion to verify that all applicable City representatives are on our mailing list.
2. Howard's slide show
  - Public Art; Transit; Wayfinding; Parks - Howard displayed photos and ideas from neighborhoods to the board.
    - Two-mile trolley in KC, free to public
    - Dallas, TX - outdoor park and pavilion
    - Artist projects on utility boxes, a great way to add art to the otherwise unattractive structures, discussion on a possible competition
    - Pole banner examples were shown of creative/different options
    - Example of murals in KC

### 3. Committee Reports

- Community Relations (formally External Relations)
  - Next committee meeting, Friday, August 17, 9 AM - 10 AM at 12 Springs Church, to debrief and update on the meeting with City Commission this past Monday
  - Discussion on RDA's position to City Commission and the need for an action plan to be created, ie. the committee needs to establish cohesive actionable items to present to the City Commission. For example: increased police presence in the Rosemary District, "cop on the beat," better lighting.
  - Vice mayor suggested that 3 people speak during the public comment period of the City Commission meeting.
  
- Public Art
  - The BLVD development will be adding an art installation at the corner of Blvd of the Arts and Tamiami Trail.
  - Still very much in need of volunteers for the Performance Day event in January.
  - Event will have 12 venues throughout the district, applying for grant to help with funds.
  - Actively working to confirm locations in the neighborhood for projection art mapping, hope to install in Nov./Dec. 2018
  
- Open Space
  - Progress made with McGowen Towers, initial opposition from the residents as turned to more cooperation. Materials are being put together.
  - Working towards confirming location for pocket parks, the city sets aside funds for new parks every year. Moriah Taliaferro is meeting with parks and rec director soon.
  - Land throughout the neighborhood has been identified to be transformed for green space.
  
- The Bay
  - Sasaki is coming back in September for master plan approval
  - Confident that a good relationship with the Rosemary District has been established.

- Governance
  - Final draft of the bylaws will be presented to the board for approval in September.
  - Board approved bylaws will be presented at the October community meeting.
- Walkability
  - Making progress
  - Setting strict guidelines for wider sidewalks and more planting of trees, curb appeal.
- Website
  - Trying to be better available for communication development within other committees
  - Continued progress on new community website
  - Developing new social media campaigns to roll out in September.
- Zoning
  - Late September meeting with community about new zoning laws is being scheduled.
  - The zoning team cannot solve all the problems, but is confident that things are moving in the positive, right direction
  - Very happy with the final product that is coming!

#### 4. Scheduling

- Next board meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM - Cityside Apartments
- Next community meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM - 12 Springs Church

5. No other matters were addressed at this time

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

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