

Minutes of RDA Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 900 Cocoanut Ave, Sarasota, FL

Attendees Present:

Michael Bush, Howard Davis, Michael Donahue, Jude Levy, Billie Lindsey, David Lough, Pamela Mones, Richard Mones, Julia Sawyer, Moriah Taliaferro, and Samantha Wuerfel

Absent: Andy Bailey

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of January 8, 2019 Board meeting
2. Discussion of Board Elections, Nominations, and RDA Membership
3. Open Space/Parks Update (David and Moriah)
4. RROD Zoning Update (Howard)
5. Public Art Update (Michael B.)
6. Approval of Grant Application to City
7. Fruitville Reconfiguration - Letter of Support
8. CCNA Update
9. Other Business
10. Next Meetings

Proceedings:

1. Approval of meeting minutes
 - Approval of minutes from January, 8 meeting - upon motion made and seconded, unanimously approved by the board
2. Discussion of Board Elections, Nominations, and RDA Membership
 - Nominating Committee Report
 - Members will be emailed the ballot and candidate bios
 - Ballots can either be emailed back to the RDA or delivered to a designated drop off location:
 - Cityside, Jefferson Center, Renaissance, and Alinari
 - All ballots must be submitted by 5 PM on 2/19/19
 - Membership Status
 - Close to 90 members

- Send out a newsletter to inform the community of election and push membership sign up, must be a member to vote
- Next Steps: Voting, February 12-19
 - Results Announced February 20 - All 2019 candidates and current board will meet at Howard's building, 1570 Blvd of the Arts to announce election results

3. Open Space/Parks Update - David and Moriah

- City Commission - 12/3 and 2/4 meetings
 - 5-minute walk objective
 - PREP motions, OSC did not speak
 - Commission action: RD park parcel investigation, now parallel with Master Plan prioritization, direction to city staff to prepare criteria for evaluating park opportunities
- Master Plan Prioritization
 - P&R Commitment to submit evaluation criteria by mid-May
- Other topics: homelessness and social services, budgets, recent developments (SSAS support, Renaissance storage parcel, 1420 5th - John Harshman property)
- Next Steps
 - Info from Tom Barwin and John Lege
 - Jerry Fogle and Rob Schanley
 - PREP Meeting 2/21
 - RDA Board concurrence, keep topic alive, ongoing engagement with P&R and city staff

4. RROD Zoning Update

- Planning Board Meeting: March 6, 6:00 PM
- Non-zoning, prepared by joint working group - Rosemary stakeholders and city staff - to be presented
- Planning board to vote on whether to recommend new zoning to City Commission

5. Public Art Update

- CodaWorx presentation at Jan. 23 Community Meeting was a big hit, great feedback, and encouragement
- Developing a strategic plan for public art in the Rosemary District, working with OSC to add "destination factor," to new park areas with art

- CodaWorx consultation fee - \$5000, RDA approved \$1000 of payment, the remaining \$4000 to be provided through donations:
 - Michael Bush and Howard Davis agree to raise funds

- 6. Approval of Grant Application to City
 - Purpose of Grant: to improve the RDA website and social media efforts
 - 6 neighborhoods applied for City grant
 - Following a motion to approve and seconded, RDA board unanimously supported grant application to the City

- 7. Fruitville Reconfiguration - Letter of Support
 - Howard is writing a letter to the City on behalf of the RDA in support of the Fruitville Reconfiguration

- 8. CCNA Update
 - David Lough will be replacing Pam Mones as the RDA representative within CCNA, Pamela will now be his alternate
 - An announcement should be made to CCNA about the RDA election and new 2019 board of directors
 - CCNA and Selby Gardens project: Selby renovations effect 5 -6 surrounding neighborhoods, CCNA is surveying said neighborhoods to determine if the majority is in support of or against the project
 - After motion made and seconded, the RDA Board of Directors vote to abstain from taking a position on the Selby Botanical Gardens proposal at this time

- 9. Other Business
 - Treasurer report: Michael Bush, \$2,943.00 balance in checking account

- 10. Next Meetings
 - RDA Voting: February 12-19
 - Election Results: February 20
 - RDA Zoning, Planning Board Meeting: March 6, 6:00 PM
 - RDA March Board Meeting: March 12th, 2019 at 900 Coconut Ave

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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