

**RDA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2020**  
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Attendees: Melody Odell, Debbie Trice, Jim Lampl, Tracee Murphy, David Lough, Emmett Gregory, Howard Davis, Moriah Taliaferro.

Absent: Richard Mones.

1. Approval of the June 9 Board Meeting Minutes – Emmett motion. Second Melody. Approved.
2. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report
3. Chill Mobile report -- Tracee reported that about 25 people attended, so there was no cost to RDA. Because of the coronavirus spike, we will delay scheduling the truck's next visit.
4. Secretary Report: Tuesday Night Market is working on obtaining 501c3 designation in order to obtain permitting.
5. Business Alliance Report Jim: Potentially Tuesday Trivia night at Overton. Proposed dog friendly restaurant at the Icehouse.
6. Recommendation regarding Sarasota-in-Motion Transportation Plan - Howard and David –
  - a. MOTION: Board approval of the RDA SIM Comment Letter which is to be sent to the City Commission Meeting prior to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board Authorizes Howard and David to follow up one-on-one with Commissioners and allow Howard to comment at July 20<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting on behalf of the RDA board. Second by David. Jim abstains. Motion Passes.
7. Recommendation regarding City Commission Candidate Forum
  - a. MOTION: I move that RDA hold an online Candidate Forum on Sept. 23 (with Sept. 30 as an alternate date) featuring the two candidates for City Commissioner District 1 and the two runoff candidates for City Commissioner District 2, with a budget not to exceed \$200 for an online platform. Second by Howard. Motion Passes.
8. Recommendation for a strategy to work with the City on a neighborhood Tree Plan - David & Emmett: Howard suggests that there should be a tree plan for the city prior to the EDCM plan. Also suggests that there be a coalition of neighborhoods who advocate for a downtown tree plan. David shares the DSCA would be in support of a coalition. David to connect with the Green Space committee of DSCA to get their suggestions on how best to move forward.
9. Open Space Report David:
  - a. Park Parcel - David suggests that the committee “chills” on the subject until the September board meeting.
10. Board Members were asked to express their goals as "SMART" goals by the time of the August meeting.
11. Willie Shaw to attend for 20 mins during the next board meeting.

12. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 11 at 5:30–7:00 pm via ZOOM