

Minutes of December 10, 2019 Board Meeting

The meeting, which was held at Hotel Indigo, was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Richard Mones.

Board Members Present: Howard Davis, Grace Howl, Jim Lampl, David Lough, Richard Mones, Sue Stewart and Debbie Trice. Absent: Ryan McBride, Moriah Taliaferro. Visitors: none

Board activities since the last meeting:

none

AGENDA ITEMS

President's Report

Richard and Sue reported a productive meeting on December 3 with the Gillespie Park board. We will plan follow-up meetings as we identify areas for collaboration.

Richard reported that RDA was offered a display table at no charge at an upcoming AIA Design Conference. Board consensus was that this audience wouldn't be worthwhile for us.

Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November 12 (as corrected) by acclamation.

Debbie distributed RDA business cards to Board members.

Vice President's Report

Sue reported on the CCNA meeting where "hotel houses" are becoming a problem on Lido. These newly constructed residences, apparently intended for short-term rental for as many as 20 people at a time, are changing the neighborhood dynamic.

Sue will send Holiday Greetings from RDA to the City Commissioners and others suggested by Board members.

Treasurer's Report

Richard reported that our current bank balance is \$3,564.24

Next RDA Board Election

Debbie, representing the Nominating Committee, presented a Nomination Form for approval. This form will be posted online where can be completed. Approved.

Agenda for January 22 Community Meeting

Mark Lyons, Parking Manager, has been invited. Neil Dollar on the 2020 Census and candidates for the Board will also be on the agenda.

Committee Reports: Business Alliance

Jim reported that attendance at the December 5 Rosemary Square event was disappointing.

Jim and David are working together to determine what is needed for RDA at the May Lane Night

Market and similar events. David will take the lead for the January Night Market.

Committee Reports: Communications/Membership

Debbie reported that we've received 9 membership renewals since October. She will send renewal notices soon.

David asked the Board Chairman at Encore to encourage their homeowners to join RDA.

Committee Reports: Community Relations

Sue asked for verification that SPD had increased patrols in Rosemary District; Grace acknowledged that she has seen lots of police cars. Sue will follow up with SPD to get call reports — not just arrest reports.

Sue recommends attending the citizen's Police Academy. Jim recommends the City's Citizen Academy.

Committee Reports: Events / Programs

David reported on the SSA+S Urban Gardening event scheduled on January 18 as an MLK Day of Service. RDA will host a table with refreshments (bottled water plus?) for all volunteers. The RDA Newsletter and Facebook posts will encourage Rosemary District residents to volunteer their time.

Debbie suggested that our bank balance is large enough to seriously look into holding an event. She will set up a meeting with Erika Cain, the event planner that CitySide uses, to learn the financial aspects of using an event planner.

Committee Reports: Open Space

David reported that the City has not yet acquired land for our park. He was assured that trees on the Florida Avenue ROW "will happen."

As a result of the two signature-gathering efforts, 13 traffic counters were installed throughout the neighborhood for a traffic study, and temporary speed tables are planned for Cocanut Avenue. Transportation Planners stress that Blvd of the Arts will be a "Complete Street."

Committee Reports: The Bay

Howard reported that the TIF agreement specifies that the 7th member of the TIF Board be from the TIF district; therefore, that person will most likely be a Rosemary District resident. Because connectivity is so important, Blvd of the Arts and 10th Street will be the focus of TIF expenditures in Rosemary District.

Committee Reports: Zoning

Howard reported that the new Rosemary District zoning has been approved. Now, structure and repositories need to be developed for the Public Art and Parking funds specified in the law. Similarly, the affordable housing requirement needs structure. It is crucial that RDA monitor progress on these efforts.

Re Parking: Howard reported that the City has a plan for parking in Rosemary District, but they've kept its contents under wraps. We hope that Mark Lyons will give us a preview on January 22. Howard will serve on a City Ad-Hoc Parking Committee. Grace and Jim will also be on the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30–7:00 pm at Hotel Indigo.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Trice, Secretary