

## **Minutes of RDA Board Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** CitySide Apartments, 700 Cocoanut Ave, Sarasota, FL

### **Attendees Present:**

Andy Bailey, Howard Davis, Michael Donahue, Bille Lindsay, Richard Mones, Julia Sawyer and Samantha Wuerfel

**Absent:** Michael Bush

### **Agenda:**

1. Thoughts/comments on April 28 Community Meeting
2. Update: 332 Cocoanut Avenue Project - Meeting w/ developer
3. Committee Updates
4. Other Topics
  - Post board member contact info on website
  - Post committee "one pagers" on website
5. Set Time/Date for next board meeting

### **Proceedings:**

1. April 28 Community Meeting
  - Great venue, need to get projectors for presentations, TV's are small
  - Ryan, owner of 12 Springs, is very willing to work with us
  - Discussion of how RDA can compensate/donate resources to 12 Springs
2. 332 Cocoanut Ave Project
  - Developer, Mark Famiglio has been contacted to discuss the possibility of a community meeting, he agreed, along with his team
  - Meeting will take place, Wednesday, May 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 at 12 Springs Church
  - Mr. Famiglio owns multiple properties in the Rosemary District, so this meeting will give the community an opportunity to understand zoning and other future development plans
3. Committee Updates
  - External Relations - Andy Bailey, Billie Lindsay
    - Members: 4
    - First meeting scheduled, conversation started

- Initial objectives: managing homeless population, establishing a better relationship with police
  - Inviting police to next community meeting
- The Bay - Richard Mones
  - Members: 9
  - First meeting not scheduled
  - Create a position/clear statement to the Bay as a neighborhood
  - Sasaki will be in town again May 21-23
- Governance - Howard Davis, Julia Sawyer
  - Members: 2
  - Will be meeting sometime during the week of 5/14
  - Reviewing examples of bylaws, ie. Laurel Park
  - Create mission statement and vision for the board
- Open Space - Richard Mones
  - Members: 12
  - Meeting scheduled: 5/30
- Public Art - Michael Bush
  - Members: 12
  - Meeting 5/9 at Home Resource
  - Create mission, vision and elect chairperson
- Walkability - Michael Donahue, Billie Lindsay
  - Members: 12
  - First meeting, 5/6
  - Reviewed data from sidewalk survey
  - Create digital and print map of neighborhood, including restaurants, businesses, pocket parks, etc.
- Website - Michael Donahue, Samantha Wuerfel
  - Members: 2
  - First meeting, 5/6
  - More than 120 followers on social media, purchased new domains, and committee sign up live on website
  - Initial goals: newsletter outreach, build on current social media presence and create a resource library
  - Long-term: redesign/rebranding website
- Zoning - Howard Davis
  - Members: 6
  - Meeting on 5/10
  - Lots of work being done and progress is being made, additional city staff are coming to the meetings

- Zoning committee plans to have a workshop with the Rosemary community this summer.
4. Other Topics
- Contact information for all board members is available on the website
  - Committees should create a brief description of mission, goals, etc. by the next community meeting in July
  - Regarding committees, the city and county have grants that could apply, Billie Lindsay has experience in writing grant applications
5. Next Board Meeting: To be held at Cityside, June 12 at 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

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