

FINAL- APPROVED

April 3, 2021

CCNA Minutes

Held on-line via Zoom

Neighborhood Attendance

Alta Vista; Larry Silvermintz, Amaryllis Park; Joseph Mack; Mary Butler, Arlington Park; Dan Clermont, Avondale; Dean Anderson; Jodie Vashistha, Bay Island Siesta; Mike Rushforth, Bayou Oaks; Richard Harris, Bay Point Park; Robert Bernstien, Bird Key; Lou Costa, Broadway Promenade; Charlie Nagelschmidt; Bob Pirollo, Cherokee Park; Dan DeLeo, Downtown Sarasota Condo Association; Ted Wilson; Eileen Normile, Gillespie Park; Linda Holland, Glen Oaks Estates; Norm Dumaine, Glen Oaks Ridge; Kathy Kelly Olhrich, Ruta Bukauskas, Golden Gate Point; Judy Mower, Granada; Ron Collins, Harbor Acres; Mike Sullivan; Hudson Bayou; Martha Horton, Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores; David Morriss; Joanne Gonet, Laurel Park; Matthew Arcari, Lido Key; Scott Ashby; Carl Shoffstall, McClellan Park; Dawn Mowery, Park East; Tony Smith, Rosemary District; David Lough; Richard Mones, Sarasota Residents Council; Deborah Sargent, Shoreland Woods; Carol Lackey, Southpoint; Terri Glasser, St Armands; Hugh Fiore, Tahiti Park; Melinda Delpich.

Attending Executive Committee – Lou Costa, Susan Stewart, Eileen Normile, Tony Smith, Charlie Nagelschmidt, Richard Harris, Norm Dumaine, Dan DeLeo, Carl Shoffstall

Guests

City of Sarasota – Marlon Brown, Pat Robinson, Hagen Brody, Liz Alpert, Erik Arroyo, Diane Kennedy, Nancy Kelly, Lucia Panica, Steve Cover, Jerry Fogle. Officer Singley

Additional Guests – Chris Goglia, Jim Shirley, Kafi Benz, Rae Dowling, Rob Grant, Steve Roskamp, Virginia Hoffman

1. Meeting Call to order at 9:00 AM.

2. March minutes are approved

3. Chairman's Comments - Welcome to new CCNA Neighborhood Association: Southpoint Sarasota Neighborhood Association and delegate Terri Glasser,

4. Reports

A. Police - City wide Police report statistics for February 2021 are listed on our website.

B. Treasurer – 2329.80 in our account.

C. Committee Report

1. Norm Dumaine – Parks and Partners program, sponsored by Sarasota Orchestra to bring live music into Parks and Cultural destinations. Met with two operations managers with the Orchestra.

They will start reviewing sites we've offered as possibilities. We will meet again to consider what is needed.

5. **Presentation - CCNA Neighborhood Award to City Manager Marlon Brown by Sue Stewart**

"With gratitude for your leadership, open communication and active problem solving that benefits all of our Sarasota residents and neighborhoods. Your respectful demeanor as a collaborative manager makes our community a better place."

This presentation and the award may be viewed on the CCNA website

6. **Updates and Open Forum with City Manager Marlon Brown**

A. Presentation of newly deployed on-line City Directory with organizational structure and directory of employees, with pictures.

B. Plans are almost completed towards getting the first phase of the Bay Park conservation underway.

C. Question and Answer forum between Marlon Brown and CCNA members is available at our website.

7. **Guest Speakers**

A. **Florida Power and Light - Rae Dowling** - Presentation may be viewed on CCNA website.

B. **Arts and Culture Alliance with Artspace - Jim Shirley** - 4644 North Trail affordable housing for artists proposal update. Presentation may be viewed on CCNA website.

C. **St Armonds - Chris Goglia** - Short term rentals/Hotel houses. Presentation may be viewed on CCNA website.

D. **Mayor Hagen Brody** - Updates/details on projects and direction of the city. Includes Q&A. "City is firing on all cylinders. We are a customer service based organization". Presentation may be viewed on CCNA website.

8. **Old Business**

City Parks Director Jerry Fogle - follow up on request for CCNA support of standardized park hours of 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

A. After discussion, CCNA membership held a roll call vote on the following motion presented by David Morriss of Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores. "Taking a position, making a recommendation to the City Commission in support of the proposal as put forth by Parks and Rec."

Seconded by Carl Shoffstall, that.." CCNA supports the proposed changes to parks open and closing times, as to standardize all parks hours to close from 11:00 PM until 5:00 AM, with the exceptions noted in the proposal.

Roll call vote held by Charlie Nagelschmidt, with the motion passed via two thirds vote.

B. Second motion w role call vote: "CCNA supports the commission granting the city manager the specific authority in coordination with the Parks and Recreation District and the city attorney's office, to promulgate any and all additional park rules necessary as the need may arise, to properly manage and regulate the use of city parks". Motion was not passed.

9. New Business

A. Ron Collins shared information relating to a volunteer advisory board member being intimidated and threatened with subpoena by Sarasota vice-mayor Arroyo. Eileen Normile and David Lough provided substantiating information. After discussion, the following motion was presented to the membership by Ron Collins and seconded by David Lough: "I'd like to make a motion that CCNA membership take a position today, that we support our citizens who serve on the city advisory panels, that we take a position that they should not be subject to threats of subpoena when they express their private concerns and opinions about the operations of the city or the actions of the elected officials."

Via Roll call, motion was voted on and passed by greater than two thirds. Motion to be presented to the city Commission at the Monday April 5th meeting.

B. Chairman Lou noted that we did not have our customary Neighborhood Reports session. He requested that any neighborhoods who wished to give a report, feel free to do so at this time.

11:57 end of meeting.

10. Neighborhood Reports.

Lido Key Residents Association . . . 04/03/21 CCNA Report

Congratulations Marlon Brown . . . well earned . . . definitely see change in culture at City Hall.

Sat Mar 20 . . . monthly membership meeting . . . 100 households on zoom . . . easily 120, possibly 130 members in attendance . . . plus 13 board members.

Extremely interesting and alarming presentation on red tide.

The START organization is a 501 (c) 3 grass roots, non-profit citizens organization launched during the 1995 nearly year-long Red Tide bloom by Longboat Key Mayor, General Jim Patterson. They work to educate the public about how to deal with the harmful effects of Red Tide and to raise funding for scientific research. Go to www.start1.org.

Red tide caused by *karenia brevis* algae normally and naturally found in trace amounts in gulf water. It expands into a red tide bloom when it encounters an inordinately large source of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus).

The Suncoast preferred living conditions that brought us all here in the first place are also the exact conditions that make it easy for us to have a severe red tide problem . . . always egged along and exacerbated by these nutrients.

Our area is right in the middle of the sources of excess nutrients in the Gulf. The Mississippi River Delta empties nutrient-rich water from a huge agricultural and industrial area into the Gulf of Mexico.

Florida's Lake Okeechobee is so polluted with excess nutrients that it regularly feeds them downstream and into the Gulf.

When you add all of the nutrients we generate ourselves, the odds are strong that we will have a red tide problem from time to time.

Our climate, water temperature and all the development, such things as more hard shorelines and fewer mangrove shorelines, all have significant impact on water runoff and other means of disposing of waste.

The presentation went into a number of programs and suggestions, especially personal, household and property actions, like when and where we fertilize or what we put down the drain, that all of us can take to help with the issue . . . progress is being made . . . there are less nutrients in our effluents now . . . once again go to www.start1.org.

Regarding Lido Beach renourishment, 1 groin is completed, 1 more in progress . . . when completed they are totally covered, so you cannot really tell where they are . . . they do extend out into the water . . . interestingly enough, part of the sand on them is sacrificial . . . it will erode away over the years, but doing it is crucial, the 2 groins double the life expectancy of the beach.

Nationally, there have been more studies showing the importance of dunes and how they can be incorporated into sand renourishment and extend of life of the project . . . the city has funded research to understand this and possibly move forward to implement a dunes project.

The idea would be to reinforce the dunes up and down the whole length of Lido Beach . . . there would be appropriate vegetation with a strong root system . . . it's in the very early stages and would be worked out with community and property owner collaboration, to make it a win win for all . . . it might be about 31 feet wide and 2.5 feet high and would be very gradual and conforming to the heights of existing dunes or a hard beach structure or wall at the edge of the beach . . . the walk throughs could be closed during storms, to protect further inland.

More importantly, empirical evidence indicates that sturdier and more resilient dunes can very positively impact the damage from a storm . . . the beach can come back better and quicker after a high-water event . . . amazingly enough, they can increase the beach life cycle to as much as 25 years.

As the Mayor announced, the Lido Pavilion Snack Bar is open and the contract for public bathroom renovations is awaiting signature and a more appropriate and peasant to use bathroom trailer will be available during work.

Our Saturday, April 17 monthly meeting will include a presentation by Selby Gardens and our own Jim Ludwig will give an update regarding the City Commissions response to the efforts to control the existing hotel houses and prohibit any further construction of them.

As Carl noted in the meeting, Chris Goglia from St Armands should be commended on the time and work that he has put into this challenge . . . Carl and Jim have worked closely with

the group as well, and there has been some sense of a break through . . . city staff seems cooperative . . . there's much room for strengthening code enforcement . . . and it's more than an ordinance . . . the zoning code, as is, can be used for prohibiting the use of a single family building in a transient manner . . . there's even a form currently available that can be signed for new construction that requires the structure can only be used as a single family residence . . . in addition, many of these details have been on the books for some time, so it's doubtful that anything the state legislature does regarding superseding the powers of cities will cause a problem . . . Sarasota should be good to go.

Neighborhood Reports -

Bayou Oaks - March Delegate Report
Tutorial Program for Booker Middle School students

The association is working with BMS to organize a Zoom tutorial program for students who've gotten behind during the shutdown.

Sarasota Bay Estuary Grant

We've submitted a grant application to SBEP to stabilize a section of bank along the stormwater canal in North Water Tower Park. If we're approved, honor students from BMS will help us develop and plant trees and grasses a year from now. The idea is to plant native flora that will stabilize the bank and provide shelter and food for the local fauna.

Sarasota County Art Alliance, Artspace, and Affordable Housing

I had a short conversation with Jim Shirley yesterday about the county's desire to put affordable housing on the six acres at 4644 N Trail. At this time, he cannot say much. The Art Alliance/Artspace team had the first formal meeting with the county planners early this week.

A recap of what's happened, the county decided to negotiate with Art Alliance/Artspace first and exclusively till a deal is struck or they withdraw. The county also stipulated that they double the number of units and their offered price and that there be no park space. They have 60 days the strike a deal.

The second choice is Blue Sky/CASL with strong local connections; the third choice is Southport who bid \$2,800,000 neither of whom include park space in their design.

Lido Key Association- February 20 Monthly Membership Meeting . . . 50 households on zoom . . . around 60 or 70 members . . . plus Board Members and City Commissioners and Staff

Alex Davis Shaw – City Engineer - update on Beach renourishment marine mattresses are now being assembled in the staging area by South Lido Park, to be used in building the 2 groins . . . off the key by April 30.

Additional good news . . . the City is contemplating the idea of a dunes project and will have a community meeting soon . . . the idea is to build up the shoreline and vegetation at the edge of the beach . . . to offer more long-term protection for this valuable City asset.

The temporary signs are now up on all roads leading to and from the 41 - Gulfstream roundabout . . . construction starting mid-March, although supposedly traffic will not start to be diverted until May . . . you can Google this and go to the DOT's presentation that graphically illustrates the coming mayem.

Our Pres and Chairman of the Beach Committee both commented on Alex Davis Shaw's impending retirement and thanked and commended her for probably near 20 years of service, especially to the Lido Key Community, for her help and support and staying on top of and marshalling the beach renourishment project through very challenging ups and downs . . . without her leadership, it certainly would not have happened and a valuable city asset would be so much the worse because of it . . . she received a seated zoom round of applause.

The main presentation was City Manager Marlon Brown and Deputy City Manager Pat

Robinson the main things going on, pretty much duplicates of information that has been presented at CCNA

One was a general critiquing and analysis of the effectiveness of current procedures and approaches and possible changes needed including at looking at zoning code strengths and weaknesses . . .

. . . determine how well everything is serving the needs and desires of the residents and fulfilling the direction provided by the City Commission

. . . the zoning code issue is certainly of importance from the point of view of the ‘hotel houses’ or ‘long term vacation rentals’ . . . there are many who view this as a problem that could have been averted or seriously controlled with proper application of zoning code and density requirements . . . which could have happened with more proactive direction from the City and staff

In any event, hotel houses are hopefully going to be discussed at the City Commission meeting in March or no later than April . . . with the city attorney presenting ordinance suggestions based on recommendations from the St Armands and Lido committee working on this . . . we’re all holding our breath this there will finally be action to address this serious problem . . . the total of these houses now getting ready for construction or already in operation was up to 29 several weeks ago . . . of which 21 are on Lido . . . for those of you who have lived in this area for a few years . . . you will soon not be able to recognize this unique beach community if there’s no push back coming

Ben franklin lighting soon.

Pavilion . . . Lido Island Grill . . . opening soon

Bathroom renovation is out for bid – will have nice mobile restrooms during renovation, not portlets . . . it’s quite a statement when mobile bathrooms is a positive . . . the truth is the bathrooms presently are a disgrace and have been for years . . . can’t imagine what visitors think of our community.

One final note . . . for possibly the first time in history with community and neighborhood organizations, Lido Key has more folks interested in being on the board than there are board seats . . . because of the pandemic and zoom meetings it was not possible to organize an election and it was decided to add 2 auxiliary members for the next year . . . they will meet with the board and take on committee assignments . . . they will be strongly welcomed.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

11:10 Meeting adjourned.