

February 4, 2023 CCNA Minutes
Held at Bayfront Community Center
(Approved, March 4th meeting)

Executive Committee – Richard Harris, Joanne Gonet, Eileen Normile, Jim Ludwig, Ronald Kashden, Kathy Kelly Ohlrich, Robert Rothbard, Dan DeLeo, Lou Costa.

Neighborhoods Attending: Amaryllis Park (Mary Butler), Avondale (Mollie Cardamone), Bay Island Siesta (Dwight Wilson), Bayou Oaks (Richard Harris), Bay Point Park (Fredrica Lindsay), Broadway Promenade (Charlie Nagelschmidt), Central Coconut (Arthur Lindemanis), Cherokee Park (Dan DeLeo), DSCA (David Lough), Gillespie Park (Kelly Brown), Glen Oaks Ridge (Kathy Kelly Ohlrich), Golden Gate Point (Kristin Menard), Harbor Acres (Joyce Clouthier), Hudson Bayou (Martha Horton), Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores (Jesscia McVay), Laurel Park (Ron Kashden), Lido Key (Carl Shoffstall), McCellan Park (Dan Frank), Rosemary District (Bob Rothbard), San Remo Estates (Barbara Beard), Sarasota Housing Authority (Deborah Sargent), Shoreland Woods (Carol Lackey), St. Armands (Chris Gogila), Tahiti Park (Melinda Delpech).

City of Sarasota Guests – Liz Alpert, Debbie Trice, Jen Ahearn-Koch, Marlon Brown, Pat Robinson, Steve Cover, Nancy Kelly, Brianna Dobbs, Diane Kennedy, Rebecca Webster, Ryan Chapdelain.

Other Guests – Mark Smith (county commissioner).

1. Meeting Call to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Crime report (Officer Robbins) - Gave latest crime statistics along with trends from prior months. The [detailed crime reports](#) are on the CCNA website. Also discussed SPD cornhole tournament being held at UTC to support officer who recently lost his wife.

3. Presentation by Planning Department (Steve Cover, Ryan Chapdelain, Brianna Dobbs, Rebecca Webster): [Presentation](#) on upcoming Zoning Text Amendments (ZTA) associated with the affordable housing initiative by the city. The discussion began with a review of the need for affordable housing, including statistics of housing burdens on various income levels. Progressed into how increasing density could help alleviate lack of housing. Steve emphasized that the department is first focusing on changes to the downtown districts, with the corridors being address after the Downtown ZTAs are completed. The group highlighted several comments from the city's first town hall meeting on the topic. Another town hall is scheduled for March 1st, when the city expects to present a draft ZTAs for downtown zones. The Planning Department answered questions from various neighborhoods.

4. January 7th minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

5. Announcements (Richard Harris): Next membership meeting Saturday March 4 at 9am. Sarasota Bay Estuary has grants up to \$10,000 with information available on CCNA website. Tentative speaker for March meeting is Nick Patella regarding red tide and Mote Marine's efforts. April 1st's membership meeting will have special speaker Kody Glazer to discuss inclusionary zoning (relates to affordable housing).

5. Treasurers Report – Joanne Gonet: Half way through the process of obtaining dues for the year. Treasurer also reminded the remaining representatives to complete their membership renewal and get their dues (\$60).

6. Committee Reports

A. Meaningful Neighborhood Input to Development – Jim Ludwig: Rather than reading a prepared report, in order to keep meeting on time, Jim stated that a [report](#) has been posted on the CCNA website. Also, Ron Collins resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

B. Bobby Jones – Norman Dumaine: All three parts of the project: golf, water quality, and nature preserve are making process, with details discussed.

C. Traffic Calming – Lou Costa: SPD is scheduling portable speed monitors in various neighborhoods ([schedule](#) on CCNA website). Once monitoring is done then SPD will review the results for next actions. There is difference of perception between the SPD and the neighborhoods as to the extent of the problem. CCNA and SPD has taken a sample of 5 neighborhoods to review in depth. Although the study has not concluded, initial results support the neighborhood's position.

D. Bylaw revisions – (Kathy Kelly Ohlrich, Dan Deleo): Discussed all the proposed changes to the by-laws done over the past year by the committee. [Details](#) are up on the CCNA website. Current revised draft does not include staggering of terms because there was not consensus within the EC.

7. Neighborhood issues for City Administration (Pat Robinson) The neighborhoods raised local issues to Pat Robinson, who noted them for subsequent follow-up.

8. Neighborhood Reports.

Golden Gate Point (submitted report): Golden Gate Point is a small peninsula. The City is permitting intensive development with up to 7 projects all at once. Two are in progress now, two being demolished for imminent development, and three to come before the Planning Board in the near future.

In our Streetscape special taxing district, we have an expensive Streetscape paid exclusively by our residents and it's taking a beating. We have lost custom made hardscape elements and newly upgraded plants and irrigation. We are charged for irrigation water due to breaks to the system caused by developers. We have cracked and damaged curbs. We can't subsidize developers. We've asked the City to take responsibility for construction damage to our Streetscape and not pass that cost on to our residents.

Our street has become an obstacle course with only 2 projects underway. Will it be passible with anywhere from 5 to 7 projects going on at once? What are the fire and safety implications?

On a separate note, we met with the State FDOT, City traffic engineer, and representatives of Sunset (Ritz) condos about the hazardous intersection at Golden

Gate Point, Sunset and Gulfstream Avenue. There have been two pedestrian accidents at Golden Gate Point and Gulfstream at that intersection. We await the FDOT to review that intersection and provide proposals to improve safety.

On a positive note, our City Neighborhood grant allowed us to rent facilities for a meeting with over 100 residents present to learn about new FL laws structural laws regarding condos. We appreciate that neighborhood grant. Our thanks to Nancy Kelly who helped us with the grant application.

11:11 AM, Meeting adjourned.