

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 CCNA Minutes  
Held at Bayfront Community Center  
(Approved at Nov 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)

**Board of Directors** – Richard Harris, Jim Ludwig, Joanne Gonet (via Zoom), Dan DeLeo, Carl Shoffstall, and Ronald Kashden.

**Neighborhoods Attending:** Alta Vista (Ingrid Tanner), Amaryllis Park (Mary Butler), Arlington Park (Rob Grant), Bayou Oaks (Richard Harris), Central Coconut (Laurel Quarberg), Cherokee Park (Dan DeLeo), DSCA (David Lough), Gillespie Park (Linda Jacob), Glen Oaks Estates (Renee Glunva), Glen Oaks Ridge (Jerry Fagan), Harbor Acres (Marilyn Billinek), Hudson Bayou (Barbara May), Laurel Park (Ron Kashden), Lido Key (Carl Shoffstall), Lido Shores (Denis Bischoff), McClellan Park (Dan Frank), Plymouth Harbor (Joyce Fitzpatrick), Rosemary District (Pamela Mones), Sarasota Housing Authority (Deborah Sargent), South Poinsettia Park (Myles Tobin), Tahiti Park (Melinda Delpech), Towles Court (Anna Bryan).

**City of Sarasota Guests** – Debbie Trice, Liz Alpert, Marlon Brown, Jen Ahearn-Koch, Pat Robinson, Officer Danny Robbins, Lucia Panica, Steve Cover, Briana Dobbs, Ryan Chapdelaine, Rebecca Webster, Ted Wilson.

**Other Guests** – Mark Smith (County Commissioner), Scott Ashby.

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

**2. Recognition of guests** (Carl Shoffstall) – introduced the guests in the room.

**3. Crime report** (Officer Robbins) – Gave the crime statistics for August. Overall crime has gone down from last year. Also spoke about the citizens police academy and recommended people participate. Pat Robinson added comments that the city just swore in 18 new officers, emphasizing the effort that city management is trying to put the right number of police officers on the street.

**4. Parks, Recreation, and environmental Protection Board** (Ted Wilson) – Ted reminded the neighborhoods that the board meets every third Thursday at 5:30 in City Commission Chambers. If a neighborhood has a park concern or interest in having something in the parks, then bring it to the board  
(<https://sarasota.granicus.com/boards/w/0875d5db0eee734c/boards/31316>).

**5. Solar Coop** (Joyce Fitzpatrick) – spoke about Plymouth Harbor partnering in the solar co-op (sponsored by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation), which ends December 8th. The more people that join the effort, the cheaper the cost for each individual  
(<https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/florida/>).

**6. Brotherhood of Men Mentoring Group** (Scott Ashby) – Introduced the mentoring group out of North Sarasota and introduced a young man, Fernando Navarro, currently in the program. He wanted to spread the word about the program and invited people to participate.

**7. Sarasota Public** (Ron Kashden) – Presented a new web service for the member neighborhoods designed to replace existing emailing comments to the city as well as a petition website. Neighborhoods are empowered to create/manage their own topics. For more information visit: <https://sarasotapublic.com> . To manage topics for your neighborhood, contact Ron Kashden at [rkashden@gmail.com](mailto:rkashden@gmail.com).

**8. Downtown ZTA for attainable housing** (David Lough): David gave an update of the Commissioner's vote on the downtown ZTA and spoke about the disappointment that mandatory community workshops became optional. The city attorney did mention that the code could be revised at a later date to include mandatory workshops.

**9. Planning department presentation of code change for Restaurant, Bars, and Nightclubs** (Steve Cover, Briana Dobbs, Ryan Chapdelaine, Rebecca Webster) – They reviewed all the changes to the key terms and definitions used to describe these businesses. They also discussed the reasons for the changes. Click [here](#) to the presentation slides (which are on the CCNA website).

**9. Treasurer's report** (Joanne Gonet) –The current balance is \$6,870.40.

**10. Approval of May minutes** (Richard Harris) – motion to approve by Deborah Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Gonet and approved by unanimous consent.

**11. Website update** (Jim Ludwig) – The CCNA website is now being updated almost on a daily basis. City resources are bookmarked on the site. Videos and minutes for all the CCNA meetings are also available. Jim stressed that neighborhood associations should take more advantage of the wealth of information on the site and visit it.

## **12. Committee Reports**

**A. Meaningful neighborhood input** (Jim Ludwig) – The committee is making progress. The neighborhood subcommittee had a handout for the attendees and will be reaching out to each neighborhood to discuss recommended guidelines for effective interactions with the development review process, specifically what to do when you receive a development notice. In addition, the committee is making progress on expanding the use of community workshops within the development review process.

**B. Traffic Calming** (Richard Harris) – Committee is working on education (facilitate and encourage traffic and driver safety programs). Also looking at warrant process to be more neighborhood friendly. Also looking at any remaining funds from the current Penny Tax cycle to be used for road improvements.

**13. Neighborhood issues for City Administration** (Pat Robinson) - The neighborhoods raised local issues for city management to follow-up:

- **Lido Key** (Jessie Hayre — [jessiehayre@gmail.com](mailto:jessiehayre@gmail.com)) - Storm flooding on Ben Franklin drive, particularly at 800 Ben Franklin drive

- **Gillespie Park** (Linda Jacob — [paigetturner1939@yahoo.com](mailto:paigetturner1939@yahoo.com))– need traffic calming on 4th and Orange
- **Arlington Park** (Rob Grant — [rlyndengrant@gmail.com](mailto:rlyndengrant@gmail.com) ) – empty school buses and Dolphin buses cutting through the neighborhood in the morning
- **Bayou Oaks** (Richard Harris — [leader.ccna.sarasota@gmail.com](mailto:leader.ccna.sarasota@gmail.com) ) – problem intersection at Mrytle and Old Bradenton Road

#### 14. Neighborhood Reports -

##### Central Cocoanut

Our neighborhood continues to suffer from the dust that is generated from the crushing of old cement at the US Recycling operation. Our board is currently considering asking the CCNA for help, before we do we want to focus on what aspect of this fight we feel CCNA can be the most supportive in. We know CCNA also has limited volunteer resources, and as such we want to narrow our request to a specific, actionable request. We hope to present this at the November meeting, with respect to the agenda that is already committed to Oct.

With regards to the Vacation Rental Ordinance, and it's extension to the entire city. Our association established. a small task force to consider this. At our Aug 17 meeting we heard pros and cons , a motion was made and adopted unanimously. This is the motion:

The Central Cocoanut Neighborhood Association met on Aug 17, for the regular monthly meeting. The following motion was made by Marisa Dawson, a full vetted member, seconded by Katherine Kelly a Board member & vetted rental property owner in the neighborhood. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Motion:

**With regards to the consideration of extending the Island Vacation Rental Ordinance currently in place for the Barrier Islands to the entire city; we, the Central Cocoanut Neighborhood Association request**

**In addition to the Owner Occupied exemption, that Owner Managed Rentals with the owner residing within the city limits be given an exemption as well.**

**If this expansion of the ordinance exceptions is approved, we would support the ordinance being extended to include the entire City of Sarasota.**

10:54 AM, Meeting adjourned.

