

**February 3, 2024 CCNA Minutes**  
**Held at Bayfront Community Center**  
(Approved at the March 2 meeting)

**Board of Directors** — Richard Harris, Jim Ludwig, Joanne Gonet, Daniel Frank, Carl Shoffstall, Melinda Delpech, Flo Entler, Lou Costa

**Neighborhoods Attending** — Amaryllis Park (Carlus Yancy), Arlington Park (Rob Grant, Flo Entler), Bayou Oaks (Jody Geiger, Claudia Petruny), Bay Point (Elizabeth Rose), Broadway Promenade (Charlie Nagelschmidt), Central Coconut (Marisa Dawson), DSCA (David Lough, Cathy Sellers), Gillespie Park (Kelly Brown, Linda Jacob), Glen Oaks Estates (Norman Dumaine), Glen Oaks Ridge (Jerry Fagan), Harbor Acres (Joyce Clouthier), Hudson Bayou (Eileen Normile), Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores (Kevin Spence, Richard Parlata), Laurel Park (Ron Kashden), Lido Key (Carl Shoffstall), Lido Shores (Denis Bischoff), McClellan Park (Daniel Frank), Park East (Elizabeth Mena), Plymouth Harbor (Joyce Fitzpatrick), San Remo Estates (Barbara Beard), South Poinsettia Park (Myles Tobin, Tom Caffrey), St. Armands (Chris Gogila, Hugh Fiore), Tahiti Park (Melinda Delpech), Towles Court (Suzanne Waxman)

**City/County of Sarasota Guests** — Commissioner Debbie Trice, Nancy Kelly, Vice-Mayor Jen Ahearn-Koch, Mayor Liz Alpert, Pat Robinson, Whitney Kosta, Steve Cover, Officer Matt Grochowski, County Commissioner Mark Smith

**Other Guests** — Pat Hays, Jim Lampl, Peter Blanton, Derin Parks, Barbara Campo, Rhonda Daniels, Chris Daniels, Michael E. Jaspan, Ed Wilson, Scott Ashby, Raeanne Malone, Kathy Kelly Ohlrich, Jacqueline Crouse, Esther Smith

**1. Meeting called to order** at 9:03 AM

**2. Crime Report** (Officer Matt Grochowski, Community Relations Unit) — One murder so far this year, up from zero in 2023. Aggravated assaults 13, down from 26. Larceny from vehicle 10, down from 28 last year.

**3. Special Presentation** on Click 2 Fix (Herminio Rodriguez, IT Director). Click 2 Fix is not immediate; call 941-316-1199 non-emergency phone number for time critical events, 911 for true emergencies. Ask for name and case number if police meet with you. Code Compliance you can call on the phone. If you install the app, make sure to turn on location services in Settings if you want the app to determine the location for you.

**4. Special Presentation** on Crimestoppers (Karen Sellers and Jerry Sellers). Mission is to educate the public on what they do. There are thirteen things you can report

anonymously. They have never had a tipster identified, worldwide. There are 4400 chapters worldwide, with a single chapter in Sarasota County. You can report via phone, app or Web site. (App is called P3 so people can't tell you have Crimestoppers on your phone.) Tip line is 941-366-TIPS. Try to observe and provide information such as make and model of car involved in an incident, descriptions. Terrorism and human trafficking suspicions are forwarded to the Sheriff.

**5. Special Presentation** on Gillespie Park Spreadsheet. Spreadsheet keeps track of volunteer projects in the neighborhood. Partnered with the city, did twelve different grants. This is part of being a neighborhood: getting your hands dirty doing these projects makes you a community.

**6. Approval of January 6, 2024 meeting minutes.** Motion to approve by Dennis Bischoff (Lido Shores), second by Ron Kashden (Laurel Park). Unanimously approved.

**7. Officer Reports.** Web site update (Jim Ludwig): We continue to build and add new things. Crime report is on Web site, second page is graphic of neighborhoods. Membership: Working closely with District 1, 2, 3 reps. Dues are due January 15, with March 15 the last date to still be a member. We need to know who delegates are, so please submit a new membership form. This is very important. There have been changes in boards and changes in delegates. Treasurer's report (Carl Schoffstal).

**8. Discussion: Proposed commercialization of Ken Thompson Park.** There is a proposal to add commercial mini-golf, splash pad, restaurant to existing park. They are presenting at Monday's City Commission meeting. Motion by Charlie Nagelschmidt (Broadway Promenade) to move this issue to the Board for consideration of a resolution to bring back to the Neighborhood Associations, to apply generally to all parks in the City. Second by Jerry Fagan (Glen Oaks Ridge). Passed unanimously.

**9. Neighborhood reports and Issues for City Administration** (Pat Robinson):

- McClellan Park (Daniel Frank): Deep sink holes on Hyde Park by Yamaw. Missing bench in Seminole Linear Park.
- Central Coconut (Marisa Dawson). Neighborhood did a cleanup. Once the Kayak launch is put in, they will qualify for Federal funds to dredge out waterways.
- Lido Shores (Dennis Bischoff): John Ringling Parkway, FPL put in hurricane poles, why didn't they go underground? Pat Robinson: Let's have FPL come back to talk to CCNA before hurricane season.
- Plymouth Harbor (Joyce Fitzpatrick): Traffic abatement activities on John Ringling? Has anything been done that I can report back? In 2026 we will be building a new

seven story structure on our parking lot with four floors of parking and three of residence.

- Towles Court (Susanne Waxman). Parking issue on Adams. Haven't come to agreement with lot owner. New construction of Artist's Court at Adams and Washington. Looking forward to seeing what is approved.
- Glen Oaks Estates (Norman Dumaine). At our Circus entrance, they have now paved our entrance that was disrupted. Wonderful job! We now need some sort of crosswalk so you can get from Calliandra Drive to the nature park. Block party coming up in March. Nancy Kelly has been helping with that.
- DSCA (David Lough): Two more talks coming up in the series on the future of Sarasota. On March 20 at 4:30 PM at Church of the Redeemer, DSCA is hosting semi-annual workshops, to discuss "so what?" with respect to these talks. How does Sarasota stay hip and cool?
- Laurel Park (Ron Kashden): Payne Park town homes, between Oak and Laurel on Washington. Concerns about trees, reached out and gave our feedback, and the arborist took an interest and the plans are much more sensitive now. Laurel Park and Benderson regarding the County Building: We are still discussing, and they haven't moved forward.
- Harbor Acres (Joyce Clutier). We are inundated with construction.
- Hudson Bayou (Eileen Normile). There will be a concert 3-5 PM March 3rd, not sure who is playing. Over by the old Lift Station. 1640 Waldemere Street is being advertised to be built, 7 bedrooms, 8 baths, seven car garage. Advertised as investor property, they mention city code. That's a commercial enterprise, you shouldn't be approved under residential zoning. Making good progress on bringing citizen evidence into code enforcement hearings.
- Gillespie Park (Linda Jacob). We had people out from Zoning to talk to our Association. We are hearing that developers want to divide a duplex in our neighborhood into two residences plus two other dwellings behind it. There is a lot of building in our neighborhood. They are starting at 5 AM and going all day Saturday, and even on holidays. City needs to look to the people who are currently living in the neighborhood. Frontier isn't burying their new cables, leaving them on the sidewalk. Downtown streets need to be restriped. Looking for books for little lending libraries; we also take care of the ones at The Bay.
- Park East (Liz Menahir). Our Web site is [parkeastsrq.com](http://parkeastsrq.com).

- Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores (Kevin Spence). Akoya apartments that are now condos, we were told they were rentals. New College just presented their development plan, mostly in Manatee County on State land. One issue pertinent to our area, is a major building right on the Bay that was previously green space and storm water recirculating. Uplands are upset about that. There was public input and they promised to incorporate that input into their plans. They want to get stuff built by 2025. North of Airport, they are going to put multiple sports things there.
- Arlington Park (Rob Grant): Speeding study is going on, would like to hear results. Can someone from the City do a drive-by of four houses being built in 2400 block of Floyd Street? No dumpster, lots of trash piles. Single family residential homes are under attack. The result comes out in planning and zoning and philosophy. People in the neighborhood are being made to look like the enemy.
- Bayou Oaks (Jody Geiger). March 30th neighborhood social event. We could use a few garbage cans at water tower park. Need more time on pedestrian crossing by Ringling College.
- Lido Key (Carl Shoffstall). Hotel houses: Three being built right next to me. Noise in the morning. They can start at 6 AM and work until 8 or 9, and Saturdays and Sundays. Pat Robinson: Builders shouldn't start construction before 7 AM on weekends. If you report that to the police and don't get a good response, ask for a supervisor. We are also allowed to enforce in the county parks.

**10. Nancy Kelly remarks:** Neighborhood canopy program flyer has wrong email on it. If you are interested, get your email in right away to [neighborhoodcanopyprogram@sarasotafl.gov](mailto:neighborhoodcanopyprogram@sarasotafl.gov).

**11. Vice-Mayor Jen Ahearn-Koch remarks:** There are some important bills proposed at the state level right now. Contact your elected officials who are voting on bills to preempting your city government on things like fees on vacation rentals. The House has a bill to cap the fees at \$150. The Senate bill is more reasonable than house bill. It's important to contact your officials, and very impactful. Contact Jen to get Scott Dudley's contact info. Also ability to manage the millage, and Live Local Act. There is a bill to fast track permitting big residential buildings to three calendar days. This is huge.

**12. Mayor Liz Alpert remarks:** Reiterating that you should contact Jen for info on these bills.

**13. County Commissioner Mark Smith remarks:** I got the Commission to increase the money for historical markers in the County. Doubled to four a year. Get your application in.

**14. Next membership meeting** Saturday, March 2, at 9 AM. Topic is housing and the homeless.

**15. Special Presentation for October Meeting** — we have a commitment from Marty Hilton III, Architecture Sarasota

**16. Meeting Adjourned** at 10:50 AM