

## Minutes

### LPNA General Meeting

November 15, 2016

- **Meeting called to order** by Alice Sundstrom 6:00 p.m.
- **Board members introduction:** Alice introduced Jude Levy (Past-president) Dan Bridinger (Vice President), Betsy Sublette (Treasurer), Kelly Franklin (Recorder), Jim Lingley, Marwan Khammash, Don Baillie, Juliette Reynolds
- **New resident introduction:** Julie Cotton introduced herself. Lives in Homes of Laurel Park. Barb Callahan, will also be moving into Homes of Laurel Park soon. Nicole Harvin now lives on Laurel Street. Bill and Jane Osken, live in Villas of Laurel.
- **February 9, 2016 General Meeting Minutes** circulated and approved by acclamation.
- Guest Speakers from **STOP**, Kate Lowman and Mike Lasche
  - Kate explained STOP's Goals:
    - end administrative approval for large projects in the City
    - prevent spread of administrative approval outside of City
    - require wider tree-lined sidewalks to promote walkability
    - require realistic traffic studies and concurrency studies
  - Kate noted that STOP has endorsements from five other neighborhood associations (Alta Vista, Hudson Bayou, Central Cocanut, Tahiti Park, and Bird Key). Seeking endorsement of Laurel Park.
  - Mike is a walkability / bicycle advocate and gave a powerpoint on differences between current Sarasota downtown situation and code requirements, and inviting, pedestrian and bicyclists-friendly paths. Wants sidewalks that are truly walkable, not just walkable as possible. Current code means build as close to roadway as possible, and whatever is left is the sidewalk. Ritz Carleton has 12' shaded sidewalks, then hit The Vue, and sidewalk dwindles to nothing.
  - At conclusion of presentation Dan Harris moved we adopt the principles. Motion seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Guest Speakers from **Bayfront 20/20**. Michael Klauber, John Thaxton, and Virginia Haley (visit Sarasota County). Six principles guiding vision of any and all redevelopment efforts:
  - *aspiration* (iconic public destination)
  - *cultural heritage* (preserve and strengthen)
  - *bayfront / natural assets* (welcoming, publicly accessible, safe, family friendly)

- *activation* (shaded outdoor and aquatic programming; active and passive use day and evening in all seasons)
- *connectivity* (join Bayfront to downtown and wider region via pedestrian, bicycle, water, and automobile transit)
- *sustainability* (ecological and economic).
- Ginger Mermin moved we endorse the vision statement of Bayfront 20:20. Motion seconded. Voted unanimously for approval.

- **Neighborhood Updates**

- **Treasurer's Report** submitted by Betsy Sublette and presented by Alice Sunstrom. Approved by acclamation.
- **Women's Exchange.** Alice briefed attendees on history of this issue, and steps leading to Women's Exchange's suit against the City. Both the City and the Women's Exchange have file papers with the Court. LPNA was named in the Women's Exchange petition, and hired an attorney in order to join the City's filing. Women's Exchange has asked for oral arguments. Judge has not yet decided when / if to hold oral arguments.

Separately, City Attorney Robert Fournier has submitted to the Planning Board and City Commission suggested zoning code text changes that would allow certain parts of Oak and Laurel not to be designated as "primary" streets, rather "secondary", but there may be other options to allow curb carts without this level of change.

- **Membership Drive.** Ginger Mermin – membership drive; changing from January to January to December to December. Will be sending letters out soon seeking membership renewal and ideally \$25.00 donation. Alice invited attendees to contact her with suggestions for how they would like to see funds spent.
- **Neighborhood Newsletter.** Alice asked if anyone was interested in taking over the editorship of the newsletter (we currently have no editor, therefore no newsletter). No volunteers stepped forward at the meeting, but Alice invited attendees to think on it and contact her if interested.
- **Donations** – Jim Lingley moved that we donate \$100 each for Salvation Army, All Faiths Food Bank, and Resurrection House. Dan Bridinger seconded. Motion carried.

- **Upcoming Events**

- **All Faiths Food Bank** – Dan Bridinger updated the attendees on volunteer efforts he has organized at All Faiths Food Bank an announced next volunteer day Nov. 19 9 a.m. - noon.
- **Holiday Party-** Cheri Weisener and Teal White are organizing. Sunday Dec. 4 5-7 p.m.

- **Adjournment** – 7:38 p.m.