



# **DSCA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING**

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024**

**4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Members Annual Meeting (Condo/Townhouse)**

**4:30 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. Board Organizing Meeting**

**5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. DSCA Town Hall:**

*“Downtown Sarasota: Placemaking for People”*

**6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Members Reception**

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### **MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Introduction of New Member Organizations within past year
- C. Secretary’s Report and Approve Annual Meeting Minutes (Apr. 4, 2023)
- D. Treasurer’s Report
- E. Election of Board Directors
- F. DSCA 2023 Review, 2024 Plans
- G. Any New Business
- H. Members Comments
- I. Adjourn

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### **BOARD ORGANIZING MEETING AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- Welcome New Directors
- Election of Officers
- Any New Business
- Adjourn Board Meeting

## DSCA Town Hall:

### **Downtown Sarasota – Placemaking for People; The Future is Participatory**

- Welcome - [David Lough, President, DSCA](#)
- Placemaking in Urban Planning – [John Pichette & Melanie Como Harris, Halflants + Pichette](#)
- Resident Stakeholders & Downtown Sarasota Master Plan Process - [David Lough & Steve Cover, Director of Planning, City of Sarasota](#)
- Q&A on Opportunities for Participation in Downtown Sarasota Master Plan Process
- Adjourn to Reception

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During the **Architecture Sarasota Speaker Series**, several of the urban planners spoke of the need to involve all affected stakeholders in any urban master planning, and the value of placemaking.

*Use a public process, involving all stakeholders for updating Master Plans – Duany Planning...need for community buy-in – “proceed at the speed of trust” – Silver Placemaking is reimagining the public sector; make it people-centered - Silver*

At the Apr 3, 2024 DSCA Members Meeting Town Hall we will further explore how the Downtown Sarasota resident stakeholders can best prepare to participate in any process for updating the **Downtown Sarasota Master Plan**. Here is some background reading on the topic of placemaking.

#### **What is Placemaking?**

Placemaking is a **participatory process for shaping public space** that harnesses the ideas and assets of the people who use it.

Placemaking is an approach to urban design that prioritizes people over infrastructure. It aims to create public spaces that are more than just utilitarian, but rather places that inspire and promote social interaction and cultural exchange. Placemaking recognizes that public spaces play an essential role in the social and cultural life of communities, and that they are critical to creating a sense of place and identity.

<https://urbandesignlab.in/placemaking-in-urban-design/>

Placemaking inspires people to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart of the community. Strengthening the connection between community and the places they share. Placemaking refers to a collaborative process that shapes our public realm in order to maximize value. This concept goes beyond just promoting better urban design principles, placemaking facilitates creative thinking, capitalizes on community assets, and contributes to **the community’s health, happiness, and well-being**.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/placemaking/>