



DSCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

Broadway Promenade and Zoom

Board Members Present:

David Lough, Jaime Still, Peter Fanning, Roger Barry, Bob Pirollo, & via Zoom: Clark Lauren, Catherine Sellers, Patrick Gannon, Judy Mower

Board Members Absent: Ken Shelin

Meeting called to order by Board President David Lough at 4 pm. Quorum established.

1. **Minutes** of June 1st Board Meeting approved ([Shelin/Still](#)).
2. **Treasurer's Report: C. Lauren:** Seacoast Bank checking account balance: \$8,832.50 in DSCA bank account.
3. **Guest Speaker: Tracie Troxler,** Founder and Executive Director of Sunshine Community Compost. Her organization is a nonprofit that provides Manatee and Sarasota Counties with information and education about food composting and provides composting services. The organization has set up food scraps collection containers in some municipal parks (Whitaker, Gillespie, and others). After treatment, that material becomes excellent soil food instead of wasted in a landfill. Compared to typical fertilizers, the compost helps soil retain water, preventing runoff, and nurtures plants particularly well and naturally. Restaurant owners, food services, and residents can participate – bringing their food scraps to the bins, which are switched out every two weeks. Individuals can register (\$14.50 per month) to collect their compost in a supplied individual bucket and deposit the contents at a nearby park site compost bin. Collectors are given special-purpose buckets to use, with instructions; and can receive some of the resultant enriched soil. Multi-unit buildings and commercial buildings can opt to have a collection bin available on site, and for a small fee (\$65 per month for 25-gallon capacity) Sunshine will pick up and replace the bins on a regular basis. Website link is: <https://www.sunshinecommunitycompost.org/>

There was brief discussion about potential benefit of having one or more such bins at the Bay Park. It was also noted that **clogged kitchen drainpipes** are a frequent problem in some condo units that have garbage disposal systems in their kitchen. Encouraging residents to compost could be a positive way to address that problem.

4. **City Comprehensive Plan Progress Update:** Multiple zoning ordinance changes will be back before the City Commission at its September 19 meeting. The matter of height limits for buildings downtown has been taken out of the current draft, and "mixed use" language has been added. Emphasis in current wording is on "density" – as a substitute, assumedly, for more specific wording on building height. DSCA's position is not to remove current limits on building height downtown, and that clarity is needed on everything else. A community workshop has been promised, to provide information and offer opportunity for input on height restrictions and other matters.
5. **City Update: C. Sellers:** Spoke of the previous Tuesday's Commission meeting as moving forward with playground improvements, discussing the conditions of various alleys, and discussing the green building program. The BID meeting will take place on July 7.

6. **President's Report: D. Lough** presented a New Residential Construction spreadsheet showing 2,063 new downtown residential units built from 2010 to 2020 with another 2,052 planned or under construction by 2027. This is projected to increase the downtown population by more than 7,200. Lough reported that initial contributions to the TIF fund were \$2.9 million, this almost 50% more than originally estimated.

Committee & Liaison Reports:

7. **Arts & Culture – K. Shelin** reported that the committee had met May 18th and discussed a proposal by former board member Alan Freedman called "On Your Own Time." This would be an exhibit of artwork created by the residents of DSCA member condos. The committee has developed a list of questions to be answered to assess the feasibility of this project. Also, the committee will meet with the Sarasota Arts Center for help on this exhibit and to possibly be the site for such a show. The committee will be back to the board with a proposal.
8. **Events – J. Still** referenced the October 20 DSCA event by reporting that the October workshop will focus on various new building inspection targets and administrative requirements that will now face condos and their boards. Language to be used to describe the event's purpose: "Are fines coming to your condo?". She added that the Church of the Redeemer has a great meeting venue that could be used, featuring a great view of the Bay, and they have offered it for a rental fee of \$150.
9. **Green Space – P. Gannon** reported on the following developments: **Jeffrey Vredenburg**, Sustainability Manager for Sarasota, spoke to our members on June 29, 2022 to explain the City of Sarasota's proposed **Green Building Policy**. This new policy will include standards and processes for monitoring utility use, and eventual requirements for unit owners and building managers (with their Condo Board approval) to provide Energy performance data at time of Sale or Time of Lease of any unit.
10. **Transportation – R. Barry**
 - Roundabouts at US41 and Main, and US41 and Ringling, are planned for 2030.
 - Trolley Program and scooter rentals have both been very successful.
11. **Bay Park Conservancy – B. Pirollo**
12. **CCNA – D. Lough**

CCNA hosted a City Commission Candidate Forum on June 11. Another City Commissioner candidate forum will be hosted by CityPAC on July 17, Selby Library, 6 – 7:30 PM.
13. **Associate Members Update: J. Still**
 - Cadence Bank - Donna McComb
 - Socotec – Terry Phelps
 - Cornerstone Life Care – Don Fitts
 - Fifth Third Bank – Jenn Poppen

Meeting Adjourned at 5:18 pm

Next meeting on August 3rd at The Broadway Promenade Condo & via Zoom.