

DSCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Zoom Video: <https://youtu.be/oFk395tmfLo>

Board Members Present:

Patrick Gannon, Clark Lauren, Bob Pirollo, Ken Shelin, David Lough, Catherine Sellers, Alan Freedman, Peter Fanning, Jaime Still, Roger Barry.

Board Members Absent:

Member Representatives Present:

Ted Wilson, Regency House; Bill Diehl, Condo on the Bay; Jim Lampl, Jewel; Janice Hetland, 101 Condominium; Sue Lehrer, Embassy House, Curtis Schantz, Rivo at Ringling; Rosemary Krimbel, Alinari, Elke Lanphar, Bay Plaza, Richard Mones, Renaissance.

Associate Members Present:

Kristin Fourie, CORE Marketing Solutions; Diana Sada, Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh Jardine; Bradley F. Rothenberg, Angius and Terry; Donna McCombe, Cadence Bank; Dominic Castalano, The Pickleball Club at Lakewood Ranch.

Guests Present:

Mary Davis Wallace, Senior Planner, City Public Art Office; Steve Cover, City Planning Director; Kafi Benz, CONA; Maria Haber, Renaissance; Judy Mower, La Bellasara; Tim Witz, Broadway Promenade; Irving Ross, Bay Plaza; Donna Moffitt, Condo on the Bay.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. Quorum established.

- 1. Minutes** of December 1, 2021, accepted (Shelin/Fanning)
- 2. Treasurer Report:** Clark Lauren: Bank balance = \$10,868.90
- 3. New Business:**
 - a. Guest Speaker, **Mary Davis Wallace**, Senior Planner, City Public Art Office, presented the Public Art Master Plan and Survey via slideshow.
 - i. The slide show discussed what was included in the master plan such as:
 - Goals, economic impact, recommendations, budgeting, approach, timeline, fundraising and fundraising goals.
 - ii. Sellers asked what the incentives were for the developers.
 - iii. Freedman complimented the presentation and encouraged illustrations to become reality.
 - iv. Shelin stressed public education is very important and he didn't see a piece regarding public education in the presentation.
 - v. Lampl inquired about the number of art pieces and if Wallace has a favorite piece.
 - b. Still reviewed the 2022 Meeting and Events Calendar.

4. Old Business:

- a. Lawn Bowling Challenge: Wilson
 - I. The event will take place on February 1. There will be an orientation on January 19th and a practice on January 26th. Wilson reminds all that ideally, we need 3 members from each condo to participate per team.
- b. Lough advised the Jenny Roe “Restorative Cities” Workshop & Events will take place on 3/24-3/25.
- c. Still discussed the 2022 Grant Application. This is a potential grant from the City of Sarasota. The event will be the Annual Members Meeting and the guest speaker will be Jenny Roe, author of the book “Restorative Cities”. The event will take place at the Senior Friendship Center. The grant was reviewed, and the board unanimously approved moving forward with the grant as written (Fanning/Freedman).
- d. Gannon presented the 2022 budget, and it was unanimously approved (Gannon/Still).

5. City Update: Sellers

- a. Sellers noted Fresh Fridays were discussed at both the DID and the City Commission meetings. The hours were tailored, and the “Sip and Shop” event was incorporated.
- b. Sellers stated sidewalk cleanliness and the sit and lie ordinance were also discussed at the meeting.
- c. The proposal to sell almost half of Paul Thorpe Park is back on the January 18th CC agenda.
- d. Shelin inquired about the charter review committee meeting on 1/10/22.

6. President’s report: N/A

7. Arts and Cultural Committee: Shelin

- a. Shelin updated the board on the last meeting.
 - I. The committee would like to develop comments the DSCA can give to Mary Davis Wallace at her next meeting.
 - II. Shelin stated the Legacy Trail public art effort was also discussed.

8. Associate Members and Events Committee: Still – N/A

9. Greenspace Committee: Gannon

- a. Gannon noted Paul Thorpe Park will be coming back up in front of the city commission on Jan 18. DSCA Board will continue its support of keeping the park a park.
- b. On January 10th there will be a city commission special meeting where they will be discussing all aspects of Bobby Jones.

10. Homelessness Committee: Fanning

- a. Fanning noted the committee was moving forward with the education program discussed at the last board meeting.
- b. The “point and time” count will begin on Monday, 1/24 at 3 pm and will conclude on 1/25 at 3 pm.

11. Health and Safety Committee

- a. The current Covid numbers will be provided soon.

12. Transportation Committee: Barry

- a. Barry provided roundabout updates:
 - I. The Fruitville roundabout is operating at 50% capacity due to some closures and is causing some backups.
 - II. Barry provided an update on the intersection of Blvd of the Arts and US 41.
 - Currently, pedestrian access to the bay from downtown is at 3 locations: US 41 at Fruitville, the 10th street roundabout and Blvd of the Arts. A redesign is being proposed for pedestrian safety.
 - III. Barry noted that a public survey and a stakeholder meeting is coming up and the Transportation committee will be meeting later this month.
- b. Lough provided an update on the streetscaping on Blvd of the Arts and 10th and noted there is a new streetscape coming on Main Street.
- c. Lough also stated the FY 2023 budget discussion will be kicking off soon.
- d. **EV Charger Subcommittee: Alan Freedman**
 - I. Freedman stated the survey has been prepared and shared the draft with the board.
 - II. Lough noted there was some discussion about having EV charging stations in various public locations.

13. Zoning Code Committee: Drew Clearie

- a. Clearie discussed shooting that occurred downtown on 1/1.
- b. The primary grid street map will be going to the planning board next week.
 - I. Freedman asked for a definition of a primary grid street and Gannon assisted with defining it.

14. Bay Park Conservancy: Pirollo

- a. Pirollo discussed the annual DSCA survey. He asked the board to look at the survey and to please let him know if they have changes or suggestions for this year.

15. CCNA: Wilson

- a. Wilson stated there was a meeting on 12/3 where the group discussed home sharing (as it will be coming before the commission in February). There was also a presentation on Rank my Vote (rank share voting).
- b. Lough mentioned there will be a CCNA meeting this Saturday and that Mayor Arroyo would be the guest speaker.

16. Rosemary District Association: Lough

- a. Lough advised the demolition of the buildings in Rosemary Park was still moving slowly ahead.
- b. Sellers mentioned the farmers market on the third Thursday of the month seemed to be going well.

17. Platinum Member Highlights: Fourie

- a. Angius and Terry – Rothenberg
- b. Cadence Bank - McCombe
- c. CBIZ – via Fourie
- d. CORE Marketing Solutions – Fourie
- e. Forge Engineering – via Fourie
- f. Professional Plumbing – via Fourie
- g. Wrightway Emergency Services – Fourie

18. Gold Member Highlights: Fourie

- a. Simpson Eldredge Hersh Jardine – Sada
- b. The Pickleball Club at Lakewood Ranch - Castalano

19. Additional Comments:

- a. Freedman shared an experience he had with Covid testing at the former dog track where he had a 3-4 hour wait. He stated he then went to the Robert Taylor Center and the wait was only ½ hour.
- b. Wilson briefly discussed the new playground going in at Bayfront Park.

20. Adjourned at 5:33 pm. **Next meeting:** February 2, 2022, 4 pm via Zoom (live TBD).