



## **DSCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Zoom Video: [https://youtu.be/Xt\\_rNL\\_OPcw](https://youtu.be/Xt_rNL_OPcw)

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **Board Members Absent:**

Roger Barry.

### **Member Representatives Present:**

Ted Wilson, Regency House; Bill Diehl, Condo on the Bay; Lori Smyth and Jim Lampl, Jewel; Janice Hetland, 101 Condominium; Sue Lehrer, Embassy House, Elke Lanphar, Bay Plaza, Richard Mones, Renaissance; Janet Stern-Solomon, Sarabande; David Lyons, One Watergate; Dick Rivera, Savoy on Palm.

### **Associate Members Present:**

Kristin Fourie, CORE Marketing Solutions; Diana Sada, Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh Jardine; Jenn Poppen, Fifth Third Bank; Dominic Catalano, The Pickleball Club at Lakewood Ranch; Jeff McDuffie, Lighthouse Property Management; Don Fitts, Cornerstone LifeCare; Laurie Shrader, Angius & Terry LLP; Fred Grady, Alderman Oaks; Donna McCombe, Cadence Bank; Melissa Rodriguez, Brown & Brown of Sarasota; Terry Phelps, Socotech.

### **Guests Present:**

Marlon Brown, City Manager, City of Sarasota, Lucia Panica and Nikesh Patel, City of Sarasota; Liz Alpert, City Commission, City of Sarasota; Kafi Benz, CONA; Lou Costa, CCNA; Kelly Franklin, Preserve Payne Park; Elliott Rose, Coldwell Banker Commercial; Ann Hotaling, Bay's Bluff; Maria Haber, Renaissance; Judy Mower, La Bellasara; Tim Witz, Broadway Promenade; Irving Ross, Bay Plaza; Charlie Nagelschmidt, Broadway Promenade; Fran Lambert, Bay Plaza; Jacqueline Giddens, One Watergate; John Bordeaux, Mark Sarasota.

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

1. **Minutes** of January 5, 2022, accepted (Fanning/Shelin).
2. **Treasurer Report:** Clark Lauren: Bank balance = \$18,532.02.
3. **New Business:**
  - a. Guest Speaker, **Marlon Brown**, City Manager, City of Sarasota.
    - i. Brown gave an update on Bobby Jones and The Van Wezel and noted Bay Park was moving forward.

- ii. Brown said the demolition permits for the Rosemary Pocket Park should be ready in the next week or two. The timeline will be determined by the design and the cost.
  - iii. Brown gave an update on the Blvd of the Arts and 10<sup>th</sup> Street streetscape as well as the roundabout on Gulfstream.
  - iv. Brown discussed the Main Street projects such as Links and 301. 1991 Main is about to be under construction.
  - v. Brown encouraged folks to look at the city website to see the 10 projects the city commission will be prioritizing.
  - vi. Brown discussed where city taxes go; especially the Penny Tax which is up for renewal on the March 8 Sarasota County election ballot.
  - vii. Pirollo asked about the improvement of Hog Creek.
  - viii. Sellers asked Brown about the 2/14 meeting with Mr. Covers and asked Brown what his biggest priorities are.
  - ix. Gannon thanked Brown for everything he and his staff are doing but noted so much of the construction is shutting down the pedestrian paths due to minimal setbacks. He asked Brown if there's anything to be done going forward. Brown committed to work with staff to reduce sidewalk closures and use scaffolding when safe.
  - x. Shelin said a major part of the tax revenue is being generated by downtown. He is hoping Brown will give equal weight to DSCA as CCNA. He is concerned about the parking at the Van Wezel in the future.
  - xi. Freedman asked about the aesthetics of the Van Wezel parking.
  - xii. Lough asked Brown to discuss impact fees and the financial aspects of city projects.
- b. The update to the 2022 Associate Member Benefits Chart was approved (Gannon/Shelin).
  - c. The proxy for the 2022 Members Meeting approved (Gannon/Fanning).
  - d. Fifth Third Bank approved as a new Gold Associate Member (Gannon/Shelin).

#### **4. Old Business:**

- a. Still discussed the 2022 Grant Application, noting it has been submitted and the review took place on 1/28/22. Per Nancy Kelly we will be advised of the results on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **5. City Update: Sellers**

- a. Sellers gave an update on the DID meeting noting the DID may expand.
- b. Sellers discussed the zoning changes that will be on the February 14<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting agenda.
- c. Sellers noted micro transit was discussed at the last DID meeting.

**6. President's report: Lough**

- a. Fanning discussed the charter review meeting.
  - i. Fanning discussed a potential move to an elected mayor position.
  - ii. The charter discussed using gender neutral language.
  - iii. The group recommend commissioner salaries be moved up with an annual cost of living increase.
  - iv. The charter will review language regarding commissioners and mayor removal.
  - v. They recommended a supermajority of the city commission for the sale of any city owned property except for affordable housing.
  - vi. Gannon asks if Schantz's question was answered about the DSCA taking a position on the charter committee.

**7. Arts and Cultural Committee: Shelin**

- a. Shelin advised that Mary Davis Wallace has created a public art master plan with 3 separate meetings to create public input.
- b. The Arts and Cultural Committee has been working hard to present 4 documents to present to Wallace.
- c. A motion was made to allow the Arts and Cultural Committee to present these 4 documents to Mary Davis Wallace on behalf of the DSCA at the public meeting in March (Freedman/Fanning).

**8. Associate Members and Events Committee: Still/Lough**

- a. Lough provided an update to the Jenny Roe Workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. The Lawn Bowling Challenge will be rescheduled due to weather.
  - ii. Still discussed the upcoming green/tech event stating preparations are already underway with her and Fourie.

**9. Greenspace Committee: Gannon - NA**

**10. Homelessness Committee: Fanning - NA**

**11. Health and Safety Committee: Lough**

- a. Lough discussed that Covid numbers are going down in general.

**12. Transportation Committee: Lough**

- a. Lough mentioned US 41 and Blvd of the Arts project was a work in progress and that there was initial feedback.
- b. Lough stated the RDA is putting a group together to provide input as well.
- c. **EV Charger Subcommittee: Freedman**
  - i. Freedman provided an update on the survey.

**13. Zoning Code Committee: OPEN - NA**

**14. Bay Park Conservancy: Pirollo**

- a. Pirollo distributed the latest updates on the Bay to the board via email.

**15. CCNA: Wilson**

- a. Wilson stated the CCNA met on January 8<sup>th</sup> and during that meeting Mayor Arroyo gave his vision for the city.
- b. Other discussions included dog parks, the city discussion on ADA compliance and Paul Thorpe Park.

**16. Rosemary District Association: Lough**

- a. Lough noted a survey was underway for the Blvd of the Arts and 10<sup>th</sup> Street streetscape and that there would be input from residents.

**17. Platinum Member Highlights: Fourie**

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

**18. Gold Member Highlights: Fourie**

- a. Simpson Eldredge Hersh Jardine –Sada

**19. Additional Comments:**

- a. Wilson asked if there was any update on the Symphony.

**20.** Adjourned at 5:40 pm. Next meeting, March 2, 2022, 4 pm possibly via hybrid Bay Plaza and Zoom.