

The year 2015 was a very busy year, but reflects the hard work and contributions of many members, especially those serving on the Board of Directors. Here are some of the highlights through the year.

#### *Education & Outreach:*

- Held a Candidates Forum with DSA for City Commission District 2 February 19
- Held the DSCA Annual Member Meeting and <u>Forum on People Without Homes</u> March 25
  - o Peter Fanning, Moderator
  - o Tom Barwin, City Manager, City of Sarasota
  - o Bernadette DiPino, Chief of Police, Sarasota Police Department
  - Ethan Frizzell, Major, Salvation Army Sarasota
  - Leslie Loveless, Executive Director, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
  - Kevin Cooper, Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
- DSCA officers Gannon and Fanning spoke at 1350 Association Board Meeting April 16
- Several Board Directors participated in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Focus Group – May 22
- Sent notice for the Save Our Sarasota (SOS) Trees meeting June 10
- Sent notice for City of Sarasota News on Trolley for Boat Races on Lido Key June 29
- Sent notice for the Save Our Sarasota (SOS) Trees meeting July 20
- Held the <u>Sarasota Mobility Plan Forum</u> with <u>informative slides</u> and <u>video</u> August 10 <u>http://www.yourobserver.com/article/downtown-condo-residents-talk-traffic-troubles</u>
  - o Karin Murphy, Director, Urban Design Studio
  - o Ryan Chapdelain, Chief Planner, Neighborhood & Development Services
  - o Alex DavisShaw, City Engineer
  - Daniel Ohrenstein, Assistant City Engineer



• The Observer published interview with DSCA President, Patrick Gannon – August 13



- Sent out <u>Summer Newsletter</u> with DSCA Committee updates August 17
- Submitted proposal for City Neighborhood Grant (which was awarded for \$2,000) for Website Communications Project – August 31
- Co-hosted the Electric Vehicle Charging in Multi-Unit Dwellings Workshop with FPL; organized by <u>National Drive Electric Week</u> planning committee September 12
- Sent notice of Salvation Army Quality of Life Open House Invitation October 1
- Hosted presentation by <u>Salvation Army Major Ethan Frizzell</u> on the new <u>Quality of Life</u> <u>Center</u> at DSCA Board meeting– October 7
- Hosted presentation by Mark Kauffman & Joe Hembree on the proposed Lemon
  <u>Avenue Liner Building</u> at DSCA Board meeting– October 7
- Participated in a <u>WSRQ Radio Broadcast giving a preview of the Forum on Optimal Aging</u>
  Nov 14



- Conducted the Forum on Optimal Aging and Life Planning a luncheon seminar at the Hyatt hotel (with 16 sponsor/exhibitors) November 18
  - John McCarthy, Executive Director, SCOPE Moderator, Topic: An Overview of Vital Factors Influencing Our Aging Population
  - **Kathy Black**, Ph. D., Professor, University of South Florida Sarasota Manatee Topic: The Role of Age-Friendly Sarasota in Optimal Aging and Life Planning
  - **Tom Barwin**, Sarasota City Manager Topic: Key City Initiatives that Will Affect Optimal Aging in Sarasota
  - **Greg Hall**, Hall Architects, Principal Topic: The Relationship of Universal Design and Other Services to Optimal Aging in Place
  - **David Sylvester**, Pines of Sarasota (CEO) Topic: Current Trends and Important Issues Concerning Options in Community Living
  - **Ellen Hirsch de Haan**, Atty., Wetherington Hamilton Topic: The Law as it Relates to Aging in Condominiums and Cluster Developments

- Hosted presentation by Sarasota Police Department and USF on Drug Intervention Initiative at DSCA Board meeting– December 2
- Sent Fall Newsletter with results of the Forum on Optimal Aging December 14



- <u>Established DSCA accounts on social media websites (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Google)</u>
  - o <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DowntownSarasotaCondoAssoc/">https://www.facebook.com/DowntownSarasotaCondoAssoc/</a>
  - o <u>https://twitter.com/DtownSrqCondo</u>
  - o <u>downtown.sarasota.condo.assoc@gmail.com</u>
- DSCA Board Directors and Member Representatives were sent notice of monthly Board meetings and Board Meeting Minutes each month
- DSCA Board representatives attended monthly meetings of our liaison organizations:
  - o <u>Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations</u> (CCNA)
  - o <u>Downtown Improvement District</u> (DID)
  - o <u>Downtown Sarasota Alliance</u> (DSA)
  - o <u>Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce</u> City Priority Council
  - o Sarasota Bayfront 20:20
- Conducted analysis of residential property values in the City of Sarasota. Results indicate that DSCA's 29 member condos account for over 70% (2,257) of total condo units (3,217) in downtown Sarasota, and over 75% (\$1.04B) of total taxable property value (\$1.38B) of all downtown condos (based on 2014 tax appraisals).

#### Commentary:

- DSCA President <u>spoke before the City Commission</u> in support of the City Manager Barwin <u>8-Point Plan on Chronic Homelessness</u> – April 20
- DSCA Board adopted the **Resolution to Extend the Community Redevelopment Agency** (CRA) which was submitted to the CCNA May 6
- DSCA President submitted a Board-approved <u>letter to Jones Development Company</u> in support of the potential **HuB Apartments** to promote downtown workforce housing. June 4



• DSCA Board approved resolution: DSCA recommends that the Sarasota City Commission restore **benches at Five Points Park** and pursue security and support arrangements to encourage active use of the park by the community – August 5



 DSCA President submitted a Board-approved <u>letter to Florida Department of</u> <u>Transportation</u> (FDOT) with comments on <u>US41 Separator Project</u> (scheduled Summer 2016) – August 7

