

St. Armands Residents Association Meeting Minutes for Dec. 4, 2007

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 at the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, classroom #2, President Bill Rex being in the chair and Secretary, Jan Haynes present. Board members present were Hytham Bakr, Manuel Chepote, Deb Cusano, Buck Fry, Jim Grace, Marlene Lancaster, Michael Losey, Ed Pinto, Earl Scott and Neighborhood Watch Representative, Jesse Hannan. Board members absent were David Day, Ron Hermann, Ken Pippin and Martin Wilhelm(ex). President Rex brought the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and welcomed Lt. Alfreda Jackson, Sarasota Police Dept. and NPO Coordinator, Michele Mician. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction.

The Treasury report was delivered by Buck Fry and approved. Lt. Jackson shared the Activity Summary Report and gave assurance of continuing the current level of police protection to St. Armands and shared additional measures to be taken to protect the new statues being installed this week. Michele Mician gave the board information on preventing and reporting graffiti. She announced an Open House to review the Comprehensive Plan on Dec. 12, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at Payne Park.

Ed Pinto moved "to request the following statements in Sections 3 and 4 of the proposed text for the Barrier Island Chapter of the Sarasota Comp Plan be reworded as follows:

4.13 "No Increase in Future Land Use Map or Zoning Density: The City shall not approve amendments to the Future Land Use Map (LU-6), Zoning Atlas, or zoning text that increase residential density on the barrier islands as identified on Illustration.

However, as an exception to this action strategy, the City may allow for residential use or increase residential density in the G zoned areas currently used for parking adjacent to the CT zoned districts on St. Armands Key for the purpose of creating residential liner buildings that screen non-residential uses from residential uses or that contribute to the economic vitality of the St. Armands Circle commercial shopping area as determined through a master planning process."

We may well also have a problem with "that contribute to the economic vitality of the St. Armands Circle commercial shopping area" since it seems to prioritize the needs of the CT district over the residential area. We would suggest adding "**so long as such change is not detrimental to the residential area of St. Armands Key.**"

3.10 "Barrier Island Design Guidelines: The City will evaluate the development and use of design guidelines for structures located on the barrier islands". **It is our position that the meaning and applicability of this provision to private homes needs to be clarified**", seconded by Marlene Lancaster and adopted

Jim Grace moved to "allocate up to \$1300.00 from the Mary Huettnner Tree Fund to pay for landscaping to include three Foxtail Palms to be placed at the triangular median at Van Buren and S. Washington", seconded by Ed Pinto and adopted.

Jim Grace reported on changes to the web site, Power Line Project progress and Beautification developments, Deb Cusano on menu and program for the annual dinner and Earl Scott on suggested signage for trucks on the Key.

President Rex scheduled the next meeting date to Jan. 8, 2008 to avoid meeting on the New Year Holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

