

St Armands Residents Association

Minutes

April 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2009 at the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, classroom #2, President Earl Scott being in the Chair and Acting Secretary, Liz Sparr present. Board members present were Ken Pippin (by teleconference), Tom Blake, Dina & Graham Malloch, Jan Haynes, Marlene Lancaster, Ed Pinto, William Rex, Jay Sparr, Jim Grace and past Board member, Carole Krohn. President Scott brought the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and welcomed all.

Minutes for the meetings held on March 3rd and April 7th, 2009 were presented for review and approved.

The Treasury Report was presented by Bill Rex and approved.

It was re-confirmed that the monies remaining in the SOS fund would be for the sole purpose of maintaining the statues. All monies remaining in the CF fund would be used for beautification.

The Fractional Ownership at 320 N. Washington Drive was discussed again with Jim Grace and Ed Pinto bringing up concerns about both the tax implications and the precedent setting aspect of this type of residence in St. Armands. Marlene Lancaster had spoken at great length with Mike Taylor about this and came to the conclusion that no zoning change could make any difference. Earl Scott has suggested that we bring it to the attention of Dick Clapp and whether or not the city has done any research on fractional ownership.

The Membership Directory will now be proceeding to a hard copy version that will be made available to members only. A web-based version of the directory was also suggested and Earl will discuss with Jan the viability of this along with the cost in setting it up. With regard to the printing, Earl, Jim and Bill will get estimates from several printers based on the layout of the original directory that Marlene Lancaster will provide. Tom Blake suggested that we do a final e-mail blast asking for additional members and updates on addresses before going to print.

The St. Armands letterhead is also up for re-printing and Jim Grace will try and locate the original Artwork and colors so we can get an estimate from the printer.

Bill Rex will attend a connectivity meeting with the new Mayor and Commissioners and will discuss both the parking garage and also the parking meters and where the residents stand on these issues. It was brought up for discussion by Jan Haynes that rest rooms should be a part of the garage proposal and had gone so far as to figure out at which location they should be so as not to infringe on the local residents. Jan thinks that the location through the alleyway by Lilly Pulitzer would be a good location. Several other members at the meeting felt that a stand-alone restroom facility should really be in the commercial district. Earl's concern is still the overall size of the lot.

The sidewalk project color discussion was continued with no conclusion. Jim Grace suggested that the city set a policy in place for owners' driveways and sidewalks including a covenant to establish the correct color.

Traffic Calming medians have now been established to have three Palms and water tolerant ground cover. The city is to install water meters and construction is still slated for the end of June.

Jim Grace reported that he had a meeting with Marty Rappaport regarding the power lines, parking and causeway landscaping. The general consensus was for removing the financing of the power lines from the penny tax and looking at securing a \$13 million bond over 20 years that would cover the expense of burying the power lines, building the garage and doing all necessary landscaping.

Carol Krohn reported on the on going problem of mailbox theft. Marlene Lancaster brought up the fact that we are currently listed with the post office as a rural community and maybe steps should be taken to change this status and have in home service.

Jay Sparr reported that we have a confirmed venue for our annual dinner at the Sarasota Yacht Club that will take place the last Thursday in February 2010. Menu and pricing have still to be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Sparr, Acting Secretary