

# **St Armands Residents Association**

## **Minutes**

### **October 6th, 2009**

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, October 6th, 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, Hytham Bakr (by teleconference), Tom Blake, Judy Heath, Jan Lange, William Rex, Jay Sparr and Graeme Mallock (standing for Dina Mallock) President Scott brought the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M. and welcomed all.

Minutes for the meeting held on September 1st 5th, 2009 were not presented but will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Treasury Report was presented by Bill Rex and approved.

Topics discussed were as follows:

1. Nomination Committee – Bill Rex and Jay Sparr will continue to look for new board members. Each current member was asked if they would continue on the board and below is their decisions:  
Earl Scott – will step down as President but will continue as a board member.  
Judy Heath - will continue as a board member.  
Janet Lange - will continue as a board member.  
Graeme Mallock - will continue as a board member in place of his wife Dina.  
Tom Blake - will continue as a board member.  
Bill Rex - will continue as a board member.  
Jay Sparr - will continue as a board member.  
Liz Sparr - will become a board member.  
Ken Pippin - will continue as a board member.  
Hytham Bakr – will not continue as a board member.  
Ed Pinto – no firm answer but it is doubtful that he will continue as a board Member.  
Jim Grace – will not continue as a board member but will help out on occasion.  
David Day – Bill will ask him if he will continue as a member.  
Jan Haynes - Bill will ask her if he will continue as a member.  
Jenny Jett – Bill will ask her if she plans to continue as a board member.  
As an aside to this discussion, Earl/Bill has suggested that the by-laws be reviewed and “cleaned up “.
2. The St. Armands Website - Jan Lange presented what we currently have in terms of statistics that can be pulled off our current site. For the most part these statistics limited insight of who is looking at our site and that in order to get better information we would have to invest in more expensive software. It was generally

decided that we would leave the site the way it currently is. Jan also alerted us to the fact that our domain site is set to expire and so it was agreed that we would renew the name every year at a cost of \$ 34.99. Judy proposed and Graeme seconded the motion.

The member directory is now on line and Earl thought it would also be nice to have the map of the residences on line. He would also like us to think about writing some new articles. Liz Sparr has volunteered to write an article about the upcoming annual dinner that will take place at the new Sarasota Yacht Club.

3. The City Commission Comprehensive plan discussion related to the 40' Exception – the general discussion was that even though it looks to all intents and purposes that the parking garage project is “ dead in the water “ for at least two more years (as nothing has been budgeted for it), it is the attitude of the board that we will continue to meet with the City Commissioners to let them know that we will not accept any structure that is over the original 35' above Fema. The reason for the continued pressure is that it has been written into the comprehensive plan that a structure of 40' can be built. Graeme received an e-mail from David Smith (in charge of the planning department) assuring him that in order for the garage to be built it would have to go through a series of committees including a public workshop and there is no current plans or money to build a garage.
4. MURT Trail – a trail has been proposed that will cut through the park at Bird Key. The 10' trail will also include a park and Kayak launch area. Jim will be attending a meeting this coming week and will advise us at the next meeting.
5. The St. Armands Newsletter – discussed is the fact that we need some articles besides the usual “ safety “ article. It was suggested that we give the members updates on current issues like the proposed garage, traffic calming and the importance of being a member. Earl has volunteered to do an article on membership and Liz has volunteered to write an article about the annual dinner in the new location – the Sarasota Yacht Club. Also discussed, as part of the annual dinner location was that we send out a “Save the date” e-mail blast well in advance of the March 11<sup>th</sup> date. As such Liz will provide the copy for both the e-blast (and if possible provide a picture of the new Club) and the website.
6. Membership Directory – Several old membership books were brought to the meeting including the Lido Book that had a good amount of full color advertisements. In order for the directory to have advertisements it was decided that Bill in conjunction with Jan, Tom and Jay would garner all the information necessary to go out and sell local advertisements for the new directory. Judy said she would check on what the Lido book cost to produce (since she is a member there also). It was also suggested that anyone that buys an advertisement in the directory would also have an ad on the website. Jan has to check though to see if it is possible to “ hyperlink “ to the advertisers website.
7. Annual Dinner – Jay was advised by the Sarasota Yacht Club that the earliest date

that the club could do our dinner is March 11<sup>th</sup>. Jay and Judy have agreed to share the responsibilities of organizing this event.

Reports on Meetings attended:

BID – Earl attended this meeting and made the respective parties aware of the fact that our association would not under any circumstances approve a garage over the agreed upon 35'. Marty Rappaport stated that there was no concept plan for this however, Mary Tucker has provided us with a concept plan! The BID extension is in jeopardy and requires another vote.

LMR – Earl attended this meeting and Lt. Carr gave a presentation about safety and spoke of the “Gypsies” that came through St. Armands and stole a lot of merchandise from the stores! Also there are “Rogue” Tree Trimmers who stop by, Trim Trees and then come back and steal from the owners! General Crime was up 24% in Sarasota but remained non-existent on St. Armands and Lido! The LMR also asked when we would provide more statue pamphlets...we declined due to the cost.

CCNR – Graeme attended and was asked by the Manasota League of Cities if we would provide our support to stopping off shore drilling. It was agreed that Graeme would convey our support at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.30pm.