

St Armands Residents Association

Minutes

April 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, classroom #2, President Earl Scott being in the Chair and Acting Secretary, Jan Haynes present. Board members present were Hytham Bakr (by teleconference), Tom Blake, Dina Malloch, Judy Heath, Marlene Lancaster, Ed Pinto, William Rex, Jay Sparr and past Board member, Carole Krohn. President Scott brought the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and welcomed all.

Minutes for the meeting held on March 3, 2009 were not presented for review and will be brought forth for approval at the May 5th meeting.

The Treasury Report was presented by Bill Rex and approved.

Earl Scott reported on his recent discussions with Tom Litchett and Gretchen Snyder from City Zoning on the proposed use of the new home located at 320 N. Washington Drive and its advertised intended use as an interval ownership property. The Board questions this use in a single family zone. Earl plans to meet with Commissioner Richard Clapp in the near future to determine if St. Armands residents have any recourse in this matter.

The St. Armands Parking Structure sub-committee distributed copies of two documents they prepared at the Board's request that define and express resident concerns regarding the proposed construction of a five story parking structure on the site of the existing parking lot at the corner of N. Adams and Madison Drives. The documents were shared with City Manager Bartolotta and they plan to make the Board's concerns clear to all Commissioners in the near term. The documents will be revised to reflect concern for the likely addition of parking meters in the St. Armands Commercial District. These points of concern will be presented to the residents by email and posted on the web site.

Tom Blake updated the Board on progress being made to improve the poor condition of our sidewalks. Sections of the sidewalks that have become heaved by tree roots, broken, and have an uneven grade are being repaired and replaced by the City. An effort is being made to identify and unify cement coloration to a uniform "John Ringling Coral".

Earl Scott reported that the long awaited Traffic Calming measures should be in place by mid-June if there are no further delays.

Ed Pinto reported on planned filming on the Circle for an upcoming movie titled "Portrait of Yvonne". The film makers plan to use the Allegory statues in one of the scenes to be shot some time in May. Original plans called for copying the "Water" statue, then destroying it. Ed opposed this use due to the possibility of encouraging vandalism. With

respect to that concern, the filming will go on restaged to avoid attacking the mock statue.

Judy Heath reported a weak response to a spring cruise on Marina Jack II as a member event. She suggested possibly scaling back to a less costly Sunset Cruise on Le Barge at a later date depending on interest.

At Jay Sparr's suggestion, the Board is considering moving the annual dinner meeting to late February when more members will be able to attend. The event is likely to be held at the newly constructed Sarasota Yacht Club. Jay has supplied the Board with information on their offerings and the cost would be in the \$40 per person range.

Marlene Lancaster reported on the Coastal Islands Group meeting and the proposed change in zoning regarding impervious surfaces in the coastal islands zone. Structures would now be limited to coverage of no more than 65% of the lot.

Carole Krohn reported that in a conversation with Longboat Key commissioner, that they are seeking an understanding of our Board's position on the proposed Roundabout Project. They stand opposed to the change and would like to present a united front with us in a letter to the City. An informal show of hands among members present indicated agreement to oppose the project in its proposed form and/or without paper assessments evaluating effects on traffic. A survey of residents may be conducted in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Michele Haynes, Acting Secretary

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