

St Armands Residents Association

Minutes

June 2nd, 2009

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 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 Jan Haynes (by teleconference), Tom Blake, Manuel R Chepote, Judy Heath, Jan Lange, Ed Pinto, William Rex, Jay Sparr, past Board member, Carole Krohn and guest John Gborgi. President Scott brought the meeting to order at 4:42 P.M. and welcomed all.

Minutes for the meeting held on May 5th, 2009 were presented for review and approved.

The Treasury Report was presented by Bill Rex and approved.

Ed Pinto presented a report on the costs involved in repairing the damage to Apollo's Leg. The repair should cost between \$3500 and \$3700 total. The funds will come from the SOS fund and it was decided to move forward and make the repair. The concept of statue lighting was also discussed but at this time we do not have the funds in place to both fix and light the statues!

John Gborgi (owner of Hemmingway's restaurant) then spoke about the fact that given the current economic conditions, many of the businesses on the circle were not renewing their leases and he may well be one of them. He feels that the rents are excessively high and that we as property owners should become involved in the business community as the shuttered storefronts may have an impact on the property values on St. Armands. He would like us to approach the business community through a letter writing campaign. No motion was made at this time.

Jan Lange discussed the cost involved of putting the member directory on the St. Armands Website plus additional pdf files on the community page. It will cost \$200 and it was agreed that we proceed with this and only allow members to be able to access this information through a login process.

Earl Scott and Bill Rex provided us with the costs involved in printing a member directory. Earl's source was \$2.00 a copy and Bill's (Minuteman) was \$1.50 a copy. It was decided to proceed with printing the member directory and Bill Rex will provide Jan Lange with the point person at Minuteman, so that she can provide all the information in the correct file format. It was also suggested that we look for advertisers to help offset the cost.

A committee of Earl, Carole and Bill met with commissioners in May providing them with the position of the Residents Association with regard to their proposed garage on N Adams. Overall the commissioners were non-committal with Fred Atkins suggesting that the residents talk to the landowners and Dick Clapp suggesting a 2/3 level garage along the lines of what is currently in place in Asheville, NC.

It was agreed that the St. Armands Resident's Association would continue to meet when necessary to discuss any relevant subjects that impact St. Armands Key.

Work on the traffic calming medians has been postponed until early/mid July due to changes in the engineer's department.

Tom Blake took a tour of the St Armands sidewalks with the city representative in charge of sidewalks to show him the variety of reds currently painted on the paths. The city will not mandate that independent contractors use a certain red. However it should be a stain not a paint that should be used. Ed Pinto suggested buying the powder/liquid stain for the city/residents to access in order to have some continuity.

Earl Scott is suggesting to paint/color the sidewalks of Adams Street as an example so that we can come to a decision at the end of the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Liz Sparr, Acting Secretary