

St. Armands Residents Association Meeting Minutes for Oct. 2, 2007

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at the home of Jan Haynes, 300 Monroe Drive on St. Amands Key, President Bill Rex being in the Chair and Secretary Jan Haynes present. Board members present were Manuel Chepote, Deb Cusano, Buck Fry, Joanna and Jim Grace, Michael Losey, Earl Scott and Neighborhood Watch Representative, Jessie Hannan. Board members absent were Hytham Bakr, Ron Hermann, Marlene Lancaster (ex), Ken Pippin (ex), Martin Wilhelm (ex), and Ed Pinto, who was conducting Board business in China. President Rex welcomed City of Sarasota representatives, Michele Mician, Neighborhood Coordinator, David Daberkoe and Todd Kucharski, Public Works and Longboat Observer reporter, Robin Hartill. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction. Bill Rex announced that the next meeting of the Board is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Lutheran Church.

The Treasury report was delivered by Buck Fry and approved. Michele Mician updated the Board on upcoming events and issues and Jessie Hannan covered 2007 law enforcement reports with comparisons to 2006.

Reports were presented by Michael Losey (Grants) on funds received for the Irrigation Shut-Off Program, Earl Scott (Traffic & Safety) on City approval of the St. Armands Traffic Calming Plan, Bill Rex (LMR) on the proposed new hotel for 1008 Ben Franklin Drive and the City's likely acceptance of the SOS statues gift and maintenance responsibility, Jim Grace (Beautification) on financing options for the Powerline Project and the newly revised St. Armand's Web Site, Ed Pinto (SOS) submitted an update on the progress of the Save Our Statues project and the need for our participation in the Dedication Day Ceremony on Feb. 2, 2008, Deb Cusano (Social) on the Annual Membership Dinner Meeting planned for Jan 24, 2008 and Manuel Chepote (CCNA) on considering the addition of a fountain for Harding Circle and meeting with Marlene Lancaster to plan the Winter Directory for Key residents.

At the invitation of Joanna Grace (Environment & Beautification), Todd Kucharski and David Daberkoe presented and requested input from the Board on a plan for landscaping the median on S. Blvd. of Presidents between Jackson and S. Washington with a "test bed" that might be later duplicated on other City projects. Joanna updated the Board on trees available for the Canopy Project .

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Haynes, Secretary