

Tarpon River Civic Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2019
Recorded and Submitted by Toni Ravelo

Mission: "To Improve the Quality of Life in the Tarpon River Neighborhood"

The meeting was held at the Southside Cultural Arts Center (SSCAC) and was called to order at **7:00pm** by President Allison Foster. Also present was Bruce Cummings (Vice President), Beverly Grant (Board Member), David Rose (Board Member), Mike Stone (Associate Board Member), Jay Shetchman (Board Member), Janet Scrapper (Board Member) and Marita Flam (Associate Board Member).

Additional Special Guest: Tyler Laforme – Urban Planner II Department of Sustainable Development / Case Planner for Kirwin Project – Contact Details: tlaforme@fortlauderdale.gov (954) 828-5633

First order of business:

Primary Focus for our meeting, vacation on 6th. Currently this area is zoned for RS8 (single family homes) – the rest of the properties they own are zoned for clustered communities which are more difficult to construct, planning wise.

1. Questions for Tyler: Bruce – Utilities on this road way do they go to river?
 - a. Tyler doesn't know, in the process of getting that info.
2. Dave: What vacation rights transfer from the city to these property owners?
 - a. Any property owner has the right to apply for a vacation. We take into account what the code states.
3. Tyler suggested writing a formal letter to PNZ to indicate our position, which city has already.
4. What is the future land use? (Jay)
 - a. Low or medium density
5. The section of 6th that belongs to city currently has plants, a no trespass sign, video cameras, how does the city allow that? (Bruce)
 - a. Code needs to be followed up with so that the trees may be removed and public use be encouraged.
 - b. Someone follow up with code, Mike agreed to follow up with the city's code office.
6. Have you been involved where piece of land was privately owned and city had to go on it to work on it, infrastructure wise?
 - a. There would be easement there.
7. What could actually be done at the end of 6th? (Mike)
 - a. That's more of a parks and recreation question and city question. Tyler can look into it.

Action Items at end of discussion:

- Beverly to visit with neighbors in surrounding area to obtain their view on vacation and ask if they access this space.
- Mike to call code and advocate for access to this area.

Does not meet the criteria for a right of way. This would be the most strategic argument for TRCA.

Jay mentioned getting on record through a public meeting of property owners saying that they plan on building single family homes of their properties so should they want to change this zoning, it's on record.

Tyler shared review process document.

President Comments:

- 2 newsletters to be sent out this summer (July & August)
- A copy of the email sent to Ben regarding 6th street was sent to all board members.
- Meeting tomorrow with Mark Williams Urban forester to speak about trees on 9th street. Allison and Jay will meet with him.
- City Budget was presented to commissioners on Tuesday and there is a reduction in staff from traffic and mobility area moving them to MPO. Information on this will be sent to us from Allison, concerns regarding staff help with this reduction were mentioned.
- Met with Ben Sorensen and artist regarding mural with "naked" lady. A request for a plaque explaining artwork has been placed and more coverage has been requested.
- A business group is coming together in Tarpon River with the goal of creating arts district. Potentially making this a music district. More info to come.

2nd Order Business: Mobility Fund Projects

- Yesterday Allison met with Mobility team, look into how to spend remaining funds. We have 19,000 to use.
- Catherine will send Allison the lighting information again as a consideration for funds usage.

Communications Update (Toni)

- Summer Soiree: Set for Sunday Sept. 1st at Tarpon River Brewery, discounted drinks and free bites.
 - Membership Drive
 - Neighborhood Trivia
 - Ice Breaker
 - Group Photo

Greenway Update (Jay)

- There is an idea to place a biking and walking trail along FEC railway through LauderTrail project. Looks like we'll get 5 million to get improvements for biking and walking in Fort Lauderdale.
- Ben Sorensen setup meeting with Brightline and FEC - and a preliminary thumbs up was given to create biking and walking trail along the railway.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00pm

