

Tarpon River Civic Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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 **7:01pm** by President Allison Foster. Also present was Brucie Cummings (Vice President), Beverly Grant (Board Member), Mike Stone (Associate Board Member), Jay Shetchman (Board Member), Steve Buckingham (Board Member), Cynthia Hatfield (Associate Board Member), Marita Flam (Associate Board Member) and Janet Scaper (Board Member).

Special Guest – Ann Wiley: Riverside Park

Accomplishments To Date:

1. Sidewalk on SW 9th Street
2. Sidewalk connection on SW 5th Street/SW 5th Avenue
3. Clean-up of pocket park at SW 6th Street entrance; updated sidewalk
4. Permanent speed sign on SW 9th and rotating speed sign
5. Planned use of savings - to create extended sidewalk on SW 8th/9th; exploring mobility/speed issues on SW 9th

Swale Trees added:

- 805 SW 7th Ave
 - 1 bulnesia
- 809 SW 7th ave
 - 1 Gumbo Limbo
- 810 SW 7th avenue
 - 1 crape myrtle
- 712 SW 9th st
 - 2 crape myrtles
- 820 SW 8th avenue
 - 1 gumbo limbo
 - 2 mimosa trees (or similar)
- 701 SW 8th terrace
 - 1 lignum vitae
 - 1 clump of 3 Christmas palms
 - 1 crape myrtle (white)
 - 3 additional trees

Membership:

Increase in dues paying members to 153 members

Other wins:

- Welcome sign entrance at SW 6th Street (both sides)
- CERT involvement and leadership
- Newsletter & readership

- Hurricane communication
- Recycling committee
- Party in the Park – April
- Attendance at August meeting!

General Updates

- **Vacation on 6th Street P&Z meeting:** Attorney and three people represented Kirwin's, Allison represented TRCA. Our letter was neglected during the hearing. Allison presented letter and brought up park area that would be lost if this vacation is approved. Allison is gathering information on rather this area is considered a pocket park or thorough fare, also safety concerns were brought up. The chair voted 7 to 1 in favor of the vacation. Next step, this will go to commission in December. ACTION NEEDED! Please be prepared to attend this meeting in December.
 - **Jay mentioned** - that not enough people came out to speak about their use of this park/space.
 - **Brucie mentioned** – the use of important utilities in this section, if owners plans to develop on there it will be problematic. Jay included that this was mentioned during meeting, and the owners mentioned that they will not disrupt these utilities.
 - **Steve stated** - many individuals who stated that they didn't want this vacation were present during meeting now saying that they support it.
 - **Beverly stated** – that there were about 4 people on the east side of that street who would rally against this vacation.
 - **Jay stated** – at this point the only case that can be made is if people who live within immediate distance of the area are willing to speak up about their disagreement of this vacation. Make another case at the next hearing.
- **Interlocal Agreement with FTL & Broward MPO** – working with city to ensure all pans out well.
- **Whiddon Property** – no movement, at civic association meeting with Ben Sorenson, Ben mentioned that the city is looking at purchasing half the property for park use. Jay to report back on this.
- **Tarpon River Mobility Plan Phase II** –
 - Happening:
 - Sidewalk on SW 9th Street/SW 8th Ave- waiting on purchase order
 - In progress:
 - Stop sign at SW 8th Street/SW 9th Avenue – working with county
 - High-Emphasis Crosswalk on S Andrews Avenue & SE 7th St- working with county
 - Speed Humps along SW 9th Avenue – waiting on update/communication
 - Speed Humps along SW 8th Terrace – waiting on update/communication
 - Allison to look at other
- **Newsletter Updates**
 - Send over any volunteer opportunities or information that you would like to send to neighbors to Toni.
 - Also any advertising opportunities please send to Toni as well, so we may secure.
- **Memberships**
 - Letter on membership renewal needs to go out this month. Allison and Marie to work together on this.
- **Nominations**
 - Allison looking for outside counsel regarding bylaws.
 - Steve mentioned – our bylaws don't need to be compliant with Florida Statues, we can make them as simple or complex as we would like them to be. Maybe we could simplify.
 - Action – not vote on bylaws as of now, find outside expert to help us with this and look at making our bylaws board.

- Janet moved to make Steve Head of Nominating Committee along with Brucie and Marie as committee members.
- **September Meeting**
 - Present accomplishments
 - And 2020 planning on what other accomplishments TRCA could work on
 - Brucie suggested – a topic of discussion new lighting on streets.
- **Events**
 - **Party in the Park** – budget has been determined. Steve to reserve park on Nov. 9th. Also yard sale day. Beverly to handle food. Strawberry to be hired.
 - **Summer Soiree** change to Fall Soiree in October, Toni to confirm date with Tarpon River Brewery.
 - **December Meeting** – Toni to collect information on ideas for this meeting. Steve to speak to Enrique about additional party furniture we could use at our meeting/ holiday party.
 - **Adopt a Street** – Steve’s got it covered.
 - **Next Board Meeting** – Oct 10th
- **New Business**
 - DRC Meeting – October 8th - River Lofts on 5th. 30 stories, 368 units. Proposed layout and plans presented at meeting.
 - Steve motion that our board president reach out via email to both applicant’s attorney and DRC chair and case planner (Randall) and state that we would like to have a developers and applicants presentation prior to their meeting with DRC. Therefore, we request that the Oct 8th meeting be delayed till they attend our general meeting.
- **Approval of minutes**
 - Toni to send out minutes, please respond and approve them. Voting on this is needed. Going forward minutes will be approved at the beginning of each meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm