

**2019.3.14 TRCA BOD meeting minutes  
South Side School - 7pm**

**Meeting was held at Southside Cultural Arts Center**

**Present were:** Allison Foster (President), Marie McLaughlin (Treasurer), Jack Malloy (Board Member), Steven Buckingham (Board Member), Janet Scaper (Board Member), Beverly Grant (Board Member), Brucie Cummings (Board Member), Jay Schachtman (Board Member)

**The following agenda items and topics were discussed:**

President updates:

- Allison discussed the ongoing projects - specifically the mobility plan. She went through all items outlined in the Mobility Plan and provided a known update and discussion was had on various ongoing items. Allison indicated that there is \$100,000 allocated from the city for projects; majority will go to the upcoming sidewalk project.
- Allison shared that she recently met with Robert Lochrie (local land use attorney) regarding several of the buildings anticipated in Tarpon River. Specifically she focused on sidewalks surrounding these buildings. Robert indicated that sidewalks will be coming into the area from the New River to SW 6th Street on Andrews, from the New River south to SW 6th Street on SW 1st Avenue, and the small portion on SW Flagler back from the water down to SW 5th Street. He shared that these will not be completed until the buildings are completed. Robert also shared general information about impact fees. He suggested Allison reach out to the city and Ben Sorensen to get additional information regarding where the impact fees will go and how they can be directed to Tarpon River projects.
  - Janet, Brucie, Beverly asked for the sidewalks to be done in advance of the buildings; Allison indicated she would follow up; suggestion was made at a minimum some type of marking be done to help with safety.
- Allison mentioned that in new business the board will need to discuss a request for a vacation of 6th street.
- Allison shared at the recent Council of Civic Associations meeting Ella Parker provided an extensive update regarding the anticipated codify of the Fort Lauderdale Mobility Plan. Allison has asked Ella to present this update to the board at the April board meeting and she has agreed. Additionally Allison shared that the Council discussed an upcoming alcohol zoning ordinance.
- Allison shared that she would like to complete a visioning project with the Tarpon River community at an upcoming meeting (possibly August) to create an updated vision for the neighborhood. Brucie suggested using the current master plan for the neighborhood as a starting place. Steve shared that at the first meeting he lead he did a stop/start/continue activity.

**Treasurer report**

- Marie reported that to date there are 83 members.
- Money market has 25850.07; checking account has: 3383.53.
- Marie provided a copy of lapsed members to all board members; everyone was asked to follow up with any friends/neighbors on the list who have not renewed their membership. Further discussed in unfinished business.

**Secretary/Communication report**

- On behalf of Toni Ravelo, Allison shared that she is in the process of completing the newsletter for the month; if anyone has additional items to please let Toni know.

## Unfinished business

- Sidewalk update: Allison provided an update that the sidewalk work on SW 9th Avenue (from Davie to SW 7th Street) will begin later than anticipated as a result of county approval which is taking longer than anticipated. Catherine Prince, mobility project manager, City of Fort Lauderdale, will be present at the March general meeting to provide an update. It is preferred she presents there rather than at Party in the Park.
  - Allison presented to the group the possibility that for this project the city is locked into funding costs from several years ago; as a result the costs for construction/etc. Is significantly cheaper. The city has suggested adding the additional sidewalk to connect SW 5th St/Sw 5th Ave near the 4th Avenue bridge within Tarpon River. The TRCA board agreed that it would be a great addition to include this.
  - Allison shared that some costs may exceed the \$100,000 grant from the City for both projects and asked if the board would be interested in contributing some funds from the TRCA money market for this project.
  - Jay Schachtman motioned that if feasible with the project, that the extension of the sidewalk on 5th Avenue and 5th street be completed. Brucie Cummings seconded the motion; all board members voted in favor and approved.
  - It was discussed that there are also repairs needed at one of the pedestrian entrances to Tarpon River on SW 6th street; Allison agreed that she would check with the city to see if this can be included in the project already being worked on.
  - Jay Schachtman motioned: *if additional funds are needed to complete the additional sidewalk on 5th Avenue and 5th street that additional funds be provided from them money market with the maximum spending being \$5500 for both projects; Brucie Cummings seconded the motion; all board members voted in favor and approved.*

## Membership drive:

- Allison asked everyone contact their friends to pay if they have not yet renewed their membership
- Allison recognized Marie put together the information; members asked for information in alphabetical order; Allison shared she would send it out.
- Bylaws are ongoing and need to be updated.
- March meeting --- Brucie will lead the meeting as Allison will not be present; Jay will help if need
  - Code enforcement will present at the meeting
  - *Jack motioned to have Catherine Prince present at the meeting regarding the sidewalk project; Steve Buckingham seconded the motion; all board members voted in favor and approved.*

## General community update:

- Little Library book are needed for the Little Library in Hardy Park; Beverly Grant mentioned the Little Library near her home is used frequently.
- Positive community update – ideas: Adopt-a- street clean up will be mentioned at the upcoming TRCA General Meeting thanking all the community members in attendance. Steve Buckingham shared that 13 bags of trash were collected with the help of almost 13 volunteers; Jay Schachtman shared that 2 gumbo limbos and 3 crepe myrtle were planted in the community – and possibly more.
- Party in the Park - coming up in April; currently no additional needs

## New business

- **Future meeting agendas items were discussed:**
  - May: Mobility plan update; CERT  
August: visioning
    - Brucie shared concern for the meeting and how many will attend

- Steve shared that the August
  - Janet pointed out that the slate may need to be done in August in order for us to have the slate in on October
  - It was determined that August will be a meeting focusing on visioning.
  - October: Brucie suggested new City Manager presentation – based on the various issues and concerns that are happening in Tarpon River; Steve agreed that it is highly appropriate that we bring him into the meeting; Beverly shared that we can thank him for the mobility work; Allison will reach out.
  - Jay also asked that someone from Broward neuter/release come talk to the TRCA group about how the capture/release program works and what the experience is like;
  - December -- it was identified that this meeting will need to be discussed at a future meeting as a result of reviewing the needs of the bylaws for election of officers.
- **Summer Soiree - Tarpon River Brewery**
    - Allison updated on behalf of Toni that she is in contact with Tarpon River Brewery; all members were excited about the project. More information to come.
  - **On-going issues and projects:**
    - Vacation of 6th Street
      - *Allison called an executive session at 8:33pm to discuss the vacation of 6th street.*
      - Executive session was ended at 8:48pm.
      - Steve Buckingham made the motion: *The TRCA has come aware of a Tarpon River resident who may apply for a vacation of SW6th street at 8<sup>th</sup> avenue and TR and that at this time the TRCA board would not be in favor of that vacation nor would TRCA board be in favor of any street vacation that impacts public access to the waterways.* Seconded by Brucie Cummings; all members approved; Jack Malloy recused himself from the vote. Jack recused himself from the vote.
      - Allison indicated that she will speak to Ben Sorensen regarding the issue.
  - Adopt-a-street/Fort Lauderdale Cares Day - April 27 - no current needs.
  - District IV meeting 3/18 5pm - member attend – Janet Scaper and Brucie Cummings will attend
  - Steve brought up the concerning mural on SW 2nd Ave in Tarpon River and has shared he has brought to the attention of Commissioner Sorensen; Steve indicated that as a private citizen that he will be addressing the issue.

## **Announcements**

St. Patrick's Day parade information- everyone should meet at 11am Carrie B Cruises.

**Adjourned at 8:58pm.**