

Tarpon River Civic Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Feb 6th, 2020
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 **7:07pm** by Bruce Cummings (Vice President). Present was Marie McLaughlin (Treasurer) Beverly Grant (Board Member), Jay Shetchman (Board Member), and Janet Scaper (Board Member).

Welcome & call to order

Thank you for all your work over the past year – and for returning to our team!

Calendar for the year:

We have all dates reserved for the year with Southside Cultural Arts Center.

Party in the Park - Lewis Landing is reserved for both events April 4, November 7 – Also yard sale day will be Nov. 7th

Adopt a Street

Fort Lauderdale Cares Day - April 25

Fort Lauderdale Ready Day - June 27

Fort Lauderdale Make a Difference Day - October 31

Allison has reached out to Hans Baier (regular volunteer with adopt a street) to see if he would lead this moving forward in place of Steve; has not determined yet)

Treasurer Report as Jan 31st

- Checking Account - \$6981.45: two donations from neighbors were received, 1 for \$1k and 1 for \$500
- Money Market Account – same as last report

Discussion:

- What do we want to accomplish by the end of the year as a board and a community (see notes from brainstorm)?
 - Recruit new / more board and associate board members
 - *(the goal of this discussion is to determine what we want to complete - and put together a list - NOT to discuss the “how” of the what we want to accomplish)*

Newsletter:

As a reminder, Toni sends out monthly around the middle of the month. I have started to receive requests from neighbors to include items we have not discussed as a board – not necessarily events but hot topics or positions they have (i.e. petitions). I would ask that we agree as a BOD to only send out communications we have agreed or discussed OR city/county official communications. I believe this allows us to not play favorites or take on topics outside of the scope of our work.

- Allow neighbors to bring topics for newsletter to the board via email to Toni

Website:

- Marie provided Toni with Business identification documents which she will submit to GoDaddy so we may start hosting transfer.

- Toni will provide board with instructions on how to navigate all areas of website.

Updates:

Strategy for communication for issues/positions:

Based on discussions with Commissioner Sorensen, it will be to our advantage to communicate formally (via phone or meeting) with each Commissioner and the Mayor for issues – in addition to position statements. When we are facing said issues - I would like to us to each take a commissioner and contact them to share our TRCA position. Allison can provide talking points for phone calls/meetings. Whiddon will be next up.

- Janet to take on Steve Glassman, Brucie will take on Robert, Toni will take on Heather, Marie will take on Dean

Allison has met with staff at Southside Cultural Arts Center - have gone over all dates and have gone over ideas for “yard sale” for condo owners in Hardy Park - no decision yet; have also shared the idea of Halloween Trunk-or-Treat --- no decision yet

Working with Traffic & Mobility staff on all outstanding issues:

will provide an update early/mid next week.

- Sidewalk on 8th Way/8th Ave/9th Street: waiting on vendor to determine next steps for it to be put in
- Speedbumps on SW 9th Avenue (Q-Alert 538906): The location did not qualify for speed bumps; staffy is looking at other ways to address issues - we have the results and no speeding is found in results - it was for a 24 hour period.
- Stop sign at 9th Ave/8th Street - was submitted to Broward County for review
- Speed Radar sign on SW 9th Avenue: staff is still trying to find this
- Speed bumps on SW 8th Terrace (Q-Alert 538934): The location did not qualify for speed bumps; staffy is looking at other ways to address issues - we have the results and no speeding is found in results - it was for a 24 hour period.
- Sidewalk on 5th Ave/5th street drive through: staff is looking for a way to address this issue of cars driving on sidewalk
- Painting Speed Humps: staff is working on this

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40pm

NOTES:

Neighborhood brainstorming ideas and issues:

Mobility

- Is city taking liability for sidewalks? - We need in writing that city is liable for sidewalks
- Scooters – it's a city not neighborhood issue
- Dog walkers not picking up dog waste- mention at meetings, nextdoor.com, and newsletter.
- Circle at 7th – overgrown and hides incoming traffic - remove cactus and add something with color and doesn't need much water. Take from the roundabouts at Flagler Village – **Jay to take action on this.**
- ~~Sidewalk at Sara Horn Greenway~~ – focus should be in other areas that are more dangerous and require immediate sidewalks like 7th Street and east of 4th Ave.
- Light at 7th & 4th (adjust timing for west bound traffic) – All 7th Street
- Paint “stop” on the road at 9th/9th – not a priority at this time.
- Area speed limit signs – not a priority at this time.
- Paint “stop” sign – not a priority at this time.
- Regular painting of speed bumps so they are seen – YES, look at brighter longer lasting paint, reach out to mobility dept. Glow in the dark would be great.
- How do we keep cars off sidewalk once they are installed? – Code enforcement involvement. Mention at meetings, nextdoor.com and newsletter.
- Address cars cutting through on 5th/5th – put in stones and/or signs

Additional Items

- Plant trees along 9th Ave by River Reach where new sidewalks have been installed to add shade and beauty to our neighborhood.
- Dave Rose Park proposal to city to make it a passive park, size of park is 15,000 square feet. Jay already mentioned this to Enrique from Parks.
- Land in front of Jehovah's Witness Church is also city property and up for grabs for a park.

Events and Programming

- Trunk or treat - Yes
- Beautify Tarpon River Park (north of PNC bank); possible TRCA sign; consider community garden – visit and see what can we do.
- Event at brewery – no more
- Southside School – know about the opportunities – invite SSAC to our events and meetings to announce their programs
- Create a neighborhood wide yard sale in a central location – Yes, RR residents get to organize it.
- Happy hour/brewery events – Quarterly neighborhood happy hour on a day that they would like to bring people in. Toni to organize.
- Adult appropriate programming at SSS in evening – not us, parks department
- Create a financial/business club – not us
- History tour – whoever wants to take this, may take the lead on this.
- Possible game night – bridge/scrabble/etc. – Happy Hour Game night

Communication

- Signs on SW 11th (corner of Davie & Andrews as one of boundaries) – paint bridge to identify on our side and Rio Vista on the other side to identify their side. Need update on bridge repair.

- Improved emails – not everyone received them – add on website, nextdoor.com, mention to contact Toni at meetings.
- Website
- Emails
- nextDoor
- ~~Facebook~~ - no
- Provide program information for SSS - ?
- Police report information in email - no
- LED signage at SSS – not neighborhood responsibility
- Put in Sunday insert into Riverside Times - no
- Welcome signage – at 5th and 5th

Overall TRCA BOD

- Newsletter out to everyone

Additional Items

- Lighting – talk to city about partnering with us to replacing lights
- Before and after photos or neighborhood improvements and keep them on our website so we have a record of this.