

DSCA 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The year 2015 was a very busy year, but reflects the hard work and contributions of many members, especially those serving on the Board of Directors. Here are some of the highlights through the year.

Education & Outreach:

- Held a [Candidates Forum](#) with DSA for City Commission District 2 - February 19
- Held the DSCA Annual Member Meeting and [Forum on People Without Homes](#) – March 25
 - **Peter Fanning**, Moderator
 - **Tom Barwin**, City Manager, City of Sarasota
 - **Bernadette DiPino**, Chief of Police, Sarasota Police Department
 - **Ethan Frizzell**, Major, Salvation Army Sarasota
 - **Leslie Loveless**, Executive Director, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
 - **Kevin Cooper**, Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
- DSCA officers Gannon and Fanning spoke at **1350 Association Board Meeting** – April 16
- Several Board Directors participated in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) **Transportation Focus Group** – May 22
- Sent [notice for the Save Our Sarasota \(SOS\) Trees meeting](#) – June 10
- Sent [notice for City of Sarasota News](#) on **Trolley for Boat Races** on Lido Key – June 29
- Sent [notice for the Save Our Sarasota \(SOS\) Trees meeting](#) – July 20
- Held the [Sarasota Mobility Plan Forum](#) with [informative slides](#) and [video](#) – August 10
<http://www.youobserver.com/article/downtown-condo-residents-talk-traffic-troubles>
 - **Karin Murphy**, Director, Urban Design Studio
 - **Ryan Chapdelain**, Chief Planner, Neighborhood & Development Services
 - **Alex DavisShaw**, City Engineer
 - **Daniel Ohrenstein**, Assistant City Engineer



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- **The Observer** published [interview with DSCA President, Patrick Gannon](#) – August 13



- Sent out [Summer Newsletter](#) with DSCA Committee updates – August 17
- Submitted proposal for **City Neighborhood Grant** (which was awarded for \$2,000) for Website Communications Project – August 31
- Co-hosted the **Electric Vehicle Charging in Multi-Unit Dwellings Workshop** with FPL; organized by [National Drive Electric Week](#) planning committee – September 12
- Sent [notice of Salvation Army - Quality of Life](#) - Open House Invitation - October 1
- Hosted presentation by [Salvation Army Major Ethan Frizzell](#) on the new [Quality of Life Center](#) at DSCA Board meeting– October 7
- Hosted presentation by **Mark Kauffman & Joe Hembree** on the proposed [Lemon Avenue Liner Building](#) at DSCA Board meeting– October 7
- Participated in a [WSRQ Radio Broadcast](#) giving a preview of the Forum on Optimal Aging - Nov 14



- Conducted the [Forum on Optimal Aging and Life Planning](#) – a luncheon seminar at the Hyatt hotel (with 16 sponsor/exhibitors) – November 18
 - **John McCarthy**, Executive Director, SCOPE – Moderator, Topic: An Overview of Vital Factors Influencing Our Aging Population
 - **Kathy Black**, Ph. D., Professor, University of South Florida Sarasota – Manatee – Topic: The Role of Age-Friendly Sarasota in Optimal Aging and Life Planning
 - **Tom Barwin**, Sarasota City Manager - Topic: Key City Initiatives that Will Affect Optimal Aging in Sarasota
 - **Greg Hall**, Hall Architects, Principal - Topic: The Relationship of Universal Design and Other Services to Optimal Aging in Place
 - **David Sylvester**, Pines of Sarasota (CEO) - Topic: Current Trends and Important Issues Concerning Options in Community Living
 - **Ellen Hirsch de Haan**, Atty., Wetherington Hamilton - Topic: The Law as it Relates to Aging in Condominiums and Cluster Developments

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Commentary:

- DSCA President [spoke before the City Commission](#) in support of the **City Manager Barwin 8-Point Plan on Chronic Homelessness** – April 20
- DSCA Board adopted the **Resolution to Extend the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)** which was submitted to the CCNA – May 6
- DSCA President submitted a Board-approved [letter to Jones Development Company](#) in support of the potential **HuB Apartments** to promote downtown workforce housing. June 4



- DSCA Board approved resolution: *DSCA recommends that the Sarasota City Commission restore **benches at Five Points Park** and pursue security and support arrangements to encourage active use of the park by the community* – August 5



- DSCA President submitted a Board-approved [letter to Florida Department of Transportation \(FDOT\)](#) with comments on [US41 Separator Project](#) (scheduled Summer 2016) – August 7

