

DSCA 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Here are some of the highlights for the year 2016.

Education & Outreach:

- DSCA promoted USF Survey on an Evaluation of the City of Sarasota Police Department's Drug Market Intervention program – January 6, 2016
- DSCA promoted notice of public meeting on Fruitville Road Streetscape – March 1
<http://www.sarasotagov.org/Projects/FruitvilleStreetscape.cfm>
- Held the DSCA Annual Member Meeting and **Forum on Economic Future of Sarasota** – March 29
 - **John McCarthy**, Moderator, Executive Director at SCOPE
 - **Gretchen Schneider**, General Manager of Planning, City of Sarasota
 - **Virginia Haley**, President, Visit Sarasota County
 - **Jamie Miller**, Director of Business Competiveness Initiatives, Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
 - **Norman Gollub**, Downtown Economic Development Coordinator, The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
- Hosted presentation by **Jesse Biter** on plans for the Hollywood 20 complex (Main Plaza) at DSCA Board meeting – March 2
- DSCA Board voted to approve new logo and color scheme for DSCA website – March 2



- Hosted presentation by Manuel Cervino and Gary Horn of **Aqua Mizer** on their advanced toilet tank upgrade system (that has been shown to reduce water waste and subsequently reduce water and sewage bills for condo buildings) at DSCA Board meeting – June 1.
- DSCA's new website www.DowntownSarasotaCondoAssoc.com was launched with the added feature of a member login message area; with special thanks to the City of Sarasota Neighborhood Services Grant Program – June 1.

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- Hosted presentation by Mark Lyon, City of Sarasota Parking Director, on planned [parking management program](#) at DSCA Board meeting – June 1. DSCA Vice President, Graham Edwards, is a member of the City’s Parking Advisory Committee.
- Hosted the [Forum on Brain Health](#) – a luncheon seminar at the Hyatt hotel (with 30 sponsor/exhibitors) – July 21, 2016
 - **John McCarthy**, Executive Director, SCOPE – **Moderator**
 - **Dr. Alan Grindal**, Neurologist, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Memory Clinic; Topic: **The Aging Brain – Realities and Opportunities**
 - **Dr. Cheryl Brandi**, ARNP, Nurse Practitioner & Educator, Roskamp Institute; Topic: **Research and Possible Future Brain Health Treatments**
 - Peggy Sealfon, Author, Stonewater Studio; Topic: **Supercharge Your Life with Natural Anti-Aging Strategies to Improve Brain Health**
 - Dr. Jack Wazen, Partner, Silverstein Institute; VP and Director of Research, Ear Research Foundation; Topic: **How Hearing Loss Affects Brain Health**
 - **Nicci Kobritz**, President, Center for Brain Health; and Youthful Aging Home Health; Topic: **Medical Lifestyle Interventions for Brain Health**
 - Kathleen Houseweart, MBA, Geriatrics Specialist; Topic: **Practical Considerations for Brain Health & Successful Aging**
- Hosted presentation by Art Levin on the One Watergate major building renovation project at DSCA Board meeting – August 10
- Hosted presentation by Kelli Pond, FL Dept. of Health, advocating smoke free environment at condo associations at DSCA Board meeting – September 14
- DSCA President, Patrick Gannon, attended the [Florida Neighborhoods Conference](#) in Venice, FL on October 14-15
- Hosted presentation by Larry Murphy, Sarasota City Building Official, regarding City Construction Staging Permits at DSCA Board meeting – November 2
- Hosted presentation by Kate Lowman and Eileen Normile, founding members of STOP!, regarding their organizations position on the Transportation Chapter of the City Comprehensive Plan at DSCA Board meeting – November 2
- Hosted presentation by Jerry Fogel and Candy Pedersen with update on City Parks & Recreation at DSCA Board meeting– December 7.
- DSCA Board Directors and Member Representatives were sent notice of monthly Board meetings and Board Meeting Minutes each month
- DSCA Board accepted the following new Regular Condo Members
 - Le Chateau
 - Rosemary Park

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- DSCA Board accepted the following new **Associate Members**:
 - Accutech Restoration & Remodeling Inc.
 - AFC Doctors Express
 - Animal Medical Clinic at Rosemary
 - Atlas Insurance
 - BB&T Association Services
 - BB&T Insurance Services
 - Comfort Keepers
 - Plymouth Harbor
 - Shumaker Loop & Kendrick
- DSCA Board representatives attended monthly meetings of our liaison organizations:
 - [Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations](#) (CCNA)
 - [Downtown Improvement District](#) (DID)
 - [Downtown Sarasota Alliance](#) (DSA)
 - [Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce](#) – City Priority Council
 - [Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders](#)
 - [Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization](#) – (SBPO)

Commentary & Advocacy:

- DSCA Board voted unanimously to support concept of future Mobility Plan with Downtown Connector shuttle – January 6, 2016



- DSCA welcomed the return of benches to Five Points Park – Jan. 6



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- DSCA President requested SPD to consider actions to educate motorists and enforce laws prohibiting motorists from blocking intersections in downtown Sarasota – Jan. 9
- DSCA Board voted to support the City placing a Doggie Pot on public land at Gulfstream and Coconut – Feb. 3
- DSCA representatives attended the Sarasota First Responder Appreciation ceremony – Feb. 12
<https://www.facebook.com/SarasotaPoliceDepartment/videos/vb.127826510590168/1060268467345963/?type=2&theater>
- DSCA organized an Ad-hoc Committee, Chaired by Michael Normile, to investigate reported water problems that appear to be causing increased repair to condo building pipes, valves and other equipment – Apr. 6. DSCA subsequently hosted City Utilities General Manager, Gerald Boyce, to report on City’s water treatment practices – May 4.
- DSCA Board voted to support the Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) program proposed by Judge Erika Quartermaine – May 4. Peter Fanning subsequently spoke before the City Commission in support of the City funding their portion of the CTC program – May 16.
http://sarasota.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=8598
- DSCA Board voted to adopt an updated [DSCA Boundary Map](#) – October 5.
- DSCA Board voted to make a policy statement regarding City of Sarasota Traffic and Mobility Plan prior to November 7th City Commission Meeting – October 5.
- DSCA Board voted to approve language for the DSCA statement on the City Multimodal Transportation Chapter Amendment – November 2.