



DSCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Mark Sarasota, 1400 State Street

Meeting Video: https://youtu.be/I_MAbOWLpjU

Board Members Present in Person:

David Lough, Patrick Gannon, Peter Fanning, Alan Freedman, Clark Lauren, Roger Barry

Board Members Present by Zoom:

Catherine Sellers

Board Members Absent:

Ken Shelin, Jaime Still, Bob Pirolo

Member Representatives Present (in-person or by Zoom):

Janice Hetland, 101 Condominium; Rosemary Krimbel, Alinari; Elke Lanphar, Bay Plaza; Mark Grant, BLVD Sarasota; Bill Diehl, Condo on the Bay; Al Dombrowski & Shirl Gauthier, David Lyons, One Watergate; Ted Wilson, Regency House; Richard Mones, Renaissance; Curt Schantz, Rivo at Ringling; Ed Bustamante, Sansara; Janet Stern-Solomon, Sarabande; Steven Roskamp, Sarasota Bay Club; Deborah Hutchinson, St. Regis

Associate Members Present (in-person or by Zoom):

Fred Grady, Alderman Oaks; Kristin Fourie, CORE Marketing Solutions; Chad Leathers, CRS Commercial Roofing Specialists; Jake Howse, Maureen Connolly & Ryan Howard, FirstService Residential; Michael York, Forge Engineering; Douglas Christy, Law Office of Douglas G. Christy; Patricia Staebler, Staebler Appraisal & Consulting; James E. Toale, Tannenbaum SCRO

Guests Present:

Lucia Panica, Director, Development Services, City of Sarasota; Kevin McAndrew, General Manager, Development Services, City of Sarasota; Kafi Benz, CONA; Susan Lehrer & Dennis Moran, Embassy House; Mike Giesler, Mark Sarasota; Barbara Campo, Tessera; Derek Gilliam, Sarasota Herald Tribune

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. (Lough) and quorum established.
2. **Secretary's Report** (Still)
 - Minutes of June 2, 2021 meeting accepted (Freedman/Lauren)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** (Lauren)
 - Current bank balance of \$10,229.07. Since the June report, an expenditure of \$3,264 was made to Wild Apricot for 2-year contract renewal, thus saving over a monthly schedule and scheduled rate increase.
4. **New Business:**
 - Guest speaker Lucia Panica, the Director of Development Services for the City of Sarasota, introduced Kevin McAndrew, the newly-hired General Manager of Development Services. Ms. Panica gave a slide presentation of the Development Services organization with an explanation of the role of all its departments. She emphasized that the Department will be very responsive to inquiries or concerns, and that if anyone had difficulty reaching the right person she would be

glad to help. She further described the Department's "Click 2 Fix" program scheduled for release in the coming month and the Department's "One Stop Program" targeted for May, 2023.

- Motion to approve new Gold Associate Members (Gannon/Lauren) unanimously approved. The members are CRS Commercial Roofing Specialists LLC, Down to Earth Landscape and Irrigation and Blue Stream Fiber.

5. Old Business:

- **Status of Condo Survey:** Patrick Gannon reported that the survey had an 80 percent response rate (32 out of 40). A discussion ensued regarding the confidentiality of the data, and consensus was reached that survey participants would have access to the full data for their use and that only summary data would be available to non-participants.
- **Status of Support for Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition Request:** David Lough reported that he and Ken Shelin had planned to speak at the July 6, 2021 City Commission meeting in support of Vickie Oldham and the Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition request for the city to approve a lease agreement for a new center. Consistent with the action taken at the June 2 board David will state the DSCA board unanimously passed a Motion to support the concept of the lease agreement proposed, including that 5 years be allowed to raise the funds for a new center. The City Commission meeting was canceled as a result of Tropical Storm Elsa and the item will be rescheduled.

6. City Update

- **Sarasota Orchestra** (Barry). Roger Barry reported that at a meeting three weeks ago, 19 members of the Ad Hoc Friends of the Orchestra met with the orchestra CEO Joseph McKenna and the chair of its Planning Committee. Mr. McKenna said that the orchestra would leave the downtown area unless three conditions were met. Those conditions are (1) that the City Commission approves a seven-acre site at Payne Park, (2) that the Commission vote be unanimous and (3) that the orchestra be assured there would be no lawsuits arising from that decision.
- **FY22 City Budget:** (Lough). David Lough reported that the City Commission is holding a budget workshop next week, at which no public input is permitted. Funding will be considered for three four topics of particular interest to DSCA: Improvements at Boulevard of the Arts, 10th Street and Main Street. The funding source for the Rosemary District Park has not be identified. David will be meeting with Commission members to further our position.

7. Committee Reports:

- **Association & Events Committee** (Fourie).
 - Kristin Fourie reported that the June 16th webinar "Board Members Authority: Emergency Powers" was attended by approximately 40 people, and was very well received with great feedback. Participants requested further information on the topic.
 - An Associate Member meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the CBIZ Insurance office at 1605 Main Street, Suite 1010, Sarasota.
 - October 13th has been selected for the In-Person Platinum Associate Member event. The topic is still under discussion, with the original idea of "Ask the Attorney" perhaps being replaced with a panel discussion of the Surfside building collapse and how Sarasota buildings can seek to avoid a similar tragedy. A number of professional services were proposed to be included, including a state representative, an engineer, a lawyer a building

manager and others. The location, time and cost of the event will be determined when the topic is finalized.

- Associate Members were reminded to post their events on the DSCA website.
 - **Greenspace Committee** (Gannon). No report.
 - **Homeless Committee** (Fanning). No report.
 - **Health and Safety Committee** (Gannon). Patrick Gannon referred the Board to a proposed DSCA prepared public statement on the Surfside building collapse that was distributed in the Board package. The statement includes information about downtown condo spending for maintenance and capital improvements, as well as reporting that DSCA will sponsor a meeting on the topic. The statement will be released in the next few days.
 - **Transportation Committee** (Barry). Roger Barry gave an update on the Gulfstream roundabout, focusing on the temporary traffic re-routing to accommodate construction.
 - **EV Charging Subcommittee** (Freedman). No report.
 - **Zone Code Committee**
 - A motion was made and seconded (Gannon/Freedman) and unanimously adopted) as follows:
“Moved that the Downtown Sarasota Condominium Association Board of Directors supports participating in a discussion among associations and organizations concerning the management of ambient sound throughout the city of Sarasota.”
 - **Bay Park Conservancy** (Pirollo). No report.
 - **CCNA** (Ted Wilson). Ted Wilson reported that the survey of neighborhood associations seems to be on a fast track (though it was not discussed at the June 5 CCNA meeting), despite the fact that it is intended by the City to be to assist in long-term strategic planning. David Lough said that he would seek consensus from DSCA board members in order to respond to the survey questions.
 - **Rosemary District Association** (Lough). No report.
- 8. Platinum and Gold Associate News Highlights** (Kristin Fourie).
- CORE Marketing Solutions – Kristin Fourie
 - First Service Residential – Jake Howse
 - Forge Engineering – Michael York
 - Staebler Appraisal and Consulting – Patricia Staebler
 - Tannenbaum SCRO, P.L. – Jim Toale
- 9. Comments from Member Representatives** - None
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.** Next DSCA Board Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Mark Sarasota.