



Community News Update

June 2022



Presidents Message

The Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) of Sarasota hosted a well-attended "Candidates Forum" event on Saturday June 11. Five of the six candidates running for the 2 At-Large City Commission seats participated in this moderated, question format discussion.

Candidates participating included: Jen Ahearn-Koch (a current commissioner running for re-election), Dan Lobeck, Sheldon Rich, Carl Shoffstall and Debbie Trice, with Dan DeLeo moderating. Candidate Terrill Salem did not participate. Images of all candidates and links to their campaign web pages follow.

The candidates will compete in a Primary Election on August 23rd, with three of the six candidates moving forward to vie for two available At-Large city commission seats in the General Election on November 8.



Left to right: Sheldon Rich, Dan Lobeck, Jen Ahearn-Koch, Debbie Trice and Carl Shoffstall

What you need to know:

1. The informative, unedited, approximately 1 ½ hour long, video of the Forum Event can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7U3GhPDDcQA>
2. The Sarasota Your Observer article of 6/14 about the June 11 Candidate Forum: <https://www.youobserver.com/article/hot-topics-and-maybe-a-dirty-trick-highlight-commission-candidate-forum>
3. Official City of Sarasota candidates listing with biographical information on each candidate can be found at: <https://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/city-auditor-and-clerk/elections/general-election-candidates-2020>
4. The Sarasota County Elections Office full Primary Election details and dates can be found at: <https://www.sarasotavotes.gov/Next-Election>. This information includes an updated list of polling locations, some of which have changed.

**- Reminder to vote on Aug 23!
Early voting option begins Aug 13
and continues until 8/21.**

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City of Sarasota Commission At-Large Candidates

RE-ELECT JEN AHEARN-KOCH

www.VoteForJen.org



MEET DAN LOBECK

www.lobeckforsarasota.com



MEET SHELDON RICH

www.SheldonRichForSarasota.com



MEET TERRILL SALEM

www.Salem4Sarasota.com



MEET CARL SHOFFSTALL

www.ElectCarlShoffstall.org



MEET DEBBIE TRICE

www.DebbieForTheCity.com



DSCA Board June Wrap Up

As has been the recent practice the June 1 DSCA board meeting was held in hybrid fashion, both in person at the Broadway Promenade Club Room and via Zoom. Following are links to the full board meeting and presentation by Alvimarie Corales, Chief Transportation Planner and Corinne Arriaga, Transportation Planner - City of Sarasota.

View Meeting Video [HERE](#)
DSCA Board Meeting 2022-06-01

View Speaker Video [HERE](#)
Corinne Arriaga and Alvimarie
Corales 2022-06-01

Streetscape Plans Unveiled



Corinne Arriaga and **Alvie Corales**, Transportation Planners for the City, updated the Board on the City's Transportation Master Plan titled "Sarasota in Motion." Using Boulevard of the Arts (BotA) as an example, Ms. Arriaga explained the City's designation of Boulevard of the Arts as a "Complete Streets" which takes into consideration the context of the area, sidewalks, landscaping, bike lanes, etc. to improve the pedestrian and the vehicular experience. A budget for initial BotA and 10th Street design was approved earlier this year and work on initial concept designs has been completed. Our speakers also provided design ideas for the all-important US 41 and BotA intersection. Improvement efforts for this intersection are aimed at providing a more inviting and safer pedestrian experience.

As part of the streetscape planning efforts the City hosted two open-house public meetings on May 23 to unveil draft concepts for BotA and 10th St. Over 90 people participated in providing feedback on these designs. Both projects are now moving forward into more detailed concepts based on resident input, and will be brought back for further review and discussion later this year. Your DSCA Board is advocating that the budget to complete the design work and fund the construction of both the BotA and 10th be included in the Five-Year, Capital Improvement Program budget. The CIP budget for FY-2022-23 is currently under development and will be approved by the city commission in September.

DSCA Upcoming Events

DSCA Board Meeting

DSCA Board Meeting | July 6, 2022 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. held via Zoom & at Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

[Register](#)

**Guest Speaker:**

Tracie Troxler,
Executive
Director/Founder,
**Sunshine
Community
Compost**

Tracie Troxler is the founder and executive director of Sunshine Community Compost, a non-profit organization that offers community composting education and action programs in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

She is a Manatee county native with a career background in community-based healthcare, non-profit solar energy, and organic and regenerative agriculture. After 17 years in California, Tracie returned to her Florida roots, combining her life skills with her passion for healthy, thriving people and the planet. She hopes to bring more awareness to the interconnected benefits of composting, to the social and environmental challenges that result from normalizing concepts of “waste” and “disposability”, and the importance of honoring the intrinsic value in all of life. Tracie will discuss their Community Composting program, which is available for downtown residents, and the composting stations available in nearby City parks.

DSCA Board Meetings are for Board Directors, with designated Condo & Associate Member Representatives, Liaison Association Representatives and invited Guests attending as observers. Contact President, David Lough at (760) 497-9230 or email DavidLough1@gmail.com, if you wish to be invited.

DSCA Greenspace Committee Meeting

DSCA Greenspace Committee Meeting - June 29, 2022 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Guest Speaker: **Jeff Veredenburg, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Sarasota**

The DSCA Greenspace Committee is meeting to review several items that directly affect the environmental sustainability in Downtown Sarasota. In January 2022, the City of Sarasota conducted a survey to collect comments on a planned new Green Building Policy (GBP). At the June 29 Zoom meeting, Jeff will review the current status of the policy development and outreach process. Participants will be able to provide direct feedback on the presented proposal, as well as related topics not covered in the current GBP proposal;

To attend and participate, downtown residents or interested persons should contact chair, Patrick Gannon. [pgannon@gmail.com]

Associate Member Events

June 16 @ 7:30 am - 9:00 am | [A Complimentary Educational Breakfast Legal Update for Property Manager and Board Members](#)

June 21 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm | [Board Members Join Us for a Course on Active Shooter Awareness - Expert Training on How to Prepare, Prevent and React](#)

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Upcoming Community Events

July 4 Bayfront Fireworks Spectacular



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The 2nd Annual Suncoast Summer Fest kicks off the Summer season on **June 24th** with a series of special event fundraisers, organized by Suncoast Charities for Children, to raise money for local children, teens, and adults with special needs and their families.

Visit their website for more information and to donate:
[Suncoast Charities for Children](#)
Visit their events page here: suncoastsummerfest.org

Rosemary District Park

Check out the latest news and events happening in the Rosemary District, a blend of modern culture, food and activities you can schedule your whole day around.

[Click here to view Rosemary District Events](#)

The Bay Park Conservancy

Sarasota's bayfront will be an iconic, public destination that welcomes the diversity of Sarasota, enhances our status as a cultural capital and serves as a venue for multi-generational, inter-neighborhood, broad-based enjoyment of our bayfront.

[Click to view the updates from The Bay Park Conservancy](#)
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