

**IBSSA Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, the Semi-Annual Meeting was held remotely via Zoom (some members joining via telecast, some via telephone with audio only)

7:10 PM start date

Directors present:

Joanne Gonet, President; Kitty Cannon, Treasurer; Susan Rauth, Recorder, Don Farr, David Morriss, Rodger Barkin, Jessica Jacobson, John Olenski, Alison Albee

Directors absent:

Eric Collins, Vice President, Kate Bloomquist, Henry Bausback, John Stewart

There were 74 participants registered to attend the Zoom meeting. The meeting can be viewed on the IBSSA website.

Joanne Gonet's Neighborhood update:

The 2021 Yard Sale in January was a success. It is not certain that the 2021 Picnic will take place due to Covid. Joanne will keep everyone posted on that.

Joanne welcomed the 2 guest speakers and asked that they make their presentations:

Diane Kennedy - City of Sarasota Code Enforcement- Ms. Kennedy explained the role of Code Compliance for the Community. There are a total of 6 inspectors for the City. Code Compliance is in the Annex building in downtown Sarasota. Each inspector has an assigned zone with Joshua Spintz is the inspector for the IBSS zone. Ms. Kennedy presented a power point explaining the work of the Code Enforcement team. Ms. Kennedy explained how Code violations are investigated and ultimately resolved. Ms. Kennedy responded to several questions asked by some of the neighborhood residents.

Officer Michael Skinner – SPD Marine Patrol - Officer Skinner has been on the Sarasota Police Department for approximately 16 years and with the Marine Division for 5. Number one goal is promoting safety on waterways. He spends almost 40 hours on the water and is a rescue diver. Response time on the water is approximately 5 minutes. Joanne Gonet read questions from the neighborhood residents for Officer Skinner.

Official Business Meeting Session:

Approval of the Minutes December 8, 2020, Semi-Annual Meeting (submitted to participants via email prior to meeting):

- Motion was moved to approve Don Farr
- Seconded by John Olenski
- Approved unanimously with no changes

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Olenski for Kitty Cannon. It was noted that Kitty Cannon is going to step down from her role as Treasurer beginning October 2021 and John Olenski will assume the role. Ms. Cannon will remain on the Board as a Member until the end of her term.

Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Watch:

Joanne Gonet read the Neighborhood Crime Report for Debbie Mueller. Overall, there has been a downward trend in reported crimes.

Greenspace/Beautification, Newsletter:

Joanne Gonet presented updates on the 5 public spaces in the neighborhood.

- Sapphire Shores Park (Sun Circle Park)- Joanie Lerner fixed and painted the posts that were rotting.
- 22nd Street Right of Way – Damon Powers replaced a bench at this location
- 40th Street Right of Way – weekly maintenance is performed at this public space
- Indian Beach Park – weekly maintenance is performed at this public space
- The Greenway - maintenance is performed at this public space – a proposal has been sent to the City to beautify this area. There is a cleanup planned and neighborhood residents were invited to join.

Membership Discount Cards (IBSSA Member Benefit):

Lisa Barkin presented an update on the membership discount cards. There are 21 businesses currently signed up. Discount list is posted on website and Ms. Barkin invited anyone who has a business and would like to sign up to do so.

Informational Meeting Session:

Hotel Houses Update:

Don Farr updated the attendees on the emerging issue of Hotel Houses. He explained what a Hotel House is and explained to the group the problems associated with these properties – specifically that these houses are in residential areas and can be disruptive to the residents of the neighborhood. Mr. Farr noted there is a significant problem on St. Armond's. Mr. Farr further explained that the City's control is limited but there is an Ordinance which limits the number of occupants and parking, but it only relates to Lido/St. Armond's and Longboat and will not be effective until June 2022. Ms. Gonet asked that residents in the neighborhood to write letters to the City Commissioners to ask to adopt the Ordinance city wide.

Roundabouts (Martin Luther King Dr, Indian Beach Dr., and Myrtle):

Joanne Gonet presented an update. There have been no further updates to the original concept designs. Ms. Gonet offered to send the concept designs to the attendees. As the plan progresses there will be public involvement.

Ringling College N. Trail Plaza Update:

- There will be a new tenant – a bakery
- A new roof will be put on a portion of the building above Amscot
- The dry cleaners have installed monitoring stations
- Parking lot lights have been replaced
- Planters and grass are getting maintained
- They think the long-term use will be for academics
- The new leases are for shorter terms

Other Neighborhood Information:

- FPL – Underground wiring – residents will be notified when it happens
- Utility work will be happening in the neighborhood. Ms. Gonet will get more information on this topic and post on NextDoor and Facebook

- Traffic Calming – The speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Ms. Gonet will get additional signage in the neighborhood posting the speed limit. Residents cannot put in their own speed bumps
- Mature Tree Program – there are now 5 mature trees planted on Myrtle. This program will continue next year, and other roads can take advantage.

Member Comments:

There was a question about placing trash cans and recycling buckets in different areas in the neighborhood. Ms. Gonet asked for a list of areas to place, and she will contact the City. Residents cannot put out their own trash receptacles.

An attendee highlighted that there has been a variance filed on a property at 22nd Street. The neighborhood can file as an “affected persons status”.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Rauth
Recorder
November 28, 2021