

## **IBSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 7, 2022**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting # 846 7046 4388**

### **Directors present:**

Joanne Gonet, President; Henry Bausback, Vice President; John Olenski, Treasurer; Susan Rauth, Recorder; Allison Albee; Kevin Spence; Don Farr; David Morriss; Kate Bloomquist; and Roger Barkin; Jessica Jacobson; Jessica McVay; Shelley Watson

### **Director absent:**

No Board members were absent from the meeting.

### **Guests:**

3 Guest were in attendance – Ceci Wooster, Jennifer Gould, and Tim Thurman

With a quorum of 13 Directors established, President Joanne Gonet convened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Joanne Gonet introduced the new Board Member, Kevin Spence.

### **Approval of the Minutes for the March 03, 2022, Board of Directors meeting:**

- No changes were proposed
- Motion was moved to approve by Kate Bloomquist
- 2nd by Don Farr
- Approved by all Board members

### **Treasurer's Report for the month and year-to-date ending March 31, 2022:**

Profit and Loss Statement and Balance were distributed by email prior to the meeting. John Olenski read the report:

- Total Assets and Liabilities reported were \$54,568.64 with a total \$21,242.35 cash in the operating account.
- Income for the month was \$56.39. YTD net income was \$3,889.96 through the same month end.
- Membership total is 191. (Note: Membership restarts each January).

### **Other Treasurer Items:**

- Closed two cases with the Truist Fraud Prevention and Claims department – the result of IBSSA checking account number being used inappropriately on 2 occasions. All funds were restored to the account and fraud alert was added to the account to avoid happening again.
- Grant was received for the newsletter
- Moved by Henry Bausback
- All were in favor

## **Committee Reports**

**Neighborhood Watch Report:** Joanne read Debbie Muller's report:

### **Recent Incidents:**

- 4/1/2022 – Motor vehicle theft, 600 block 45<sup>th</sup> St. Occurred between 4:30am – 8:30am. Car was unlocked and keys were inside. Vehicle recovered on 24<sup>th</sup> St. and suspect arrested.
- 3/31/22 – Auto burglary, 4000 block Sarasota Ave. Occurred overnight, vehicle unlocked. Sunglasses and loose change stolen. Print obtained from front passenger side door.
- 3/3/22 – Motor vehicle theft, 600 block Corwood Dr. Occurred overnight, car stolen from driveway (no other details). Vehicle recovered on Lockwood Ridge Rd. and suspect arrested.
- 3/3/22 – Auto burglary, 600 block Corwood Dr. Occurred overnight, car in driveway. No sign of forced entry. Loose change stolen.

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<b>ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS (Approximate)</b>		
<b>January 1 - March 31 2022</b>		
<b>IBSS NEIGHBORHOOD (Tamiami Trail)=Total</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Aggravated Assault	2+(1)=3	1+(1)=2
Burglary	2+(1)=3	4+(1)=5
Vehicle Burglary	3+(0)=3	0+(1)=1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1+(1)=2	0
Sex Crimes	0	0+(2)=2
Robbery	0	0
*Domestic instances are not reported here		
<b>CITYWIDE (Approximate)</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Aggravated Assault	50	62
Burglary	61	61
Vehicle Burglary	73	68
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	41
Sex Crimes	8	12
Robbery	13	17
Murder	5	1

**Beautification/Greenspace Update:**

Kate Bloomquist and Alison Albee presented an update.

- The Greenway Project grant is still under review.
- The City replaced benches at Indian Beach Park.
- Some neighbors in the Indian Beach Park area asked if there were future plans for the park. Joanne Gonet suggested to the neighbors that if someone had a vision, a presentation could be presented to the Board for consideration to present to the City.
- Posts on the decking have been replaced at the Indian Beach Park by the City.
- The City will focus more on the waterfront assets (parks) going forward.
- Looking to place a little library in the Greenway space.

**Land Use:**

Kevin Spence presented a Land Use Committee document with the following points:

1. Activation and Establishment of the Land Use Committee
2. Mission Statement of the Committee
3. Composition of the Committee
4. Land Use Committee meetings

David Morriss presented some concerns regarding the qualifications of the members of this committee as well as how the information would be presented to the City. Kevin Spence responded by stating that all information would be approved by the Board prior to being submitted to the City.

Don Farr presented some of his thoughts on the committee as well. He stated that (in reference to the proposed apartment complexes) it might be necessary to expand the membership of the Committee and that it would not be

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enough to just oppose certain issues, but there would need to be experts hired prior to issuing an opinion on development.

An amendment was made to the mission statement presented by Kevin Spence to include the statement “to promote the positive development of the entire neighborhood”.

David Morriss made a motion to approve the formation of the Land Use Committee and the Mission Statement. Henry Bausback seconded the motion.

Approved; 12 to 1.

### **Traffic Calming:**

David Morriss spoke on the topic of traffic calming. We need to get ahead of the circles that will be constructed to minimize impact on the neighborhood. David Morriss suggested the installation of beaver tails and stop signs in strategic places in the neighborhood. A meeting will be held on April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM to discuss further. Following Board members will be in attendance:

- Joanne Gonet
- David Morriss
- Kevin Spence
- Rodger Barkin
- Susan Rauth

### **Old Business**

#### **Apartment Building Projects:**

Joanne Gonet invited guests Ceci Wooster and Tim Thurman to speak. Ms. Wooster commented that her items were covered in the previous discussions around the Land Use Committee. Mr. Thurman thanked Kevin Spence for his efforts organizing the Land Use Committee.

#### **CCNA Survey Charter Review Commission Vote:**

1. Proposal: Weak Mayor. Rejected! The mayor shall be elected in an at-large (i.e. city-wide) election to serve for a 4 year term.

IBSSA Vote – No

Commissioners Voted - 4 to 1 Rejected. Arroyo dissenting

2. Proposal: The salaries of City Commissioners shall be \$40,000 per year with a 2% annual increase. The salary of the elected Mayor shall be \$45,000 with a 2% annual increase.

IBSSA Vote – Yes

Commissioners Vote – Approved 3 to 2 Brody & Arroyo dissenting

Using Commissioner Liz Alpert’s proposal. Commissioner’s salaries would increase to \$44,250 and change depending on City population.

- **The City Commission also decided to not include a few of the panel's other recommendations in the ballot language for the November referendum, including:**
  3. Requiring a supermajority board vote for the sale of city-owned property, excluding properties included on the affordable housing list. The commission rejected this idea is a 4-1 vote, with Ahearn-Koch dissenting.
  4. Requiring a supermajority commission vote to remove any of the charter officials – the city attorney, the city manager and the city clerk and auditor – from office. The commission rejected this proposal is a 4-1 vote, with Ahearn-Koch dissenting

Additional Recommendation of CCNA:

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Proposal: Should the City Charter contain language that consolidates a description of the City Commission's power to investigate one of its members for alleged violation of the Charter? This language should include a simple description of the process the City Commission may take when needed.

Vote- Yes

Commission – Rejected

### **The City Attorney will draft referendum language for the ballot on November 8, 2022**

#### **FDOT Road Safety Audit (US 41/N. Tamiami Trail from MLK Way to 47<sup>th</sup> Street):**

Ms. Gonet met with members of the FDOT, City Police, Lou Costa (CCNA Chair) on March 10, 2022, at the Walmart parking lot on N. Tamiami Trail to assess safety concerns. The group split up into two groups with some walking north and others walking south on the trail. Ms. Gonet proposed that crosswalks be added at 42<sup>nd</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Streets. Richard Harris seconded the proposal. If all goes well, HAWK light crosswalks will be installed at both streets.

#### **Rotary Club of Sarasota – Little Free Libraries:**

Topic was addressed by Ms. Bloomquist in a prior discussion.

#### **Neighborhood Meetings on March 31, 2022:**

##### **Regarding The Mabel: Joanne Gonet, Bon Fehling, Chief, Dep Chief, Patrol Capt.**

- There have been more complaints about noise at the Mabel. The happy neighborhood coexistence is not working. There is no buffer for sound. The noise ordinance has not been updated and there is different wording in the Code than there is in the zoning. City is trying to fix the conflict, but it has been years in the works. Police hands are tied. A new meeting is going to be scheduled between all to see if a solution can be reached.

##### **Regarding Indian Beach Park: Joanne Gonet, George Sweitzer, Jen Ahern-Koch, Jerry Fogel,**

##### **Candie Pederson, Chief Troche, other patrol officers.**

- George Sweitzer gave out 80 surveys to neighbors regarding making changes to the park and surrounding areas
- 30 surveys were returned to him
- Survey results were sent to City officials, & Joanne Gonet.
- Some neighbors showed up at the meeting.
- Recommendations were made by George and Jerry Fogel Sarasota City Parks & Recreation.
- No alcohol is allowed in City Parks which include Indian Beach Park or Sapphire Shores Park.
- There will be changes to signage to clarify rules

### **New Business**

#### **Separation of Duties – Membership, Membership Card, and Treasurer:**

- Rodger and Lisa Barkin will remain responsible for the membership card duties
- Shelly Watson will take over the membership duties from John Olenski
  - Membership letter will have to go out by month-end, so Ms. Gonet recommended a meeting to transfer responsibilities
- John Olenski will remain as Treasurer for IBSSA.

#### **Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes Added to Website:**

- Alison Albee motioned that the draft agenda be added to the IBSSA website with a note that a copy of the approved (redacted) meeting minutes could be requested via email. Susan Rauth agreed to be responsible for providing meeting minutes for those that request.
  - A separate email address will be set up for Susan Rauth for such requests.

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- Additionally, Susan Rauth agreed to take over the responsibility for posting updated information to the IBSSA website.
- Kevin Spence second the motion.

### **Appropriate Placement for Member Comments in Monthly Meeting:**

It was as determined that the Board President, Joanne Gonet, can determine where to include the member comments section of the meeting per her discretion.

### **Announcements:**

Next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday May 5, 2022, at 7PM (zoom)

IBSSA Semi Annual Neighborhood Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7PM (Light of the World Church)

Possible Speakers:

- Dave Tomasko of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program
- David Morriss suggested: Scott Dudley; Director, Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Florida League of Cities

### **Member Comments:**

Tim Thurman asked the percentage of households in the neighborhood that are members of the association. Currently around 13% are members. Numbers total around 350 to 400 members. There were 402 (34%) in 2021. Mr. Thurman suggested the best way to succeed is to have a better understanding of the make-up of the community (i.e. renters, owners, vacationers). Don Farr commented that there needs to be convincing points made to potential members and that there are creative ways to get more members on board, however, it is very time consuming.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Rauth

Recorder

April 30, 2022