

**IBSSA Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2021**  
**Harry Sudakoff Hall at The New College**  
*(meeting was recorded and placed on the IBSS Website)*

The meeting started at 7:0 PM

**Directors Present:**

Joanne Gonet, President; Eric Collins, Vice President; Kitty Cannon, Treasurer; Susan Rauth, Recorder; Don Farr; David Morriss; Henry Bausback; Rodger Barkin; John Olenski; Alison Albee and Kate Bloomquist

**Directors Absent:**

John Stewart and Jessica Jacobson

**Joanne Gonet's Neighborhood update:**

The 2021 Yard Sale in January was a success. There was a musical ice cream social held in November that was well attended by area residents.

Joanne welcomed the 3 guest speakers and asked that they make their presentations:

**Mr. Chris Kinsley- New College VP of Finance and Admissions:**

Mr. Kinsley introduced himself. He is new to Sarasota. There is also a new President at the college. The College had just been accredited. The Cable Mansion Project is still underway. Getting materials for the projects is going slowly due to supply chain issues resulting from Covid. The Project is approximately \$2M. Enrollment at the college is currently at 660. The goal is 1200.

**Jen Ahern-Koch- Sarasota City Commissioner – Presentation on Home Sharing and Hotel Houses:**

- Hotel houses are large homes that are constructed for the purpose of weekly vacation rentals
- Hotel Houses are extremely disruptive to neighboring residents
- The State has preempted the City on regulating vacation rentals
- City of Sarasota has an Ordinance since 2009 that states there is a minimum stay of 7 nights
- A registration system has been put in place in place that includes maximum number of bedrooms to limit occupancy and implemented fire safety and sewer safety regulations
- Home Sharing allows for a person to rent out space, or rooms in their home (different than Hotel Houses). Home Sharing had no limitations – looking to model an ordinance after the Orlando Home Sharing Ordinance to place limitations
- Enforcement is mostly complaint driven

**Mary Davis Wallace – City of Sarasota Planner – Presentation on City Public Art Project:**

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Ms. Wallace has a background in landscape architecture, urban planning and has run some not for profits in Cary, North Carolina. There is putting together a public art master plan in progress.

- There will be art in the new roundabouts
- Murals will be included in the plan
- There will be art placed in Payne Park by the Legacy Trail. No art will be placed on the trail as this is County property
- Local artists will be included
- Conversations will be held with the community to get input

### **Official Business Meeting Session:**

#### **Approval of the Minutes May 11, 2021- Semi-Annual Meeting:**

- Motion to approve David Morriss
- Seconded by Kevin Spencer
- Approved unanimously with no changes

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Olenski for the period ending November 30, 2021.

- Total Assets were 52,425.68 with \$19,099.39 available in the checking account.
- Net income for the month was \$1,489.83.
- Year-to-date net income was \$8,509.98
- Total membership in the association was 402, an increase of 21 members over 2020 for the same period.
- Henry Bausback moved to approve the Treasurer's Report
- All were in favor

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Neighborhood Watch:**

Ms. Gonet read Debbie Mueller's note to the residents and wished all Happy Holidays. Crime has decreased this year compared to last year. There was a reminder to keep doors on vehicles locked so as not to provide an opportunity to potential thieves.

#### **Nominating Committee Board of Director Slate Presentation:**

- A Nominating Committee of three members comprised of Henry Bausback, Kate Bloomquist, and Ceci Wooster was organized
- There were seven Board seats that were up for election (5 re-election and 2 new members)
- Two current Board Members, Eric Collins, and John Stewart
- The Bios for the 2 prospective Board members were read by Kate Blomquist
- There were no nominations from the floor
- All were in favor of the slate, and it was approved

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**Informational Meeting Session:**

- There will be caroling on December 19 at Sapphire Park
- Selling 50% of Palm Floral Park to developers. The developers will present a plan in January 2022. Ms. Gonet will provide email addresses of Commissioners so individuals can write to oppose.
- The SunTrust Branch on N. Tamiami Trail will be closing in January 2022.

**Yard Sale 2022 – January 29 and 30**

Kitty Cannon was taking paperwork. There is a \$5 payment to get on the yard sale map. The Yard Sale is well known, and people like to attend.

**IBSS Sarasota Bay Water Quality at Indian Beach Park – What Can You Do To Help?** (Alison Albee): Ms. Albee and her husband have been in the neighborhood for 10 years and Sarasota for 30 years. Ms. Albee explained that there are water quality problems that are getting researched with the attempt to identify sources. Rain run-off goes into the bay. City is looking at spending \$165M to improve the sanitary systems.

Residents can:

- Have septic tanks inspected
- Pick up dog waste
- Don't blow yard clippings into the street
- Consider a living shoreline if directly on the water
- Get involved with the citizen advisory committee

**Important City and Government Issues** (David Morriss):

The state can control what the City can do. Some areas of concern are:

- Tree ordinances
- Hotel Houses
- Affordable Housing

Traffic Calming- there will be two roundabouts constructed on N. Tamiami trail which could increase traffic in the neighborhood. Mr. Morriss is suggested that the City Manager be approached to ask for the addition of beaver tails and stop signs to slow the traffic through the neighborhood.

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**State of the Neighborhood – What Has Your Board of Directors Been Doing Since 2020?**

Joanne Gonet stated the Board used zoom, email, and text messages to communicate throughout Covid. Ms. Gonet informed the neighbors in attendance that the Board is open to suggestion. Some accomplishments in the neighborhood:

- Neighbors helped Sarasota Jungle Gardens
- There was a great yard sale
- Traffic calming solutions continue to be addressed
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street dock variance
- Stewarts for green space have been doing clean ups
- 2022 will continue with the annual yard sale

**Member Comments:**

A member asked what they can do if a property is in disrepair. Residents much call Code Enforcement. Complaints can be registered on the App **Click It to Fix It**. The Click to Fix program will now require that a name and phone number be added to the complaint.

Ringling Plaza Update – The school did not know they were going to get it. It is not in their master plan. The strip mall has multiple vacant store fronts. There needs to be some of them rental to bring in revenue to the school. The Ringling College has been doing maintenance as best as they can. They have been maintaining plantings, removing old business signs, Long term plans for the plaza is to incorporate college use. Covid has set things back for them. They are maintaining the areas as best as they can.

Ms. Gonet asked for suggestions for social events from the members. Some suggestions were:

- Food truck party
- Hold something at the newly renovated Baha Hut

Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Rauth  
Recorder  
May 1, 2022