

IBSSA Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Light of the World Church

Directors present:

Henry Bausback, Vice President; John Olenski, Treasurer; Susan Rauth, Recorder; Don Farr, David Morriss, Kate Bloomquist Allison Albee, Kevin Spence, Jessica McVay

Via Zoom: Joanne Gonet, President; Shelley Watson, Jessica Jacobson.

Directors absent: Rodger Barkin

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by VP Henry Bausback.
President Joanne Gonet was out of town and present on Zoom.**

Dave Tomasko, Executive Director of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, introduced by Allison Albee.

Highlighted the goal of the program: to improve the water quality of Sarasota Bay. Specified the environmental and financial gains to communities that are a result of maintaining better water quality. Seagrasses are down by 60% which is a direct result of cloudy water. 30% of manatee population has starved due to lack of these seagrasses. He pointed toward the culprits: fertilizer (phosphates), spills from wastewater from Manatee County, septic runoff, increased population and building that accompanies this growth, and other sources adding to the problem. Educational programs, Bay Partners Grant Programs, community involvement are some ways to help.

Scott Dudley, Director, Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Florida League of Cities, introduced by David Morriss

His organization is a lobbying group that supports over 400 municipalities in Florida. They are focused on the current state legislature's efforts to strip away local authority and make decisions at the state level that effect local municipalities. Scott gave many examples of how this strategy is hurting local towns and cities.

Official Business Meeting

Approval of the Minutes for the December 7, 2021 Semi-Annual meeting:

- Motion was moved to approve by David Morriss
- Seconded by Kevin Spence
- Approved unanimously with no changes

Treasurer's Report for period ending April 30, 2022:

- Operating account balance is \$21,465.00. Total Assets and Liabilities reported are \$54,732.00.
- YTD income is \$5,345.00
- YTD expenses were \$3,770.00. Net income was \$1,600.00.
- The treasurer reminded attendees that most of our income comes through membership dues and donations. Compared to last year, our total donations are down 82%. Our dues from membership are down 64%. Attendees were encouraged to join.
- Move to file the Treasurer's Report as presented. All were in favor.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch: Debbie Mueller: Increase of criminal activity compared to last year. 4 auto burglaries, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 4 residential burglaries.

Greenspace/Beautification: Kate Bloomquist: Stewards and volunteers were recognized as crucial to the success of this committee. Update was given on the grant proposal that will be used to remove the old asphalt that was placed on the 47th Street ROW. Solar lights that were added to several IBSSA signs, thanks to the suggestion of and installation by Phil Chiochio.

Newsletter: Kate Bloomquist: Neighbors were encouraged to submit articles, photos, artwork for each issue.

Traffic Calming: David Morriss: A plan is in the works to ask the city to add flexible delineators in certain areas where speeding has been an issue. Neighbors were encouraged to submit other ideas to the board.

Informational Meeting Session

Land Use Committee: Kevin Spence: Reviewed the timeline of the Sapphire I and II and Akoya Apartment proposals. Also discussed was the background on the North Trail Overlay District. Kevin explained how the ad hoc land use committee became a committee operating under the IBSSA. IBSSA has applied as an affected party regarding these proposals. He then gave updates on the city planning meetings. Issues that the land use committee is reviewing are: 1) North Train Overlay District 2) Stormwater 3) Traffic, parking, pedestrian safety 4) Impact on residents whose properties abut the proposed developments.

Neighbors can help by becoming informed through reading email summaries, attending meetings, emailing the city, helping with land use committee research, and if a house is close to development the owner can submit an affected party form to the city.

Q and A: How many parking spots will be planned for? 1.4 cars per unit.

Is the 8-acre Cuneo property on Bay Shore Rd. sold? The sale may be pending.

How many units are planned in total? Akoya-59, Sapphire North-77, Sapphire South-59, Solle-46

How did this get so far? The NTOD was put in place to encourage development.

What is the nature of the developments? They are market-rate apartments.

(Apparently the Solle Apartment complex has already been sold.)

Question for Scott Dudley: How can I approach the laws that are in place so that I can get approval for placing reef-balls in the bay? He suggested that one should contact either Senators Scott, Rubio, or US House Rep Buchanan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Bloomquist
Recorder