

Park Plan Hits Hurdle

By Charles Hegener

Efforts to acquire a 7.3-acre parcel for a park at the center of the IBSSA hit a hurdle with the notice that the site was under agreement to a developer. Don Price, the current owner, advised the IBSSA park task force that the parcel, located between Bay Shore Road, Sarasota Avenue, and Corwood Drive, was under agreement through June 1 subject to due diligence by the prospective buyer, W. Howard Rooks, 343 S. Polk Drive, Sarasota. A specific offering price was not disclosed.

As previously reported, an IBSSA task force had been set up to explore the possible acquisition of the site for a city pocket park, recreation, and conservation area. Based on offers of financial support from various neighbors, the task force was preparing an offer that task force members believed might be competitive with a taxable sale at fair market value. The task force has been in contact with several non-profit conservation agencies, which might act to purchase the property, and to provide various tax benefits both to the seller and donors. The non-profit would then turn the property over to the city and/or a community non-profit, which would manage the site for public use.

The prospective developer had a pre-application conference with city staff April 5 for the proposed development, named Bay Museo, that calls for a subdivision of 23 house lots. Access to the lots would be by a one-way private road from Bay Shore to Corwood, with a 30-foot wide right-of-way.

The IBSSA has obtained a copy of

the city's letter to the developer in response to the pre-application conference. Highlights of the letter include the following: No neighborhood meeting is required for approval, but one is recommended; a planning board hearing will be required; and development must adhere to current regulations. Additional requirements encompass the preservation of as many trees as possible and a traffic study (taking 1-2 months). The city also stated that the proposed driveway onto Corwood may not be allowed. The developer will be required to build all infrastructure or bond for improvements; construct a sidewalk, curb and gutter on Bay Shore frontage; provide safe pedestrian access to Bay Shore side-

walks; provide a turnaround for emergency and waste management vehicles; and one or two fire hydrants. Engineering and stormwater issues will have to be evaluated per state rules.

The developer has not yet officially filed an application for the development. As initially described, the development proposes the only one-way street in the neighborhood.

However, the city letter notes that a one-way street would not provide adequate access for emergency vehicles. To comply with current law, the developer would have to build a two-way road with a 50-foot right-of-way, meaning that it would be unlikely that the proposed density of 23 lots

Cont. on Neighborhood Watch page

SPRING - All Neighborhood Meeting



Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Sudakoff Center • 7:00pm

AGENDA

• **Linda Holland, president of CCNA**

Linda will put into perspective what she sees as the primary issues for CCNA, and she will discuss how this meshes with the needs of the IBSSA. How strong is CCNA's influence at City Hall?

• **Alexandra Hay, engineering department, City of Sarasota**

Alex will bring us up-to-date on the Bay Shore Road MURT project, the Indian Beach Park seawall project, and discuss traffic abatement options for Bay Shore Road and its feeder roads from US 41.

• **Mosquito Abatement**

Did you know that we are a high-density area for mosquitoes? The Mosquito Abatement team will tell us how to make our yards a mosquito-free zone so that we enjoy our balmy summer evenings without our pesky friends.



Sapphire Park's Aborigine

By Ann Ericsson

"My sculptures are an integration of shapes and forms created from metal and found objects. The imagery deals with fragmented and figurative symbols that simulate expressions of human spirit. The images I create are reflections of the past and future. They represent a place in time," explains Sarasota sculptor John Dehn, creator of "Aborigine," one of the sculptures placed in Sapphire Shores Park.

Dehn works mainly in welded steel with balance being an intricate factor in all his works, whether it is a moderate interior sculpture or 30-foot outdoor commission. In essence, his art is an industrial process treated poetically. His design sense combines geometric abstraction and figuration in equal measure.

Originally from New York City, John has lived and worked on the Maine Coast, and moved to Sarasota in 1985. His work has been shown in museums and galleries in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, and the east and west coasts of Florida, and is in collections nationally and internationally. John studied sculpture at the University of Maine where he received a Fine

Art degree. He also attended the Ringling School of Art and Design, focusing on interior and exterior design, and the Sarasota Technical School for Landscape Design.

Dehn's diverse education has allowed him to incorporate all aspects of his background to create a total environment for his sculptures. Exterior placement has granted him numerous commissions and public art works. He recently placed three sculptures at Booker Elementary School to bring art into the schools. John is currently working on a sculpture commissioned for downtown Sarasota.

Our neighborhood is fortunate to be able to show his work in Sapphire Shores Park. John Dehn's work has been recognized with honors and awards, receiving three Merit awards and the Eldon Rowland Award from the Sarasota Visual Art Center, and has been honored three times with the Artscape Award from the Parkshore Gallery of Naples.

John has a studio at the Towles Court Artist Colony in Sarasota. Towles Court Artist Colony is located downtown, south of Main Street and west of U.S. 301, bordered by Adams Lane, Morrill Street and Links Avenue.

Aborigine is located in Sapphire Shores Park.



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She has lived in the neighborhood for 22 years and has served on the Board of Directors for IBSSA.

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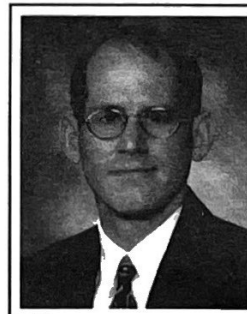
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would be approved. However, the developer can apply for a lesser number. We have no information on what effect, if any, a lower number of lots would have on the property's valuation or sale price.

A substantial number of obstacles lie in the way of the development as currently described. Neighbors can appear at any planning board hearing on an application to state their opinion on the proposed variances. Neighbors have previously successfully opposed development proposals for the site, which were not consistent with regulations

Don Price has communicated with the park task force that he would actively consider an alternative proposal in the event the current deal falls through. Therefore, task force members are now working with non-profit agencies and city officials to develop an initial plan for the disposition of the site for public use, and to prepare an offer accord-

ingly. The IBSSA park task force is hopeful that an attractive offer can be communicated to Mr. Price shortly.

All neighborhood residents should be aware that we may have an historic opportunity to create a public asset in the midst of our neighborhood, with positive effects on valuations of property throughout the IBSSA and with lifestyle benefits to all our residents. We have been encouraged—even pleasantly surprised—by the degree of your support.

If you are interested in supporting this highly worthwhile goal with a donation pledge, please contact **Alan Lillie, 351-2715; Jesse White, 358-7730; or Charles Hegener, 351-7426.** Actual donations, completely tax-deductible, would be made only if an acceptable price is arrived at with the current owner and an agreement made.

Keep your fingers crossed.

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Whitaker Stakes His Claim on Yellow Bluffs

By Jane Shea

On Dec. 14, 1843, a 14 to 16-foot sloop loaded with supplies landed at Yellow Bluffs, just south of what today is known as Whitaker Bayou. On board were William Whitaker and his half-brother, Ham Snell, who arrived in Sarasota Bay to stake out Bill's claim.

William Henry Whitaker was born on Aug. 1, 1821, to Richard Whitaker and the widow Snell in Savannah, Georgia. When William was five, his mother died and his father remarried. Fed up with his stepmother, William left home at age 12. His father was away on business, but was expected to return via Charleston, South Carolina. William worked his way to Charleston on a schooner, and then supported himself with odd jobs on the docks until his father's arrival. After receiving his father's blessing, \$10 dollars, and a gold watch, William worked his way to Tallahassee, Florida, to join his step-brother Ham.

Ham decided that William needed more education, and sent him to live with Furman Chaires. At 16, William was finished with his schooling and returned to St. Marks on the Gulf Coast to work on the commercial fishing boats. They ranged as far south as the Ten Thousand Islands to catch mullet. The fish was salted, dried and then shipped to Havana and on to Europe. One of his favorite spots was

Sarasota Bay – a cornucopia of riches. He told of so many mullet that the bay, as far as one could see, glistened with the mullet turning and flashing in the sun. Oyster beds covered the bay bottom and the woods were full of turkey and deer. During his five years with the fishing fleets, William saved his money and banked it with Ham in Tallahassee. By 1843, he had saved enough to buy land warrants for public lands.

Once they had landed, William and Ham started to make a homestead. They built two palmetto lean-tos, one for tools and supplies and the other for themselves. Later they built a cabin of cedar logs that they rafted across the bay from a cedar grove on Longboat Key. They then built a kitchen hut. By now it was spring, and Ham had to return to his law practice in Tallahassee. The Whitaker property was not fully claimed until it was deeded in 1851 and 1852. The parcel was approximately 200 acres extending from Hog Creek to a few blocks north of what is today Indian Beach Drive.

Whitaker earned his living by mullet fishing, salting and drying the fish and selling them to itinerant Cuban fisherman for one cent a fish. His output increased four-fold when he joined forces with his new neighbor, Joseph Woodruff. By 1847 he had enough capital to acquire some cattle and plant a commercial citrus grove. On June 10,

1851, he married Mary Jane Wyatt whose father had moved his family to the Manatee section in 1842.

To be continued.

Source: Speech by A.K. Whitaker to the Manatee County Historical Society March 19, 1969; Sarasota County Department of Historical Resources.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Year: 2000

TUESDAY, MAY 23rd

Spring General Meeting

Location: Sudakoff Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

Picnic

Location: Caples Mansion

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Winter General Meeting

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Planted!...Bay Shore Triangles

By Jane Shea

Saturday, April 8 was the big day. After months of planning, 26 neighbors planted 375 trees and plants, spread mulch and turned bare triangles, at Bayshore and Mecca, into a lush native plantscape. A big thank-you to Chreef Abachi; Dee, Sara and Sean Barth; Bart Cotten; Ned and Nancy Garst; Glenda and Skip Huene; Jordan Kruijff; Alan Lillie and his house guest, Bob Turner of Milwaukee; Larry Majewski; Dawn, Amie and Stephane Martell; Mark, Amanda, Zachary and Chase Mason; Scott Pickett; Greg Shea; Dianne Underwood; and Jesse White. A special thank-you is due to Jean Srodes who helped me raise funds for the project and organize the volunteers for planting.

I would like to thank all the nearby neighbors who generously supported the project with the monetary contributions. I hope that you enjoy watching the plants grow as you walk or drive to or from your residences. Also, I'd like to thank Marianna Cotten for supplying cold drinks.

Last, but not least on my list of thank-yous is to the city. Without the help of Jim West and his landscaping and irrigation crews this project would not have gotten off the ground. They prepared the beds, laid out the extensive irrigation, removed the reclinatras, and provided the mulch.

I would like to invite the whole neighborhood to stop by and take a look. There are still finishing touches to be made to the plantings, and we are planning to place identification tags on all the plants. Later this summer we hope to plant mimosa and false peanut on some of the bare patches on the triangle closest to Mecca and Brywill to try and get some green back.

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An IBSSA News Update

Proposed Airport Expansion Goes Forward

The IBSSA Board proposed at the Sarasota City Commission meeting April 3 a landscaping buffer around the drainage pond behind the Shell gas station. The purpose of the landscaping is to beautify that stretch of U.S. 41, but more importantly, to provide some noise abatement for the residents in the Uplands area of our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the effort was in vain, and the measure passed without our amendment.

North Trail Post Office

Our neighborhood post office has been missed, and the wheels have been put in motion with respect to getting a Contract Postal Unit (CPU) located once again somewhere on the North Trail. Communication with the U.S. Post Office Retail Operations Department located in Tampa has commenced, and we have been told that the process to identify and qualify potential retailers will take a minimum of 120 days. We will keep you posted!!

Beautification Committee Update

The Indian Beach Park project is delayed due to the consulting engineer missing target dates. July is now the earliest projected completion date. The 46th Street/Sarasota plantings are doing well, and we plan to

install a butterfly garden. If you have any expertise in this area please give Alan Lillie a call at 351-2715.

The Washingtonia palm renewal project for Bay Shore from 47th Street north to Beverly is now planted. This will assure continuity of this row of palms as the now 70-plus-year-old palms die off. Thank you, Ann Ericsson and Jesse White, for coordinating this program with the city.

The Bay Shore triangles are now planted. Our next project will be the Marlin Conservation Square at the corner of Marlin Street and eastchester Avenue. It is scheduled to start in late April and to be completed in early June. For details see Jesse White's article in this newsletter.

The public area outdoor sculptures are at a standstill. We are looking for interested sculptors who would like to participate in this loan program that is designed to introduce outdoor art to the neighborhood. If you know of such an artist please call Alan Lillie at 351-2715.

Arbor Day at Ringling Museum

A millennial tree was planted during the Arbor Day celebrations at the Ringling Museum April 29. At its April meeting, the IBSSA Board voted to donate a tree to the Forest Tree Trail on behalf of Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores. Next time you are up there, please go and check it out.



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BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

IBSSA Wins \$4,850 SWFWMD Grant

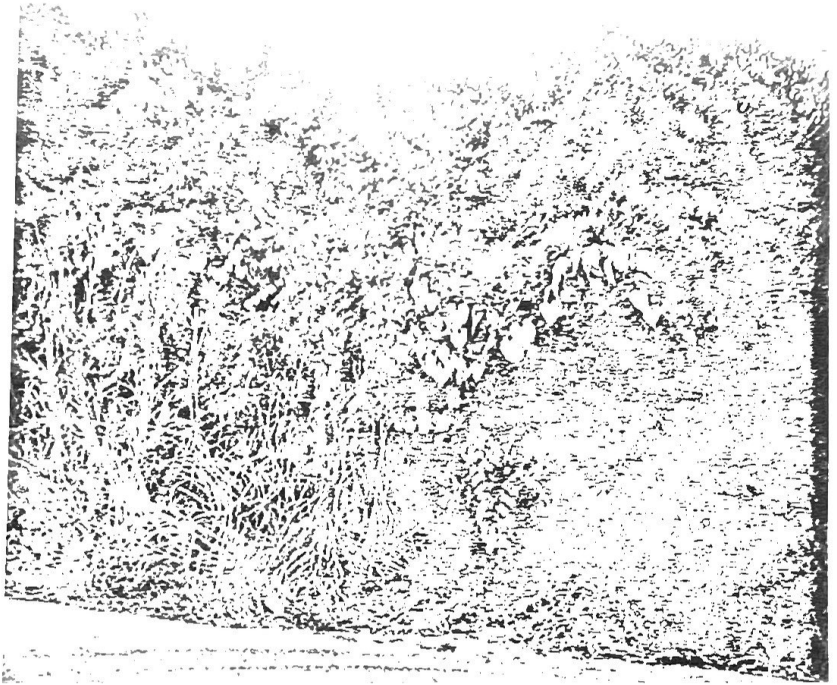
By Jesse White

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has awarded the IBSSA Beautification Committee a \$4,850 grant to develop a "groundwater recharge demonstration," to be known as the Marlin Conservation Square.

The demonstration will be a living guide to native plantings, compost, mulching, and natural systems preservation so that neighbors can design landscapes that consume less water and provide flood protection through increasing infiltration of rainwater.

The project will take place on an abandoned right-of-way at Marlin and Eastchester. The 6,000+ sq. ft. lot is completely overgrown with Brazilian Pepper, an exotic nuisance tree which chokes out native vegetation. The City of Sarasota has pledged to clear the exotics and provide mulch and compost.

Once cleared, IBSSA will contour the landscape to allow rainwater that falls on the property to water the landscape and seep into the aquifer. Participate in this project to learn more about the environment



Right of way at Marlin and Eastchester overgrown with Brazilian Peppers.

and what you can do in your own yard to make a difference.

IBSSA Beautification Committee is seeking volunteers to help us re-plant with natives on Saturday, May 20, 2000. Participants will receive a free butterfly attracting plant and a planting guide. For more information and RSVP, please contact Jesse White, 358-7730.

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