

**Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 2, 2023**

**Directors present:**

Joanne Gonet, President; Henry Bausback, Vice President; Kate Bloomquist, Recorder; Kevin Spence, Kelsie Shy, Rita Mann, Joey O'Mahoney, Richard Parlato,

**Directors absent:** John Olenski, Treasurer, Shelly Watson, David Jennings, Don Farr, Jessica McVay

With a quorum of 8 Directors established, President Joanne Gonet called the meeting to order at. 7:02 p.m.

**Guests:** Jack Barnett

Joanne Gonet read the Code of Conduct.

**Approval of the Minutes for the February 2, 2023 Board of Directors meeting:**

- Joey O'Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting.
- Henry Bausback seconded the motion.
- All Board members approved.

**Treasurer's Report and Membership for the month and year-to-date ending 2/28/23**

Profit and Loss Statement and Balance were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

- YTD total income \$3,927.00
- YTD total expenses \$6,109.91
- February total income \$645.00
- February total expenses \$4,309.96
- February net income -\$3,661.96
- Membership totals: 161

Kate Bloomquist moved to accept the treasurer's report, all members in favor.

Currently there are \$260.00 in the Greenspace fund, \$55.00 in Doggie Bag fund. Joanne asked Joey to ask Parks and Rec if they can provide doggie bags for our parks as the ones we purchase are quite expensive. The City provides doggie bags for all other parks. We have a supply of bags now due to a generous donation.

**Housekeeping:**

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**Committee Reports**

**Neighborhood Watch Report** (Debbie Muller, read by Kate Bloomquist)

1/2/23 Vehicle burglary, 900 block Highland St.  
1/4/23 Vehicle burglary, 5000 block Brywill Circle  
2/3/23 Burglary, 4500 block Guava Ct.  
2/13/23 Burglary, 400 block N. Shore Dr.  
2/13/23 Burglary, 400 block N. Shore Dr. (separate incident)  
2/16/23 Burglary, 4700block Winchester Dr.

**Beautification/Greenspace Update** (Joey O'Mahoney)

Feb. 11th a cleanup was held at the 45th Street ROW. Trash, plant materials, branches were collected. Everyone had a good time. Planning to set "second Saturdays" aside as clean-up dates in IBSS beginning in April. Next 2 targets are Hegener Trail and Indian Beach. Tides will be taken into account for asphalt cleanup in the bay at Indian Beach. Joey can have the information for cleanups posted on NextDoor and FB a week prior. He contacts his volunteers via email. Ainsley Place needs a new steward as well as North Shore/Bay Shore Road circle.

**Land Use Committee:** (Kevin Spence)

- Felix Dock Variance- denied on 2/22. We won 4-0. Applicant could still follow legal pathway to appeal.
- Corwood vacation- 2/10 group met with City attorney for advice. Got history and still waiting on survey. Is BoD ok with giving up the north side and just settle on the south section for neighborhood use?
- Marlin- 3/8 planning board legislative session. Brywill group will attend. Kevin Spence will speak on stormwater management. Others will speak on sub-topics. Kevin has a meeting with Sarasota County regarding stormwater.
- Parks and Rec. meeting 2/16, Kevin, Kate, Joey, Richard presented appeal to get on the agenda. Not added per Mark, city liaison. Kevin Spence will call Mary Fuerst.

**Membership Committee:** (Rita Mann)

Membership has increased to 161. Letters are sent out to new members with updated membership card sticker or new card (if a new member) along with a letter describing membership privileges and list of participating businesses. Rita works with John on maintaining membership lists. David Jennings' database helped us refine our list of addresses for the IBSS mailing list for annual membership drive and newsletters. Article submitted for March newsletter. Ideas were discussed for walking tours highlighting historic houses, gardens, etc. Rita is willing to take on extra duties on the Board. Kate asked if we should have another raffle for new members at the Ice Cream Social in April and discussion followed. The value of various raffle prizes were discussed, but members

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will bring this discussion to John Olenski who can consider our budget and upcoming expenses before any decision are made.

**Old Business (Joanne Gonet)**

- **Jungle Gardens goes to City Commission for Historic Approval** The BoD submitted an affected person form to the city because it needed to be submitted by the 27<sup>th</sup>. If someone wants to attend to represent the board that would be great, otherwise we will let them know we will not be there and just send an Official letter of support to all the City Commissioners.
- **Marlin Conservation Square update:** Retainer was paid to the Attorney office on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> with this cover letter of intent "Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood association to wishes to engage your legal representation services per your contract. We are prepared to spend \$3,000 to research the issues of ROW vacation in FL and to construct an argument that could be presented to the planning board and city commission. IBSSA desires an argument based upon legal precedent, both statewide and /or locally, opposing the ROW vacation of Marlin Conservation Square. We are prepared to present the arguments ourselves or would have you do so if within our budgeted allowance."  
Regarding the contract terms, I have stricken and initialed under general conditions item #2 regarding payment fees. "The party responsible for payment is IBSSA solely, not Joanne L Gonet, the signer of the agreement. I would also ask that the association be notified in advance if it appears that the fees and cost will exceed \$3000 since another board vote will be needed to approve more funds".
- Kate, Kevin, and I met last night to discuss our IBSSA strategy. Jesse White was present by phone since he had trailer (flat tire) issues in Tampa. We discussed our 4-part strategy, which I believe will have a positive effect on our position. I have an email out to Attorney Kevin to see if he has anything prepared.
- On another note. Denise Scheineson (Brywill group) wants us to ask the attorney we hired if her property gets flooded due to vacation what is her protection. I tried to explain that that would be something she would have to do but she came back that a IBSSA attorney represents her as a member.
- 138 electronic petitions signed. Jesse White has additional physical petitions.
- **Felix Dock Denial** - We won by 4 votes to 0 to decline the variance. There is still legal recourse available to Felix if he chooses to pursue the variance.

**New Business:**

- **Archives being added to website.** (Joanne Gonet)  
She has begun scanning old newsletters and putting them on the website. She would love to be able to get more original documents to scan and add to the website. Perhaps neighbors have documents? She has emailed Dick Clapp who will look at his files.

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- **Next City Partnership Grant** (Joanne Gonet)  
In the past we have used this city Partnership grant to offset our newsletters. The original Indian Beach Sapphire Shores sign on the ROW in front of Walgreens on Myrtle needs TLC. We contacted Nancy Kelly to find out if the city was responsible for that sign and her answer was, "No, we are". She suggested that we use the grant to refresh it unless we can get someone to refresh it for free. I could ask Jessica Jacobson to get a quote to get an idea of cost to refresh. The little fence and landscaping around it is tired and sad as well. The grant is \$3,000.00
- **Semi Annual Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> discussion** (Joanne Gonet)  
Suggestions needed for guest speakers. Joey could speak on Greenspace updates.

**Non-Agenda Items** (Joanne Gonet)

- Joanne will not be in Sarasota for the Ice Cream/Music Social on April 2 or the BoD meeting on April 6. She has pressing family issues in MA that need to be attended to. She will be leaving on March 12 and returning April 26. The board meeting can be Zoom, as of right now Jessica McVay may not be available to chair the Social. If she is not able to someone else will need to take the helm to setup tables and chairs from city trailer. Kate will get the key when the trailer is delivered and be able to return the key to Nancy Kelly. Joanne will have all the signs done and ready to be put out on the weekend of March 19. Hopefully Rita, John, and Joey can place a sign in front of their houses as 3 new locations. Other board members will need to help with signs as well.
- **Membership letters will be sent out within the next week.**  
There are 1150 households that we will mail to, minus those who have already joined. Renters and owners receive the newsletters.

**Member Comments:** none

**Announcements**

Ice Cream/Music Social April 2, 2023

Next IBSSA BoD meeting via Zoom on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Submission deadline for June Newsletter

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate Bloomquist  
Recorder