**Directors present:**

Henry Bausback, President; (vacant position), Vice President; Kate Bloomquist, Recorder; Kevin Spence, Rita Mann, David Jennings, Don Farr, Richard Parlato, Shelly Watson, Mike Smuts, Jacqueline Crouse

**Directors absent:** John Olenski, Treasurer, Kelsie Shy

Welcome to Mike Smuts, new board member!

With a quorum of 10 Directors established, President Henry Bausback called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Guest:** none

**Approval of the Minutes** **for the October 3, 2023 Board of Directors meeting**:

* Richard moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting.
* Kevin seconded the motion.
* All members voted to approve.

**Treasurer’s Report and Membership for the month and year-to-date ending November 30th, 2023**

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

* YTD total income: $ 27,452.00
* YTD total expenses: $ 39,136.75
* YTD net income: -$ 11,684.75
* Nov. total expenses: $ 1,687.85
* Nov. total income: $ 1,705.00
* Nov. net income: $ 17.15
* Membership totals: 380

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

**Committee Reports**

**Neighborhood Watch Report** (read by Kate Bloomquist)

IBSSA December BoD Crime report

December 7, 2023

**Recent incidents:**

11/19/23- 2 bicycles stolen from carports on the 3500 block of Iroquois.

**Crimes reported on Tamiami Trail (west side):**

11/7/23- Burglary 5100 block

10/31/23-Aggravated assault, 4300 block

10/26/23-Aggravated assault, 4300 block

10/6/23-Auto burglary, 4600 block

**IBSS Crime report: January 1-November 30**

**Neighborhood + (Tamiami Trail)**

 2023 2022

Burglary/structure 11+(6) = 17 7+(4)=11

Burglary/vehicle 23+(2)=25 17+(2)=19

Motor Vehicle theft 4+(1)=5 12+(4)=16

Robbery 1+(3)=4 0+(5)=5

Agg. Assault 3+(3)=6 6+(6)=12

Sex Crime 1+(1)=2 1+(1)=2

**Citywide Statistics: 2023 and (2022)**

Burglary/structure 139 (213)

Burglary/vehicle 243 (286)

Motor Vehicle theft 130 (177)

Robbery 70 (68)

Agg. Assault 200 (226)

Sex Crime 25 (24)

Murder 0 (6)

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

Not any update as far as lean-ups. Joey will create a workday if anyone knows it is needed. Joey will not be on the board next term but will remain as Chairperson of the Greenspace Committee.

The fence project is still in process for the Greenway on 47th. Probably 3 months or so before installation.

Mike, Kevin and Richard will clean the Myrtle Street sign.

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

Since our last semi-annual meeting on May 9 we’ve been focused on three issues:

1. Roer’s Tamiami- the 224 unit apartment complex on US 41 between 42nd and 45th street.
2. The city re-write of the Engineering Design Criterion manual, which controls the specifications of what is built in the city wrapping in roads, structures, and neighborhoods.
3. The city re-write of the Future Land Use Map which is sweeping the North Trail into a map allowing greater density.

The most pressing issue is #1. Roer’s Tamiami which has recently been renamed the Calypso Sarasota Apartments which goes before the Planning Board next Tuesday, 12 December, at 1:30 PM.

Fortunately, we have a developer that cares about the community and we have had some success in effecting positive changes to the site plan.

* Our biggest win was to convince Roer’s to add landscaping buffers to the stormwater bubblers dumping onto 45th street and 42nd street.
* Our biggest disappointment is that the border fence at 45th & Sarasota Ave. is still PVC. They did agree to scrap the white color for beige.
* IBSSA has also negotiated a City administrative change to push the sidewalk 2' off of PVC fence so we can screen it with shrubbery.
* We’ve also protested to the city about a few issues including:
	+ Exiting the Calypso Apartments onto 42nd street (in addition to Tamiami).
	+ A sidewalk that leads from the Calypso parking lot to a mulch bed.
	+ Inadequate parking regulations that may cause overspill parking into our neighborhood.

**Membership Committee: (**Rita Mann)

No increase in dues this year. Membership up to 380.

* Rita met with Sarasota Garden Club, and the next Garden Tour in March will feature 5 homes in IBSS. We will add that information to the newsletter and in the future add these events of interest to our website calendar.
* Rita has created a survey to see if the member discount program is still valued by residents in IBSS, and if not how can we engage our neighbors in patronizing local businesses. How can our local business partners give back to the community? Discounts?
* We can add a copy of our newsletter to each welcome letter that goes out to new neighbors.

(See Rita’s Notes)

**Events Committee**: (Jacqueline Crouse)

Activities: Jacqueline suggested that she have several give-away coupons that can be used at the meeting to give to ticket holders at the meeting.

**Yard Sale**: One day only, January 27th, 9:00-3:00. Ceci Wooster and Jacqueline are heading the committee. Henry, Jacqueline, and Kate will meet to work out advertising, signs, maps, etc. Information will be included in December newsletter and on the website.

**Old Business**

Directors approved making a plaque and giving it to Joanne at the Tuesday meeting.

Nominations for vacant seat after Joey ends his term. Shelly mentioned that a neighbor, Bruce Goemat, is interested.

**New Business:**

Henry submitted a calendar for next year’s meetings. By consensus the dates were accepted.

Semi-Annual meeting agenda was sent to members.

Addition to the agenda for the semi-annual meeting: New College is reforming campus master plan and several neighbors will get 5 minutes for presentation.

**Member Comments:**

Don updated on the airport plans. More parking lots, but no expansions in runways.

Richard: Speeders on South Shore, Bay Shore. Can neighbors get all houses on a street to sign on to try to get speed bumps?

What else can be done? Richard will look into it. The city has not been helpful in the past when this issue has been raised.

Richard: City worker, Matt, takes care of our park spaces. Does a very good job. Another student is interested in presenting ideas to the BoD about improving Indian Beach Park.

**Upcoming Events in 2023 and 2024:**

Semi-Annual meeting, Tuesday, December 12

Next Board Meeting will be in person at the LOTW Church, January 4, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Kate motioned and Kevin seconded to end the meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Bloomquist

Recorder