

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019

The meeting was held at at Jim Lingley's home, 1723 Oak St. and was called to order at 5:34pm.

Board members present were Don Baillie, Jim Lingley, Juliette Reynolds, Julie Cotton ,Dan Bridinger, John Shkor, and Ronald Kashden.

Not attending: Betsey Sublette, Al Streaker

Board meeting minutes for April 8, 2019 approved by acclamation.

Joe McKenna and Pam Fendt, from the Sarasota Orchestra, presented the orchestra's proposal for a new concert facility within Payne Park

After the presentation, Joe and Pam left and the board chatted about the presentation. Don, Jim, Julie, John and Dan liked the proposal. Ron was opposed. Juliette expressed no opinion, but wanted more information. The board discussed having the members weigh in on the topic. Since many of the detailed studies haven't been done by the Orchestra, the board decided to wait until the Fall, when more information is known before reaching out to the members. Tentatively a special neighborhood meeting will be scheduled to discuss the more detailed plan. The discussion then moved to what, if any, public communication should be made by the board regarding the proposal. Jim felt strongly that the board should issue a statement that the majority of the board favors the proposal. His position was that if the members felt differently, they could "over-rule" the board during the special meeting in the fall. Ron strongly felt that no statement should be made by the board on such an important topic to the neighborhood until the members' views are known. In the end the board agreed to send 2 communications. One to thank Joe and Pam for the outreach and one to the city commission stating a neutral position on the matter. It was agreed that the verbiage of the communication would be approved by the board before it was distributed.

Julie then gave an update on the CCN. The organization had requested an opinion from the LPNA regarding increasing the fines for repeat offenders of the city's noise ordinances. After a brief discussion, John motioned to approve the increase and Ron seconded it. The board then passed the approval 5 to 2.

John gave an update on the meeting with the city regarding the bank deterioration of the Hudson Bayou near the kayak launch. He also offered to reach out to the owner of the Tamiami Tap to firm up a commitment for the fall's general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.