

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Dec 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 at Matt Arcari's residence.

Board Members Present

Matt Arcari - President
Betsy Sublette - Treasurer
Laurie Hall - Secretary (via Zoom)
Juliette Reynolds
Dan Bridinger(via Zoom)
Julie Cotton (via Zoom)
Ron Kashden (via Zoom)

Board Members Not Present

Buffie Hutchinson

Other Attendees

Nancy Kelly, Neighborhood Planner
Dan Ohrenstein, Assistant City Engineer

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for Nov 23, 2020 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance is \$7,961.44

Dan Ohrenstein gave a presentation on the Ringling Trail Concept plan which will be a direct quality-of-life improvement for Laurel Park. The board was in favor of the plan for the following reasons:

- With the City's expectation that bikers on the trail will continue from Payne Park into downtown, Ringling Blvd is the least traveled direct route between Payne Park and the waterfront, and thus the safest for bike lanes.
- Ringling Blvd's current configuration is a mixture of 4 lanes narrowing to two lanes. The proposal will make the road more consistent.
- The proposal will not direct trail travelers into Laurel Park, which will help maintain the neighborhood feel and integrity.

Details of project was made available to the Board:

<https://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/planning/transportation-planning>

We discussed fencing off the lift station to prevent homeless from camping/living on the property. The fencing should only be in the back section, so as not to be an eyesore to the street.

We talked to Nancy Kelly to request signage “No Overnight Parking” at the end of Ohio Place. The spaces are being regularly used by renters on Osprey Ave who come over and park overnight. Also, parking enforcement should be ticketing non-handicap cars in the space and cars that are parked overnight. Nancy Kelly will let us know what the options are for signage.

The Board discussed the LP Membership Drive and letter content. We need to get this done in order for Lauri Crown to send out the membership package to Laurel Park residents.

Ron will contact Chris Jaesch newsletter to be distributed in Feb/March

Nancy Kelly will notify us of the permit for the rehab center to be located near Payne Park, if it exists.

Dan placed walking maps in the Laurel Park community board box.

Laurie will handle the Holiday Lights party. She will create flyers and send them to Matt for printing.

Online membership donations were discussed. Laurie has started to look into how we can implement taking payments from members.

Matt and Betsy will be delivering a gift to Jolie for her tireless volunteer efforts.

Laurie will do an email blast to notify residents of the Ringling Trail Concept plan.

Summary of Action Items

1. Ron- contact with Chris newsletter since he’s done them in the past (Chris Jaensch)
2. Matt - Ask Nancy Kelly about signage for parking space issue at kayak launch (Ohio Place)
3. Matt - Ask Nancy Kelly about vagrants at the lift station (can this area be fenced off?)
4. Jules/Laurie - work on taking online membership donations, instead of paper checks
5. Matt - revising membership letter for Lauri to use in membership drive.
6. Matt/Betsy - deliver gift to Jolie
7. Laurie - email blast on Ringling Trail Concept plan
8. Laurie - email blast on Holiday Street Party, Save the Date
9. Laurie - create flyer for Holiday Street Party
10. Inquire with Nancy Kelly about dog waste bags
11. Matt - formal email to Dan Ohrensein to acknowledge that the Board is in agreement with the Ringling Trail Concept plan.

Next board meeting scheduled for 01/18/2021, 6pm, unless there are conflicts.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm