

Laurel Park Neighbor Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak Street

### **Board Members Present**

Matt Arcari, President	Ron Kashden
Betsy Sublette, Treasurer	Juliette Reynolds
Annette Liggett, Secretary	Cindy Taylor
Steve Fantauzzo	

### **Agenda Items**

Ron moved to approve LPNA Board meeting minutes of January 17, 2022. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Current balance = \$14,290.74

#### Credits

Membership = \$3,672.02

#### Debits

Stamps for membership mailing	=	58.00
FL. Dept. of State Annual Report	=	<u>61.25</u>
TOTAL	=	\$119.25

### **New Business**

- **Tree Ordinance Revision-** Ron reported that the city's Tree Advisory Committee recently presented a list of recommendations to the Commission on how to improve Sarasota's tree ordinance. Based on considerable discussion from both the public and Commissioners, the city staff will make revisions and bring back for approval at a future date.
- **Hudson-Bayou/Canal Clean Up** - Ron reported that while the \$1.3 million funding request for this project has yet to be confirmed, all indications are that the County will approve it. Funds will become available if voters decide in the November election to renew the 1% local option sales tax for another 15 years — 2025-2039.
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit Corrective Ordinance** - Ron reported that on February 22, 2022 the City Attorney, Bob Fournier presented a "re-stating" of the City's new ADU ordinance clarifying that Laurel Park (RSM-9) district does not come under the City's new rental regulations for ADUs. It is unclear whether this clarification will need a second reading but given the commission's prior support, he assumes the correction will happen and he will continue to monitor it.
- **Legacy Trail (Alderman/Murt)** - Steve reported that the northernmost segment of the Legacy Trail is open for pedestrians/cyclists from Bahia Vista St to Ringling Blvd.
- **LPNA General Meeting - In-person & zoom** - Matt worked with the Board to set an agenda (see below) for the upcoming meeting. Ron reported that because of COVID health concerns 14 people indicated a preference for a zoom information session with available Board members on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6 PM and he will set this up.

## **Old Business**

- **Membership** - Annette and Betsy reported that to date, 60 people renewed their 2022 LPNA memberships and 8 people joined have donated as Friends. Total donation income is \$4,165.02. Acknowledgement letters have been sent to all and forms will be available at the general meeting.
- **Newsletter** - Cindy asked that the newsletter template be forwarded to her so she can work on a new edition.
- **Short-term Rentals** - Ron reported that he continues to monitor 7-day short term rental requirements and that El Tropicale and apartments on Laurel are currently complying. It was agreed that that when Ron reports on this at the general meeting that he encourage people to contact the Board if they see violations.
- **Oak Street Landscaping** - Ron reported that the irrigation is in place in the Oak Street medians east of So. Osprey and that it is time to plant some trees. He contacted the City and County to determine the most expedient way to get this done and found it may require grant applications that include in-kind work from Laurel Park volunteers and/or signing petitions. He will keep working on this.

## **Summary of Action Items**

### **Matthew**

- Bring general meeting agendas to meeting
- Deliver rental/food check to Mark at Tamiani Tap
- Buy microphone for use at the General Meeting
- Contact Jolie to confirm date for Picnic in the Park
- Send Cindy newsletter template

### **Ron**

- Send email blast reminder for February 28 general mtg.
- Set up zoom meeting for Monday, March 7

### **Steve, Matt, Betsy**

- Deliver general meeting flyers

### **Betsy, Annette, Cindy**

- Continue working on membership

Next board meeting: **Monday, March 21, 2022** at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak St.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Liggett, Secretary