

Laurel Park Neighbor Association - Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2023

A special meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak Street

Board Members Present

Matt Arcari, President
Cindy Taylor, Treasurer
Annette Liggett, Secretary

Steve Fantauzzo
Ron Kashden
Juliette Reynolds
Jason Turner

New Business

A special meeting was called to discuss a recent request from the Benderson Development Company to amend the Land Use Classification and Zoning Requirements of their County Administrative Building properties. Included in the request is the surface parking lot located at 1645 Morrill St. (Parcel 2027100020). This lot is approximately 2.4 acres and in the LP boundaries and has broad implications for use of the land and allowable development within our historical district.

Kimley-Horn (representing the Benderson Corporation) has requested a July 12th meeting with the LP Board to discuss their proposal. Of particular concern are the following land use and zoning change requests regarding the property in Laurel Park:

- Future Land Use (FLU): From Mixed Residential to Urban Edge
- Residential Single Multiple, 9 units per acre (RSM-9) Zone to north portion; Downtown Edge (DTE) and south portion Downtown Neighborhood Edge (DTNE).

Ron led the discussion on why Laurel Park is the only residential area in Sarasota with the "Mixed Residential" Land Use Classification and RSM-9 (Residential Single Multiple, 9 units per acre) zoning. — both include its own rules, regulations and design standards tailored to the neighborhood's aesthetic and historic district designation. Examples were also given by others of Laurel Park's long track record of open communication with developers throughout the permitting and site plan processes regarding (LPOD) Laurel Park Overlay District's issues.

Suggestions were made as to how to proceed in educating LP residents of these issues and working with the City staff, Kimley-Horn, and Benderson representatives regarding the development of the 1645 Morrill property over the coming months.

Action Items:

- 1) Ron will revise and forward to the City's Development Review Committee an overview document of the Laurel Park Parcel

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Liggett, Secretary