

**Location: Bayfront Medical (Sheen Conference Center) Mangrove Room**

**Attendees:** Catherine Nivens, Kathy Posey, Ron Motyka, Patti Holman, Alexis Kaloostian, Adam Gyson, Lisa Suprenand, Larry Biddle, Sharon Ewe, Kai Warren  
**Absent:** Aron Kaloostian

Catherine brought the meeting to order at 7:12 She handed out the agenda and asked for approval of it and if there were any additions. Kathy asked to add Business Membership Fees to the agenda. Done. Kathy then made a motion to approve the agenda. Kai seconded.

**Agenda Item: Secretary's Report**  
**Approval of the corrected Secretaries minutes was done by email.**

**Discussion:** Kai mentioned the importance of having the minutes earlier while the content was fresh in your mind. Ron was thanked for a good job on his first minutes.

**Action:** **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report**  
**Alexis said that there was no action so our balance was the same. \$8,372.31**  
**She thanked Ron for turning in a copy of his driver's license and social security card for the bank. She still needs one more person's info before she can take the new officer's info to the bank and thus be able to write checks.**

**Discussion:** Larry mentioned that we might want to consider another Home Tour to build up the budget, as the home tour was always a good funding source. Deb always did an outstanding job and now she might be willing as she has more free time by not also being on the board.

**Action:** **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Codes – Aron Kaloostian**  
**No report due to absence.**

**Discussion:** Patti stated that she met our new codes person. He was very helpful and sited several overgrown lots on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. His first name is Joe. She didn't catch his last name. Catherine said she would invite him to our next meeting.

**Action:** **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Parks – Adam & Ron**

**Discussion:** Adam shared we had two calls in to meet with Bob Spittle (City person in charge of parks) We will meet with him hopefully next week. For our first project we are going to tackle the overgrowth around the bird houses and the marker

next to the Ronald McDonald director's house at the top of the park. Depending on the number of support people we may re-stain the arbors. They are very weathered looking. We hope to get free mulch from the city. The date chosen for this cleanup is Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to choose different locations throughout the neighborhood and focus on one each last Sat. of the month in order to make progress. Doing it each month on the last Saturday does two things. It lets people know when we are working and gives them multiple opportunities to help make our neighborhood look good.

**Action:** Adam will put out an email reminder to the group about the cleanup a week before the date. **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: CONA – Kathy Posey**

**Discussion:** Kathy brought up the following issues:  
 \*The police are noticing an uptick in car theft on the southside. Please , lock your cars. Use the club.  
 \*The Waterfront Master Plan is up for approval next Thursday. You can view it on line. There is concern over a proposed hotel between the Dali and the Mahaffey Theater. Do we want to give up public land for a commercial use? There is a positive development planned for the area around Salt Creek (just to the south of us.) Watch email for an article on the reasons the hotel on public land is a bad idea.  
 \*The vote to change the requirement for approval by the Preservation Board from two thirds to a simple majority is next week too. Kai mentioned how hard it is for neighborhoods to become historic due to absentee landlords and unfounded fears that you wouldn't be able to change the color of your kitchen. Old NE has had trouble trying to become historic.  
 \*Kathy and Sharon have completed CONA's leadership class and has her graduation dinner next week at Jordan Park. Congratulations, Kathy!

**Action:** **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Safety Committee - Sharon & Kathy**

**Discussion:** Due to conflicts, they haven't met yet. They do plan to start the ordering of the four cameras for our neighborhood soon. There was discussion about saving time by having the cameras put in professionally and paying to do it quicker. Sharon stated that the cameras are small and light. It is part of our commitment to install the cameras and that they shouldn't be that hard to do. They do need to be placed high enough to prevent theft. Kathy added that with Brenda's help they were adding a light to the alley between 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.

where it was very dark.  
 She then reiterated what Sharon said that they would be meeting real soon.

**Action:**

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Grants – Lisa Suprenand**

**Discussion:** Lisa would like to work on this and explore options. She shared we could ask for sponsorships from places like Walmart, Home Depot, Loews, etc.

Lisa share information on the message board for the park. There are many types (recycled plastic to cedar), sizes, and costs. People thought that 36” by 36” was a good size. We would want to post several things on it at a time.

After much discussion about size, cost, color and location for placement, it was decided that Lisa would send us information on email on the many options. Everyone liked placing it at the bottom of the steps in the park by the arbors. Ron requested that the info board be at a small distance from the bottom of the steps as this is a highly photographed location which he hoped could keep its charm intact.

**Action:** No action yet.

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Generator Noise - Catherine**

**Discussion:**

No update as Mr. Michael Johnson (Bayfront) has not scheduled a meeting with Catherine since he cancelled their meeting due to illness and not rescheduled. Catherine will try to schedule another meeting.

Sharon shared that the sound report she had from Mr. Johnson was short (two pages) and that it could not be opened on email by anyone.

Adam is contacting the sound surveyors used by Sarasota General Hospital report and will let us know what he finds.

Kai mentioned that last month’s request about looking into getting an attorney involved was because we may be under a time limit on filing a suit.

Larry mentioned he knew a good corporate lawyer and could speak with him about this matter soon.

Catherine shared her frustration dealing with this and also that Debra had found out that the hospital did not have a sound variance for the noise ordinance.

**Action:** None at this time.

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Bike Trail**

**Discussion:** Catherine reported that the bike trail feedback survey results were sent out on email and are on the city website and many opportunities are coming.

**Action:** None at this time.

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Outdoor Museum - Ron**

**Discussion:** Mr. Hamm gave Ron a paper copy of the markers to edit. He will return this to Mr. Hamm who will then run the signs. Ron hopes to bring them to our next meeting or have them already installed by then. Again, Mr. Hamm apologized for the delay. Ron reminded the board that the three new signs still need stands. Catherine said that Michelle had noticed one stand was broken. Ron said that was correct. He believed it could be repaired and reinstalled.

**Action:**

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Neighborhood Plan Committee – Larry Biddle**

**Discussion:** Larry let us know that the next meeting was June 4<sup>th</sup>. He handed out the notes from last month's meeting. We have a time crunch issue. We have to decide about the placement of lights on Roser Park Drive. \*Larry informed us that the Lighting on Roser Park Drive was a top priority at the last meeting of the planning committee. We had hoped that the underground wiring and lighting was to be in the budget of the road work being done on Roser Park Drive. It is not in the budget for the road work currently being done on Roser Park Drive (as we hoped.) Larry has asked for the estimated cost of putting lights on the park vs the road side of Roser Park Drive. Susie seems to be thinking the parkside would be cheaper. People at the planning meeting wanted historic lights along Roser Park Dr. After much discussion it was decided that the drive was preferable to installing lights (It will match the rest of the roadways.) Kai reminded the group that the intersections were already done (with double globe lights) and we only needed the single globes which are cheaper. (1300 single vs 1800 double) Ron was very passionate about Roser Park Drive along Booker Creek being the reason people visit our neighborhood. Ron gave some history regarding placement of the existing lights. He said that while the rest of the neighborhood has had its

historic lights for a long time, those along the drive have been waiting for twenty plus years. We hadn't put in for grants for the Roser Park Drive as we were told it would be part of the road project. (It would be cheaper to do with the road bricks pulled up and the sidewalks replaced) Now is the time to make it a showplace for all.

Ron made a motion that we get a price for doing the lights in the heart of the neighborhood, between 6<sup>th</sup> Street & 8th Street,(along Roser Park Drive.) Sharon seconded. It passed unanimously.

Larry will inform the city of our decision. After he has pricing information, he will get back to us.

**Who and When:**

## NEW BUSINESS

### \*Jasmine Lot fence repair – Kai

People seemed to have a better picture of what Kai proposed. Catherine found it and spoke with several surrounding neighbors. Neighbors have called about parked cars on the lot (illegally) Kai wants to be sure that no parking signs are up on the lot. Kai said the three sections of fence and bollards plus paint and a few bags of cement would be about \$250. He believes it can be done in just a couple of hours max. He'll use the existing posts and have the fencing already painted before installing it.. He does need use of a truck to do this project. Catherine said we should think about the bigger picture here. Do we want a community garden, dog park, etc. here? Kathy said the lot was too small for either of those ideas.

It was suggested this would be a great project for someone who lives near it.

Adam volunteered his truck to pick up supplies and will help Kai with the installation on the last Saturday in June. Catherine said \$250 might not be enough. Let's make it \$300.

Motion by Adam - \$300 to support the rebuilding and installation of the fencing and bollards on the City owned lot on Jasmine Terrace. Ron seconded it. It passed unanimously.

### \*Porch Parties/Hospitality – Catherine

We need a replacement for Beth S.

Kathy volunteered to do it.

Much discussion - food or no food – block parties – are people burned out?

We have someone for June (John)

July will be a BBQ in the park ( like we did last 4<sup>th</sup> of July) More details to follow.

### \*Business Funding Memberships – Kathy

Kathy suggested we do what they do in Kenwood and use business memberships. The business gets to advertise on the neighborhoods website and we get extra funding. The following would be an example.

\$50. Membership would get their logo on our web page.

\$100 membership would get their logo on our web page and a cup

\$500 membership would get their logo on our web page and a flag and a cup.

There are many premiums you could get with the neighborhood logo on it besides a cup or flag.

Flags cost approx. \$30. Out of a \$100 membership, that would be a \$70 profit.

Business members could also help in sponsoring an event. Think home tour, art show, etc.

Motion to support starting the business funding memberships was made by Adam. Larry seconded.

It passed unanimously.

### Funding – Lisa

Lisa mentioned the eagle scouts could build the bird houses to our specifications. Everyone liked this idea. She is also exploring getting gift cards from business owners to offset the prices of projects. Kai said this is why we became a 501 3C group. Lisa is going to send out letters to see what we can get.

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**Next Meeting: June 11, 2015**

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Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37.