

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

**Attendees:** Catherine Nivens, Larry Biddle, Kathy Posey,  
Ron Motyka, Kai Warren, Adam Gyson,  
Guest: Maurice Kurtz (neighbor)

**Absent:** Sharon Ewe, Aron &  
Alexis Kaloostian, Lisa  
Suprenend, Patricia Hohman

Catherine handed out the agenda and asked if we could start with our guest, neighbor Maurice Kurtz who came to speak on the generator issue. We were waiting on one board member and thought that would be a good use of time. The Meeting started promptly at 7:00pm. Maurice shared several handouts with us (the City Noise Ordinance, administration and enforcement, recent decibel readings he had taken, and a map showing the distance of the generator from the main hospital building) There was special note made of the section on noise sensitive zones (hospitals) Maurice spoke about our quality of life issue and the effect of the diesel fumes on our health. Another issue is the fact that our historic once peaceful neighborhood was not informed of the generator before it was installed.

Discussion followed. Included issues: Councilman Karl Nurse contacted C.O.O. of Bayfront Michael Johnson about noise abatement by a local company in Tampa called Acoustiblok. We need a new study of the noise the generator produces (Anything over 80 decibels is too high.) Perhaps we'll need to reach out to Channel 8 or Bay News 9. Kathy reminded us that CONA can be powerful allies in this concern. Do we have an attorney in the neighborhood for advice? What about bringing this issue up to the Planning/Preservation Committees within the City?

**Actions:** It was agreed that Catherine would speak with our neighbor, Stephanie about support for our actions.

Larry would speak with Commissioner Lisa Wannamaker about how the generator affects our quality of life.

At 7:45 Kai moved that we approve the meeting agenda. Larry seconded. All in favor.

**Agenda Item: No Treasurer's Report by Alexis (absent)**

**Discussion:** Alexis was going to email this to Catherine later.

**Action:**

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Secretary's Report by Ron Motyka**

Secretary's minutes of November Board mtg. were approved by email. Ron has already sent it to Debra C. with the corrections and additions made.

Kai asked that the board members be emailed the corrected minutes before they are posted.

Ron said he would email the board the final corrected copy of the minutes after everyone had a chance to review it and add their thoughts, additions, and corrections.

Ron stated that he was doing his best to email the minutes out quickly while they still were fresh in everyone's mind. He is thankful for those board members who respond with their suggestions, additions and corrections quickly too. That way he can get a corrected and approved copy to Debra C. for the web record in a timely fashion.

**Committee Reports:**

**Codes – Aron absent. No report**

Catherine did inform us that she had invited the new head of Codes and Compliance to our January Meeting.

<b>Action:</b>	None at this time	<b>Who and When:</b>
<b>Discussion</b>		

**Agenda Item: Parks (Adam and Ron)**

**Parks**

**Discussion:** We will look at finishing the arbor staining and cleaning up of the section of the where a tree was removed. Saturday December 12, 2015. Adam has sent out an email requesting neighborhood help on that Saturday.

Kathy mentioned that there are now four” tow away” signs on the Jasmine Terrace lot.  
 Kai said, “There were originally two “No Trespassing” signs but that wasn’t sufficient to keep cars from parking there. The police wouldn’t ticket the cars unless there were two “Tow Away Zone” signs. The city added two “Tow Away Zone” signs, and everyone thought that four signs on the property were excessive.  
 If city lots are going to have signs, corner lots need two so that they would be visible from the two sides exposed to the street and that does seem excessive.  
 Kathy stated that we should really do more with this lot. Why not a picnic table.

<b>Action: Email reminder to group.</b>		<b>Who and When: Adam &amp; Ron</b> 12/12/15 10:00 - noon
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**Agenda Item: CONA - Kathy Posey-nothing new to report**

**Discussion:**

<b>Action:</b>	<b>Who and When:</b>
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**Agenda Item: Safety Sharon absent**

**Discussion: no report** It was stated that the crime rate in Old NE is currently higher than ours.

**Action:** Nothing at this time. **Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Grants Kai & Patti**

Catherine shared a new grant opportunity that we might want to think about that involves the urban bird activities. It was discussed. We didn't come up with something. Something needed to be done before the end of this year. (Not enough time)

**Action:** Nothing at this time. **Who and When:** Kai and Patti

**Agenda Item: Neighborhood Plan Larry Biddle**

**Discussion:** Larry reported that the public art project is moving right along. He said that there was a successful first meeting with the members of the committee: Stacia Schrader, Ron Motyka, Kai Warren, Olya Schaefer and David Warner. The first meeting was Nov. 23 with Ann Wykell (public art coordinator) Larry is looking at the possibility of including the art installation with the signage in the neighborhood. Larry will have a report for the next community meeting which is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

It was suggested that we have more meetings and get other projects going as well. (Branding and signage) Branding and signage should also meet with the arts committee to co-ordinate the projects.

**Action:** **Who and When:** Larry moving forward with this project. ASAP

**Agenda Item: Neighborhood Information Board**

**Discussion:** It was reported that the board cannot go on the Ronald McDonald House property. It is too late to return it for cash. (past 30 days) We are going to wait two weeks before we put it up for sale (ebay) in case we can come up with another location. If not, Catherine will post it for sale.

**Action:** Board voted 5 to 1 (Ron voted no) to sell the information board on ebay. Kai made the motion. Adam seconded. **Who and When Catherine Two weeks**

**Agenda Item: Generation Noise**

**Discussion:** See above. First item on minutes.

**Agenda Item: Outdoor Museum**

**Ron Motyka**

**Discussion:** Ron motioned that we have six outdoor museum stands constructed by Secan & Associates. These would match the existing one in size, color and style. The cost would be \$350 each. The neighborhood would be responsible for the installation. We will save over \$100 each over the price provided by Hamm Signs. Adam seconded the motion. This would come from our 150k grant fund. After much discussion. Kai stated that the group wasn't given evidence of the damage to the three stands that needed to be replaced. There was no interest in seeing evidence. The motion to make the purchase moved forward. The motion passed 5 to 1

Project moving forward.

**Agenda Item: Street Light Installation – Wrong Globes on new lighting along Roser Park Drive.**

**Action:** Ron reported that Susie Ajoc has ordered the correct globes and they will be installed when they arrive.

**Who and When:**

**Agenda Item: Meeting Format – Catherine Nivens**

**Catherine led a discussion on Patti Hohman's concerns about the length and style of the community meetings. We want to improve them to have greater attendance by our community. It was generally felt that a time limit on discussion and the time guest speakers spend talking (for example asking the speaker to give a short 10 min. report) would be a favorable idea. We all agreed to try this at January's meeting.**

**New Business:**

**Christmas Celebrations - Kathy**

Kathy apologized for her posting of the luminaries for this year. She took it right down. This is due to the construction on Roser Park Drive that we aren't having our annual Luminaries party. However, there are neighbors having holiday parties and they have invited us to their party. Kai suggested we donate to their party from our fund to the

holiday party from what we would have spent on the Luminary party. This idea didn't get a second. Hopefully, the construction will be over before our Tour of Homes. One concern was brought up. With the trail coming next year, would construction once again prevent us from having the Luminaries next year too?

## RP Drive Sidewalk Construction

Kai reported that the sidewalk along Roser Park Drive has been ripped up. Kai said the city was going to replace the concrete sidewalk, except for a section in front of Ron Motyka's home. Ron is losing his sidewalk because the engineer's guidelines are going to make the road wider and the land in front of Ron's house isn't wide enough for a sidewalk there. They will be placing gravel and/or grass in front of Ron's home. Naturally, Ron is quite upset about this revelation. He hopes the city's historic preservation planners will help us retain the sidewalk as it is a feature shown in the earliest postcards in his collection. He believes this latest attack on the historic integrity of our district ties into the fact that his councilman never responded to his requests for information regarding the work along Roser Park Drive and the historic lighting issue.

There is confusion if this area will have poured concrete, gravel, or dirt and grass. Kai said that the city (Rick Hermann Engineering Department) says we voted back in 2003 to approve the removal of the sidewalk. Neither Kai nor Ron remember this. They both attended the meetings the city held back in 2003. Kai is going to try to get the recording of the meeting (the City has these as far back as the 1980s) and review the tapes for the truth.

**Action: Catherine** is going to contact the city to find out why we weren't made aware of the current developments concerning the removal of the sidewalk along Roser Park Drive South and see if we can have a meeting to share our concerns.

## Newsletter – Catherine

This was tabled due to lack of time. We will readdress this in January.

Meeting was adjourned by Catherine at 8:50.

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**Next Meeting: Board Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
at 7:00pm Bayfront**

Next Community Meeting will be Jan. 21, 2016.

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