

Location: Bayfront Medical (Sheen Conference Center)

Attendees: Catherine Nivens, Sharon Ewe, Aron & Alexis Kaloostian, Lisa Suprenend, Ron Motyka, Kai Warren, Adam Gyson, Kathy Posey, Larry Biddle, Patricia Hohman, Sharon Ewe

Absent none, all board members were in attendance

Not everyone signed the sign-in sheet. Ron estimated that there were fifty plus people in attendance. Here are the names of those who signed in: Aaron Turner, Ron Posey, John Norris, Thomas Gibson, Mike Hohman, Jane & Roger Jann, Deb Camfferman, Don Mosley, Olya Schaefer, Margie Senior, Gary Guthrie, Vincent Lovko, Tiffany Gwartney, David Gwartney, Jennifer Miselts, Derek Kilborn, Stephanie Smart, Tom Schmidt, Carolyn Pavonetti, Stephanie Waechter, Guido DeRienzo, Tyrone, Linsey Grove, James Schutz, Sarah Gyson, Officer Joshua Hall, Officer Patricia Houston

Our community meeting was well attended. We had to wait to enter Bayfront Medical Center's Sheen Conference Center Salon Meeting Room B as the group meeting before us ran over time. Catherine handed out the agendas and the meeting started at 7:14. Catherine welcomed everyone, wished them a Happy New Year, and mentioned that with our packed agenda we had placed time limits on discussion (noted on the agendas) to get in all of our speakers.

Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report by Alexis
Balance is \$6,031.21

Discussion: Alexis mentioned that the last expense paid was the \$500 deposit to Ann Wykell, our art consultant.

Action: Alexis and Ron are working on a membership list for the election meeting in March. **Who and When:**

Agenda Item: Announcements

Kai is giving a historic tour at 1:00 on Saturday, January 23, 2016. It will start in the park at the corner of the Sixth Street Bridge and Roser Park Drive S.

The Schramm's are hosting this month's Porch Party on Saturday, January 30, 2016. It starts at 7:00pm.

Adam & Ron are asking for volunteers to help with this month's beautification project on Saturday, January 30, 2016. We will work in the park from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. We'll be staining the arbors and continuing the cleaning up of the park.

Association dues are now due. They are \$15.00. You must be a member to vote. Elections will take place at the next community meeting, March 31, 2016. Please see our treasurer Alexis to pay in person (cash or checks made out to "HRPNA".) You may also pay on line at our website, HistoricRoserPark.org. Click on the membership button and choose the number of members in the dropdown box. You can pay with Pay Pal or by credit card.

St. Petersburg Police	Community Officer Report	Officer Joshua Hall
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Officer Hall told us about the St. Petersburg Police Department Neighborhood Police Service Survey. He had paper copies that could be filled out and he would stop by your house to pick them up. Also, he has one on line that could be emailed to him. His email address is Joshua.hall@stpete.org
 Officer Hall is working on getting the homeless off the city lot on the corner of Eleventh Avenue South and Fourth Street. He also mentioned that he is monitoring Tony's Meat Market on Fourth Street.

Officer Hall took questions from the group. One of importance was about homeless people congregating under the bridge in Woodbrook Park and defecating/urinating in the park early in the morning being seen by neighbors who were walking their dogs. While Officer Hall said there were no buzz words to get the police to respond, he did say, keep calling this in. This is a public safety issue. We don't want our park system used as a toilet.

Action: Discussion	Please turn in the police survey as soon as possible.	Who and When: this week. They are a timely issue.
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City Engineers	Roser Park Drive Construction	Philip Keys, John Norris, Rick Herman
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Discussion: The city engineers handed out three large maps showing:

1. Roser Park Drive (all improvements)
2. Roser Park Drive(completed Improvements)
3. Roser Park Drive(remaining improvements)

The City engineers talked about the schedule and budget of the Roser Park Drive Corridor Plan. They stated that their first priority was to reconstruct the roadway on Roser Park Drive from Sixth Street S. west towards Eighth Ave and RPD at a cost of \$240,000. This will include replacing the sidewalk which they tore up without a COA. It is scheduled now. We may be able to drive once again on RPD by April of this year. This will be a completely rebuilt road. The road will not be widened.

In discussion that followed Ron M. asked if the sidewalk would be hexagon block as our Neighborhood Plan calls for new sidewalks to be.

At this point, the engineers introduced Derek Kilborn (City Planner Historic Preservation) He spoke about the sidewalk ordinance. He said that the city can't find any evidence that the sidewalk was originally hexagon block; therefore, they aren't requiring it to be put back in hex block.

Derek Kilborn wanted to share with us that many times people are unaware that those rehabbing in the historic districts have different guidelines. Please contact his department for questions concerning replacing doors and windows. He can probably save you money while keeping the original materials and charm.

Gary G. asked about putting the wiring underground while everything is torn up. Then historic lights could be added in the future as grant money became available. The engineers said they would take this under review. Gary G. also asked if the City could look at making the creek wall repairs look better. They currently look like graffiti line patches. The City said it will investigate blending the color to make the patches less ugly.

Kai asked about the moving of pipes and support beams (bracing) across the Booker Creek. Would the pipes be placed under the bridges? Would the supports be removed? The City engineers responded that the pipes aren't being moved. Some of these are privately owned and the cost was prohibitive. Some of the bracing will be removed in the reconstruction of two sections of the Booker Creek Channel Walls. One upstream west of and under the Eighth Street Connector. The other is east of the Sixth Street Bridge up to the point Booker Creek crosses under Roser Park Drive. The bracing in the other sections of Booker Creek are not scheduled to be removed in this plan.

Catherine asked about the relaying of Prospect Court. The engineers said this roadway wouldn't have the full relaying and leveling that RPD is receiving. It would have the bricks replaced where it had been dug up.

Kai asked next about the future rebuilding of the Historic Ninth Street Bridge. Right now it is 33' wide. Will it be rebuilt to 55' to accommodate two-way traffic? The City engineers responded that the MLK Bridge project is in the future and not funded yet. Plans are unknown at this time.

A recent resident asked what were the benefits the work being done. The City engineers said you won't see most of it as it is underground. The water and sewer lines aren't going to collapse. The roadway will be level and the bricks will be tightly laid. The curbs straightened and the sidewalk replaced.

Larry gave the history of the neighborhood plan. Then he went over the Roser Park Community Planning Priorities.

1. Create a brand for HRP that can be encompassed in new signage, banners, and commissioning the creation and placement of public art installations that promotes the HRP brand. Larry mentioned that we had hired Ann Wykell as our art consultant. This committee is made up of the following people: David Warner, Ron Motyka, Kai Warren, Olya Schaefer, and Stacia Schrader. We are about to put out a call for artists and that the project would be funded by the neighborhood grant (\$60,000)
2. Lighting improvements along RPD. We are working on this.
3. Enhance the park and other public open spaces with attractive Florida friendly plants and trees. Larry asked for someone to chair this part of the plan. Ron Motyka volunteered to do this. Please see Ron if you want to be on this committee
4. Foster improvements in the MLK St. shopping area between 8th and 11th Avenues. And other commercial property and businesses in the HRP District.

Tour of Homes

Debra Camfferman

Debra said that her committee was waiting on the road improvements on Roser Park Drive to decide if the date for the Tour of Homes would need to change. We don't want to do the tour of homes if our neighborhood is torn up.

Meeting was adjourned by Catherine at 8:50.

**Next Meeting: Historic Roser Park Community Meeting on
March 31, 2016
at 7:00pm Bayfront**

Next Community Meeting will be elections of the
new board and officers.
