

Date: April 22, 2015

To: Carl Shoffstall

From: Laura Bryg

RE: Minutes to LKRA Member and Board Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2015

Board/Committee Members in Attendance: Carl Shoffstall, Laura Bryg, Tim Malaney, Beth Dilworth, John Lambert, Mary Jaworski, Jaci Haye, Sam Nickols, John Kirker, George Hafitz

Guests: Eileen Normile, Suzanne Atwell and Susan Chapman of the Sarasota City Council;

Liz Alpert, candidate for Sarasota City Council;

### **Update on Lido Beach Pavilion Project**

Mary Tucker, from the city of Sarasota Park and Recs Department, gave a brief update on this project. An Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) was issued on August 19, 2014 for the purpose of soliciting responses from qualified parties interested in leasing and constructing capital improvements (at tenant's expense) to the City owned property located at 400 Benjamin Franklin Drive including improvements and/or renovations. The leasehold will be open to the public while promoting tourism and offering the greatest economic impact or benefit to the citizens of the City of Sarasota.

Ms. Tucker provided LKRA with copies of the ITN, information on the only company that submitted a bid and proposal concepts of what would be done. The lone developer is JWM Management. The City and JWM are in active negotiations. In order to make this a profitable venture (the cost is \$3.2M), a 305 seat restaurant, a water park geared to 3-9 year olds and a miniature golf area are being proposed. It is assumed there will be a charge for the later items. Mary provided handouts on this.

John Lambert asked what happened to the LKRA proposal from several years back? Ms. Tucker noted that nothing has been finalized and it may take as long as 2 years for the process to complete and there will be many community meetings before anything gets done.

The Handouts as well as the original LKRA Proposal will be posted on our website. LKRA will ask for comments on these proposals.

### **Sarasota Memorial Hospital Urgent Care Center on St. Armands**

Dick Merritt, a member of LKRA and a publicly elected member of the SMH Board, introduced David Verinder, President & CEO of SMH. Mr. Verinder explained that adding an urgent care center to St Armands is just one of several initiative at SMH. Others include becoming a Level II Trauma Center, implementing the STAR Oncology Program, establishing a Residency Program, continuing with advanced use of Robotic Surgery and recruiting MD that specialize in robotics.

A new building will be needed to house the Urgent Care Facility on St Armands. SMH is in the permitting process and may need some variances in order to move forward. These variances are listed on Page 16 of his presentation handout, which will be added to our website.

## **Update on the Beach**

John Kirker provided an update on the Beach. The permitting process for the Army Corps project has begun. Sarasota Coastal Engineering has sent their first permit request to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Their first response was returned with additional questions. The city is already writing its responses and it is anticipated that approval will be in mid-October.

The Army Corp of Engineers presented information on their draft environmental study at City Hall in the council chambers on April 15, 2015. The Army Staff did an outstanding job in presenting their final proposal and in answering questions. Many of the citizen speakers were from Siesta Key and presented their point of view. A LKRA member asked John about the woman that presented herself as representing Mote. John said he had called the CEO of Mote to try to get his support, but was told that Mote does not get involved with Beach renouishment. After the ACEO meeting, the Mote scientist admitted to John Kirker that she was representing herself as a private citizen, not Mote. LKRA will pursue this with the Mote CEO.

The link for feedback on the Environmental proposal will be added to our website.

## **Treasurers Report**

Tim Malaney reported that there is \$18,368 in the Treasury.

## **Big Band Jazz Concert**

A Big Band Jazz Concert was held at the Lido Beach Pavilion on Saturday April 11 at 4PM. It was a great success. John Lambert reported that \$544.05 in donations was taken. He also noted that it is expensive to run an event like this because of the cost of liability insurance and the cost of permits (which the city provided gratis).

## **Website**

Laura asked everyone to contact her as soon as they have settled on the dates for the Meet and Greets and for the programs for next year.

## **Other items**

LKRA will pursue having tee shirts.

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2015 @10AM**