

September 1st, 2017 LKRA Board Meeting
Started 8:30am

Board in attendance: Carl Shoffstall, Tim Malaney, Bruce Abramowitz, Joyce Waterbury, and Heidi Brandt

Not in attendance: Jessie Hayre, Beth Dilworth, Kathy Kussy, Camille Schwabe and Kim McDaniel

President's Report: Carl

~ Board is now full. A special Thank You to Joyce Waterbury for joining the LKRA Board.

~ Looking for Volunteers for post Labor Day weekend cleanup. **Tuesday September 5th** Meet at Pavilion.

~ Traffic: Fruitville/41 turn lane voted "Yes". Talk of a pedestrian overpass possibly by the Vue.

~ Sand Bags: We are working on having Alex Davis Shaw come out to speak about the possibility of using sand bags where the beach is severely eroded.

Treasurers Report: Tim

~ We have \$14,000 in our account.

~ After some time using the current online payment method, we found the % we were paying in fees was far too high. We will still have an online payment method, however it will be directly to our LKRA bank account at Wells Fargo.

~ The board voted YES to make the change and we will be working on updating the website so that online payments for dues and or legal fund can be made.

Programs Report:

Proposed Speakers for next year:

October: Park and Rec Department head – Jerry Fogle

November: Bayfront 20/20

January: City Manager – Tom Barwin

February: Alex Davis Shaw (beach update) & Stevie Freeman-Montes (sustainability manager)

March: Deborah Shultz (walk wise) & Wilma Holley (U of F grants for foliage improvements)

April: Open

****Interesting Discussion about Bayfront 20:20 that will hopefully get people excited and interested.**

~ There are 42 acres of “green space” to be developed. That area is one of the very last big Bayfront “Green” projects. It is extremely desirable to many developers. The bids will be pared down to 5 beginning of September. So, it will be an interesting meeting come November!

Meet & Greet:

~ Will start up again hopefully in October. We are aiming for the 2nd Thursday of the month again.

Beach: Carl

~ Hearings have been rescheduled and set for beginning 2 weeks of December, 2017.

~ Contributions to the Beach Legal Fund still needed and very much appreciated.

Pool Pavilion: Carl

~ Still no known action yet to report.

CCNA:

~ No Summer meetings were held.

Membership: Heidi

~ 524 household memberships to date

Newsletter: Bruce

~ The next newsletter will be in October.

Veggie Market: Closed for the Summer. Working on insurance documentation to get back up and running this Fall. Hopefully October/November time-frame.

New Business:

~ Discussions about changing LKRA from a 501C to a 501C-3 for tax deductions and other such benefits.

~ Also discussed looking into benefits of Lido Key being a “self-taxing district”. For many, it feels like we pay an enormous amount of taxes to live out on the Key, yet we do not get a fair return on what we are paying.

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Beach Legal Fund.
Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated!