

Date: March 22, 2015

To: Carl Shoffstall

From: Laura Bryg

RE: Minutes to LKRA Meeting on Saturday, March 21, 2015

Guests: Officer Deniro and Officer Gee of the Sarasota Police Department;

Eileen Normile and Susan Chapman of the Sarasota City Council;

Liz Alpert, candidate for Sarasota City Council;

Al Maio of the Sarasota County Commissioners;

Nora Patterson, former Sarasota County Commissioner;

Karen Murphy, Andrew Georgiadis and Brianna Dobbs of the Sarasota Urban Design Studio

Sarasota Police Report

Officer Deniro reported that only one criminal incident had been reported this month. A purse left in a car that was parked in the public beach parking lot had money taken from it. No credit cards were missing. There were no leads. Also there were several shoplifting incidents in ST Armands, which is not unusual. A LKRA member asked if these kinds of crimes ever are solved. The response was that "yes" they often are because of the large number of surveillance cameras of merchants and others. A recent purse snatching was swiftly solved because of a surveillance tape at a convenience store and a witness that was able to get a license plate number.

Cycling was discussed at length. Per Officer Gee, there is an ordinance that prohibits cyclists from using sidewalks. There were complaints that cyclists were using the narrow roads instead of Murt or the Bike lanes. Often causing dangerous situations for drivers and themselves. It was noted that cars have been parking in bike lanes in certain areas of the Key, and the police will monitor the area in question for violations.

Dogs are allowed in public places such as St Armands, with or without a leash. If no leash is used, the dog must be able to recognize voice commands. This "European" culture of allowing pets almost everywhere is being adopted in Sarasota.

However, dogs are prohibited on the beach. The exception to this are service dogs, which are required to wear their capes at all times.

Update on the Beach

John Kirker provided an update on the Beach. The Post Debbie FEMA project is done. 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. FDEP will probably respond by April 22, 2015 and will probably have 12 -20 questions that need to be addressed within 30 days. Vern Buchanan, our representative in Congress, met with John Kirker, Carl Shoffstal and others to discuss the Army project. Vern indicated he was in full support of the Army Corps Project and would move funding along in Congress. If there is a lawsuit to block the project, it may take 3 to 4 years to resolve it and may not see the project implemented till 2019.

The Army Corp of Engineers will be presenting at City Hall in the council chambers on April 15, 2015. John wants to have the room packed with LKRA members to support the project. The time will be sent to all via email.

Urban Design Studio

Karen Murphy, Brianna Dobbs and Andrew Georgiadis explained what the Urban Design Studio is all about. The City Commission established the Urban Design Studio (UDS) to work with Citizens and Stakeholders to create a City-wide Form-Based Code to replace the City's current Zoning Code, which is based on how the property is intended to be used.

A Form-based code (FBC) fosters predictable building patterns and high-quality public spaces by using physical form (rather than separation of uses as the current code does) as the organizing principle for the code. The zone districts or Transects are regulations, not mere guidelines, adopted into city or county law. Form-based codes address the relationship between building facades and public spaces such as parks, the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another, and the scale and types of streets and blocks. The regulations and standards in form-based codes are presented in words, clearly drawn diagrams, metrics and other graphics.

Form-based codes are a modern response to the challenges of urban sprawl, deterioration of historic neighborhoods, and the need for safe and efficient multi-modal transportation options for pedestrians and cyclists. Working together with City Staff the code will also incorporate specific elements within the public realm including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, transit, on-street parking, and street trees.

The City's Form-based Code Initiative is a 3 year process that will conclude in the fall of 2016. Many public events have been held, including a walking audit of our neighborhood with members of LKRA, today's presentation at the LKRA meeting and this afternoon at Mote Aquarium's Theater. It will be a year before anything substantive will be shared with us in regard to what will be recommended for Lido Key. Traffic, parking and walkability are high on the list of items residents are interested in.

To learn more about the Urban Design Studio and to get information on Transects, please use the following link:

<http://www.sarasotagov.org/UrbandesignStudio.cfm>

LKRA Treasury

There is about \$19K in the Treasury.

Big Band Jazz Concert

A Big Band Jazz Concert will be held at the Lido Beach Pavilion on Saturday April 11 at 4PM. Bring your Lawn chairs or blanket. Food will be available at the Pavilion.

Other items

CCNA is participating with Bayfront 2020. The Daiquiri Deck proposal for the Lido Beach Pavilion is still under review.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2015 @10AM Speaker: David Verinder, CEO of SMH, will speak about the new outpatient clinic that will be set up on St Armand's.