



Davis Islands Civic Association

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MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2008

Attendance: Lisa DeVitto, Charner Reese, Pam Colker, Bill Besselieu, Bob Bobo, Denise Cassedy, Leslie Stein, Greg Rix, Jackie Saldanha, Rhoda Franklin, Bill Sharpe, Phyllis Pacyna Fleming

I. Call to Order – Lisa DeVitto called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Bill Sharpe spoke to the Board about his plans for furthering the goals of the Chamber and bringing attention to the business district.

II. Approval of Minutes – Phyllis Fleming stated that the February minutes had been approved at the March meeting. She apologized for forgetting to attach the March minutes to the mail out and stated that the March and the April minutes would be approved in May.

III. Treasurer's Report – In Pat's absence, Lisa DeVitto presented the financials which reflected a checking balance of \$8,072.69. The insurance is an expenditure of \$1,676.00. Lisa discussed the amount spent in 2006 (\$800.00) and 2007 (\$1,035.00) for the Ice Cream Social. Lisa stated that the increase in 2007 was due to the expenditure for the signs and the tents. The financials were approved unanimously.

IV. President's Report– Lisa DeVitto discussed the new position of liaison to the Airport. Lisa is will confirm the person to fill this position. We will participate in Islands Fest and looking for volunteers. Bill Besseelieu will coordinate.

V. LAND USE ITEMS

Current variances were discussed by Pam. A discussion followed regarding the need to review the policies used to evaluate variances and rezonings. Charner told the Board that the sidewalk in front of the new townhouses on Davis Blvd. has been moved toward the street, so as not to align with the existing sidewalk and that the landscaping had been placed against the building, rather than between the street and the sidewalk. Several issues were discussed with regard to the history of the project and the board agreed that this is an issue that needs to be pursued with the City and remedied. Lisa briefed the Board on the status of the Tampa Comprehensive Plan. A community meeting is being scheduled for the Planning Commission to present the Comprehensive Plan to Davis Islands. Lisa stated that the Peter O' Knight Master Plan will be included in the Tampa Comprehensive Plan.

VI. Denise Cassedy updated the Board on the status of the Ice Cream Social. It will be held on May 4th and volunteers are asked to help. Leslie said she would check with Publix about donations.

VII. Patt Fosnaught did not attend. However the status of establishing a 501-c-3 corporation was discussed by the board. Unfortunately, the Community Foundation requires \$10,000 dollars to establish a relationship with an organization. The Board discussed the need to establish a 501-c-3 to raise the initial \$10,000. Further research will be done and reported back to the Board next month. A written report is to be provided by Patt. (Written report will be provided; Patt cannot attend)

VIII. Lisa stated that there is still a vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Ross Ferlita and recruitment to fill the vacancy is continuing.

IX. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Greg said the newsletter was being finalized and asked that any last minute information be submitted as soon as possible.

- B. Walter could not attend, but Lisa reported that he continues to work on the commercial vehicle issue with Code Enforcement
- C. Traffic Safety – No report.
- D. Green Initiatives/Parks – Rudy could not attend but Greg reported that there will be an article in the newsletter on the status of the South Davis Greenway.
- E. THAN – Patt could not attend. The Board agreed to contribute \$100.00 to THAN for their 20th Anniversary event.
- F. Chamber of Commerce – See above.
- G. The Young Islanders Spring Egg Hunt was a great success. The Young Islanders will also have a table at Islands Fest.
- H. Garden Club – Dottie Womble could not attend.
- I. Charner stated that the Website continues to be updated.
- J. Office Space – Charner discussed the space available at Vince Palori’s office. However the board chose not to pursue Vince’s offer.
- K. Membership -- No report
- L. Charner said that the Community Plan Implementation is moving forward and will be meeting on April 23rd.

X. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XI. ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned a 8:58.