



Davis Islands Civic Association

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Attendance: Bill Besselieu, Patt Fosnaught, Pam Tayon-Colker, Steve Stanley, Jeff Siewert, Phyllis Pacyna Fleming, Janice Davis, Walter Hill, Charner Reese, Dottie Womble, Henry Gil, Bobby Bobo, Denise Cassedy, Rudy Fernandez, Leslie Stein

- I. Call to Order – Jeff Siewert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Secretary’s Report – December, 07 and January, 08 minutes were approved unanimously, as presented by Phyllis Fleming.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Siewert presented the financials which reflected a checking balance of \$8,362.79. The financials were approved unanimously.
- IV. Completion of Committee Assignments – The following committee assignments were selected by the Board and unanimously approved:
Janice Davis: Nominating
Walter Hill: Code Enforcement
Charner Reese: Website Information Coordinator-defined as a “clearing house” review of materials to place on web.

Discussion ensued regarding funding the not to exceed amount of 180 dollars (\$135.00 in February) to update the web. It was unanimously approved that Bayside staff will update the site at cost (\$25 dollars an hour).

- V. Land Use
- A. POK Airport Plans Status - Jeff discussed Lisa’s report as emailed
- B. Variances- Pam asked if anyone was interested in working with her on the Rezoning Committee. Phyllis Fleming suggested that the policies of the Rezoning Committee be reviewed and revised, if necessary. The wet zoning in the Village was discussed, the Adailia rezoning has been continued, there was no position taken by the Board regarding the variance on Como. The Board unanimously opposed the request at 24 Adailia and unanimously opposed the rezoning request at 125 Adailia because of lack of information.
- C. Community Plan Implementation Update - Charner Reese asked for participation in the implementation meetings. The meetings are being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday through April at 6:30, this is the implementation of the Community Plan and the Committee is still looking for members from Garden Club, Hudson Manor, the Yacht Club and USF.
- D. Marjorie Park Marina Status - Charner Reese stated that no further information is available.
- VI. Event Schedule for the year - A. Review of Calendar for 2008 Board Meetings
Jeff Siewert and Leslie Stein reviewed the issues regarding the yearly calendar. According to the bylaws we can have quarterly meetings. We can meet on the internet for any meeting with a post with 48 hours notice for a special meeting over the internet. An agenda is emailed and if the member is not able to attend they may send a proxy. The agenda may be posted on the web with a password for members. A motion was made and unanimously approved to approve the calendar with no July or December meeting, as has been done in the past. If necessary, a further review of the calendar can be made later.
B. Spring Social Date - Denise Cassedy briefed the Board with an update on the Social, which was unanimously approved by the Board to be held during the 1st weekend May, on Saturday, May 4th or Sunday May 5th from 3 to 5 p.m. Phyllis Fleming told the group that Rhoda would like to have a petition at the Social asking for support of needed improvement to the Island.
- VII. BY-LAWS - Leslie Stein’s report was given previously under the discussion of the Board calendar.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Newsletter – No report
- B. Membership -No report
- C. Code Enforcement – Walter asked to be contacted if anyone is in need of help with Code issues.
- D. Traffic Safety –No report. Next month, Janice would like to discuss the shift change at Tampa General Hospital
- E. Green Initiatives/Parks – Rudy Fernandez asked that the trees be kept watered, he mentioned the dead trees in front of the garden club, lights at welcome home park were discussed and Rudy will check with Pete Burge about them.
- F. THAN – No report
- G. Chamber of Commerce – No report
- H. Young Islanders – Easter Egg hunt is approaching.
- I. Garden Club –Dottie told the group about the generous donation of \$2,500 to charity by the Garden Club.
- J. 501-c-3 – Patt Fosnaught reported on the status of this issue: The DI Plan started the need for capital improvements and for private funds to use to partner with City for implementing specific goals. We need to investigate other options like the Tampa Chamber, or our board members. Patt later forwarded an email with the following information from Robert Sanchez, Esq.:

The application to qualify as a tax exempt organization under IRC Section 501c3 is made on Form 1023. Form 1023 has a disclosure section requiring information on the applicant's officers, directors and/or managers. There are also disclosure sections on the applicant's purpose, its fundraising activities and its financial status (particularly important if it has been in existence and operating prior to the application). Copies of the applicant's juridical documents (Articles, bylaws, etc.) are also required. Not for profit entities require specific language in the Articles and Bylaws relating to disposition of property and assets. If you don't already have that information, you will need to amend and re-file the appropriate document. Not difficult, but it must be done before filing your application.

A tax exempt organization is typically classified as either a public charity (the "Gold Standard"), or a private foundation/private operating foundation. Classification is usually dependent upon where, from whom, and how you raise money. The process is usually 16-18 months, maybe longer, depending on the detail required in a particular application and your financial statements. The hard costs are around \$1,000 (may be more if you have to amend any of your state filings), and the legal fees can range from 1500.00 to 3500.00 (and up) depending on how much of the application you can assist with, unforeseen financial accounting issues and revisions, etc. It may be possible to provide a more accurate assessment after we talked about your organization.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- A. Islands Fest /other events : Steve will be forwarded the announcements for Islands Fest and will attend if possible. Charner would like the subject of office space added to the agenda for March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.