



*Davis Islands Civic Association*

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**MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2008**

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Attendance: Lisa DeVitto, Jeff Siewert, Pam Colker, Bill Sharpe, Denise Cassedy, Leslie Stein, Rhoda Franklin, Phyllis Pacyna Fleming, Walter Hill, Patt Fosnaught, Dottie Womble, Pat Wolfe

Due to lack of attendance, the timings of arrivals and departures, no quorum was achieved.

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Lisa DeVitto**, President

Lisa DeVitto called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Mar/Apr. 08)@**

**Phyllis Pacyna Fleming**, Secretary

This item was deferred, as no quorum was present. The May and July meetings have been cancelled. In August, the minutes from March, April and June will need to be approved.

III. **TREASURER'S REPORT @**

**Pat Wolfe**, Treasurer

This item was deferred, as no quorum was present. This item was revisited after discussion regarding the Ice Cream Social.

No quorum was present when this item was revisited. Lisa stated she is concerned that our balance is low and our expenses are up. There was discussion among the group that costs are going up. Printing costs are up. We didn't have general liability insurance which we now have for 300 dollars. The web site is expensive, and the membership recruiting needs to be beefed up. There have been several comments made that membership will suffer because of the controversial nature of the issues that the board supports. We should limit expenditures from our treasury. The neighborhood walk was not as fruitful as was hoped. Rhoda mentioned that Palm Bank would help with a cocktail party. We could do it for our annual meeting.

IV. **Nominating Committee Recommendation@**

**Janice Davis** (not present)

Jeanne was nominated by the Nominating Chair. A vote of the Board to approve Jeanne occurred via email and will also be voted on at the June meeting. However, this item was deferred as no quorum was present. Jeff informed the group of his need to leave the meeting early, but will leave his vote for Jeannie in absentia. We have Charner's vote for Jeannie in absentia. Dottie was interested in knowing about the status of the nomination. Leslie stated that Jeanne expressed an interest. Lisa stated that members of the board initially show an interest by coming to meetings and not all members are appointed the first time.

When this item was revisited, 10 members were present with Jeff and Charner having voted in absentia. Leslie made the motion and Walter seconded the nomination of Jeanne Wolfe for an unexpired 3 year term. All members in attendance approved with Charner and Jeff voting aye in absentia.

Walter will contact David Whiggham about his interest in joining the Board. Leslie mentioned meeting a new DI resident who may also be interested in joining the Board. He is employed by Sweetbay. (After approval of Jeannie Wolfe, the next item of discussion was the Comprehensive Plan)

V. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Lisa DeVitto**

A. **Advertising in Newsletter inquiries –need process**

Discussion ensued about advertising in our newsletter. There is no rate sheet which we would need to develop. As Chair of the newsletter, Greg prefers not to have ads. Lisa stated that some interest has been shown that make would make sense. Members present commented that we would not want to compete with the DI news and should not be promoting politics or a particular point of view. Sunset Park has a

newsletter with ads and there are other neighborhood organization websites that have ads. A committee was formed to investigate ad placement for newsletter and website. Patt, Pat and Leslie will be on the committee.

**B. All-American City Awards-@authorize \$100 slot to attend this week**

The All American City Awards has a registration fee of 100 dollars and there are scholarships, but we would probably not qualify. We could send 2 people for 1 fee. The dates are June 4-6 with the biggest days, Thursday and Friday. Rhoda expressed an interest in going. Patt spoke about the THAN event at Stetson and how she learned about this. Leslie stated that we could vote for the item without a quorum. Walter and Dottie acknowledged that we should be represented and the fee was approved.

**C. Recruiting members/board members**

Lisa stated a need to recruit board and membership. This issue was discussed later in the meeting when the Treasurer's Report was revisited.

**D. Candidate forums in the fall-inquiry re County Mayor presentation**

Lisa received a request from Mary Ann Stiles regarding speaking to our group. The group decided this was not an issue to pursue. Bill Sharpe stated that the Chamber will be hosting a Candidate Forum. Lisa stated she was also interested in having a Candidate Forum. Leslie and Dottie stated that they thought that having the Chamber hold the forum was appropriate, but they were hesitant about having the Civic Association support this issue. The Bill Sharp said to check the tampagold.com and the DI Chamber website for updates on the forum.

**E. City Budget being developed**

Lisa informed the group that the City's budget is being developed.

**F. Committee meeting schedule**

Lisa inquired about which committees have been meeting. She said the Chairs should be having meetings.

**VI. LAND USE ITEMS**

**A. Variances**

**Pam Colker**

Pam reported no new variance requests. A wet zone for Sip Sushi is being requested for beer and wine on premises. No quorum was present to vote but those in attendance were supportive. 584 Marmora is requesting a tree removal. Walter mentioned that he was aware that the tree was damaged. A pending variance was discussed. 507 Columbia is requesting a variance for a 2 story garage, side yard setback and height. Pam discussed a variance that will be requested in several months, for a kitchen. She met the property owners and will keep the Board updated. Walter mentioned several code issues which he will cover under his report.

**B. Tampa Comprehensive Plan follow up**

**Lisa DeVitto**

This item was deferred to discuss the nomination of Jeannie Wolfe. When this item was discussed, Lisa briefed those present about the Comp Plan. Lisa stated that the Comp Plan is 300 pages long. It has many aspirations with no mention of protecting neighborhoods from industrial uses. The port authority is doing an amendment to their Master Plan which will be incorporated in the Comp Plan. The DI Vision Plan has been incorporated and the Planning Commission staff has been asked to include the South Davis Greenway.

**VII. Ice Cream Social Wrap-Up**

**Denise Cassedy**

This item was deferred to discuss the nomination of Jeannie Wolfe. After these items were discussed, Denise gave a wrap-up on the very successful Ice Cream Social. Itchy Clown was popular and between 300 and 500 people were served. Earth Force from Gorrie Elementary was there as were many non DI residents. We have been wondering how many non DI folks have attended. The Young Islanders and Bill Sharpe

were thanked for their tents. The financing of the event was discussed. Last year we didn't get a bill from Dennis. Rhoda needs to submit her receipts. Rhoda mentioned giving recognition to Linda Saul Sena at the annual meeting. Discussion ensued regarding presenting an annual Ice Cream Scoop award and giving it to Linda Saul Sena this year.

VIII. 501-c-3 @

**Patt Fosnaught**

This item was deferred to discuss code issues.

IX. OTHER REPORTS

A. **Newsletter – Greg Rix**

Greg was not present. After inquiries from the group, Lisa stated that Greg Rix is the new airport liaison.

B. **Code Enforcement – Walter Hill**

On 16 Davis cars are parking on the sidewalk. On Luzon, student renters are unruly and there was a report of a motor home camped in the Marjorie Park Marina. The 100 W. Davis Blvd. with the pool in the front yard has a stop work order, yet there is work being done. There was a report of an RV parked in the Marjory Park Marina parking lot. Walter discussed the status of the business district renovation. A deli will be going in at location of the Fig Leaf and a glass studio is another new tenant.

C. **Traffic Safety – Jeffrey Siewert**

Jeff left early and no report was given.

D. **Green Initiatives/Parks – Rudy Fernandez**

Rudy was not present. No report was given.

E. **THAN – Patt Fosnaught**

Patt has a membership renewal for THAN. Patt is out of town for the next meeting and Phyllis volunteered to attend.

F. **Chamber of Commerce – Bill Sharpe**

Bill told the group that Mark Sharpe gave a briefing about the route for light rail from USF to downtown. The Chamber has established a relationship with Tampa Bay and Co. Bill is working to develop a rack card and tv commercial for the village. The DI News is always available at Ricks Italian. There will be a social for the opening of Glass Reunion (glass shop), and the Candidate Forum will also be held.

G. **Young Islanders – Stephanie Rogers**

Stephanie was not present. No report was given.

H. **Garden Club – Dottie Womble**

Dottie told the group about National Garden Club Week and the events associated with it. In addition there will be a DI Garden Tour on Wednesday(tomorrow) at 4.

I. **Website Information & Coordination –**

**Charner Reese**

Charner was not present. No report was given.

J. **Membership -- Pat Wolfe**

This item was covered under the Treasurer's report.

K. Stewardship Team

**Charner Reese**

Charner was not present. See item X. A.

X. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Dottie reminded Lisa that she was to have contacted Linda Saul Sena regarding making a presentation to the Board regarding the undergrounding of utilities

Phyllis advised the group that she would be unable to attend the August meeting. Patt volunteered to assume the responsibility of Secretary for the August meeting.

- A. Charner was not present but Lisa stated that the Stewardship Implementation Team meets Wed. June 4, 6:30 pm at HCC, room 125, to finalize plan; can leave website open for comment through June; might have one other meeting towards the end of June.

## XI. ADJOURN

The next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, August 5, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.