



Davis Islands Civic Association

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MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2008

Attendance: Dottie Womble, Patt Fosnaught, Lisa DeVitto, Charner Reese, Pam Colker, Walter Hill, Jeff Siewert, Bill Besselieu, Denise Cassidy, Leslie Stein, Greg Rix, Jackie Saldanha, Rhoda Franklin

- I. Call to Order – Lisa DeVitto called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes – The February minutes as emailed by Phyllis Fleming were presented and unanimously approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report – In Pat's absence, Lisa DeVitto presented the financials which reflected a checking balance of \$8,199.15. Lisa discussed the 10 additional paid memberships and the \$322.55 spent on the airport flyers. The financials were approved unanimously.
- IV. Visitor Request for Support for Pedestrian Light – Hyde Park resident Mini Conneelly was not able to attend. However, Ms. Conneelly is asking for support regarding a pedestrian light at the Bayshore apex near Publix. Jeff Siewert stated that this pedestrian amenity is a result of the Bayshore study done several years ago. Lisa provided the website (www.bayshoreforall.com) for those who may want additional information. This was a discussion only item and no vote was taken.
- V. President's Report
 - A. Peter O' Knight Airport Report – Lisa requested that a committee of the Board be established to deal with issues relating to Peter O' Knight Airport. A discussion ensued regarding the operation and purpose of the committee as a communication and PR group. There was further discussion regarding the pros and cons of establishing a liaison vs. a full committee. It was unanimously approved that an airport liaison, not a committee be established.
 - B. Recent Press – Lisa will forward recent news articles.
 - C. Supervisor of Elections Request – A request has been made by the Supervisor of elections to speak to the Board about the new voting machines. Lisa referred this item to the social committee.
 - D. DICA representative to Chamber – The Board recalled that although Janice had been serving as our Chamber Representative, if she is no longer interested or able to serve, the Board will need to find a replacement. Lisa will contact Janice and follow up with the Board.
- VI. Land Use Items - Pam Colker told the Board that 24 Adalia has been resolved and 125 Adalia will have an 11 foot side yard setback. Charner Reese gave an update on the Community Plan Implementation. She encouraged all to attend the twice monthly meetings at the HCC Vision Center, Room 125. Future meetings will include a discussion of form based zoning as a strategy for the village center. The topic of the meeting on March 12th will be traffic calming. The objective is to finish strategic plan by end of April. Pam Colker updated the Board on the Tampa Comprehensive Plan. Pam told the Board that Terry Cullen will be rewriting the first 3 chapters. There will be 3 districts and the districts will include urban villages. The Comp Plan will designate Davis Islands as an urban village, it will not change the vision for the Islands and it will reinforce the Davis Islands Plan. The approval for the Tampa Comprehensive Plan will be moved to May by the Tampa City Council. The Board approved a meeting with the Chamber and the Planning Commission to present the Tampa Comprehensive Plan. When the meeting date has been set, the Bank should be contacted to see if they will post the meeting date. The renewal of the utilities undergrounding franchise was discussed by Lisa. The franchise is in the process of being reviewed for possible renewal by the City. The Board noted that assessments for stormwater and undergrounding are not comparable and that undergrounding could be accomplished as part of a new development, The Civic Association does not have a position on an assessment. Dottie will invite Linda Saul-Sena to attend a future Board meeting to further discuss this item.

- VII. Nominating Committee- The following members were unanimously approved to serve as part of the Nominating Committee, with Janis Davis as Chair: Dottie Womble, Pat Wolfe, Patt Fosnaught, Greg Rix, and Leslie Stein.
- VIII. 501-c-3 - Patt briefed the Board on her conversation with Jerry Ross. Discussion ensued regarding the identification of capital improvements and the establishment of partnerships to fund them. Leslie suggested that the Board create an account in the Community Foundation. Patt will pursue this. Charner suggested that we unveil this at the November meeting and have a list of items to fund. Further discussion on this item will be held in a committee format.

IX. OTHER REPORTS

A. Newsletter – Greg Rix asked the Board to submit articles on Islands Fest, the Ice Cream Social, President’s Letter, Peter O’ Knight Liaison, Tree plantings and the Comp Plan. Charner will write an article on the Stewardship Team article. No distribution date is set but it needs to be out by mid April. Articles are requested to be received within 2 weeks (March 15). Greg will send out an email

B. Membership -- No report

C. Code Enforcement – Walter said there was an issues with parking commercial vehicles. They can’t be parked in streets or in driveways. Walter is listed in the in newsletter as the contact and he will also do an article. The web will direct contacts to the Civic Association email and Walter will review these.

D. Traffic Safety – Jeffrey Siewert is working with Charner on traffic calming. He is looking for reps from the islands to discuss traffic issues. He envisions a charrette for TGH and other traffic issues.

Social: **Not Listed On the Agenda** Denise let the Board know that Sunday, May 4th from 3-5 has been reserved for the Ice Cream Social. She is anticipating a magician and a dance teacher. Patt suggested contacting Pat Fenda with Strictly Entertainment.

E. Green Initiatives/Parks – Charner said that the City of Tampa Parks Department will try to increase the lighting at the base of the bridge. They anticipate changing the bulbs to ones that are brighter without increasing the wattage.

F. THAN – Patt Fosnaught told the Board about the following: John Dingfelder is holding campaign finance reform meetings., THAN is having their 20th Anniversary Celebration on May 14th from 6-9 pm. There will be dinner and 2 Board members will be free of charge. Dinner is \$10.00 per person and THAN would like us to provide funding in any amount. No funding has been requested for Paint Your Heart Out. March 8th is Walk with the Mayor, March 12th is the State of the City, and March 19th is the Town Hall Meeting. Further discussion will be held next month regarding the Board’s participation with the THAN dinner.

G. Chamber of Commerce – No report

H. Young Islanders – Jackie reminded the Board that the Spring Egg Hunt will be held on March 22nd at the Garden Club. The Civic Association unanimously approved a donation of \$100.00. The event is open to all. A report will be given next month on the grant money for signs. The Coastal Cleanup will not be held in April unless Jackie gets more volunteers. They will do it in the fall instead.

I. Garden Club – Dottie Womble said that the Garden Club is happy to be hosting the Young Islanders for Spring Egg Hunt.

J. Website Information & Coordination – Charner Reese told the Board that the website is updated and she is looking for feedback. “Urgent Issues” has been changed to “Action Alerts”. The Board agreed that minutes will be posted, not the bylaws. Charner will PDF the minutes and post.

K. Office Space – Charner Reese said that the old dock master building is not available. We could use the space under the pool, but it is too damp. The City offered no space for us to use and we are still looking for office space.

X. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS –

A. Islands Fest /other events – Islands fest is the 26th and Lisa will contact those interested in participating.

Ross Ferlita is resigning. Patt should check to see if the Community Foundation requires a member on our board if we establish a fund with them.

A consultant (Sprinkle) has been hired by the City for the South Davis Greenway.

XI. ADJOURN-The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.