

**Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2024**

Directors present:

Henry Bausback, President; Kate Bloomquist, Recorder; Kevin Spence, Don Farr, Jacqueline Crouse, David Jennings, Leslie Townsend, Nancy Platkin

Directors absent: Rita Mann, Shelly Watson, Kelsi Shy, Richard Parlato, Vice President, John Olenski, Treasurer

With a quorum of Directors established, President Henry Bausback called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Guests: Gary Just, Jack Wooster (newly re-appointed Greenspace Chairperson)

Approval of the Minutes for the June 6, 2024 Board of Directors meeting:

- Kevin moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting.
- Nancy seconded the motion.
- All members voted to approve. None opposed

Treasurer's Report and Membership for the month and year-to-date ending July 31st, 2024

The Perrys made a significant contribution to Greenspace.

Profit and Loss Statement and Balance were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

- YTD total income: \$ 10,804.42
- YTD total expenses: \$ 11,440.70
- YTD net income: \$ -1,132.90
- July total expenses: \$ 496.62
- July total income: \$ 1,070.00
- July net income: \$ 573.38
- Membership totals: 277

Leslie moved to accept the treasurer's report, all members in favor.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch Report (Debbie Muller) 2 incidents, one burglary and one aggravated assault, both involved known persons.

Beautification/Greenspace Update: (Jack Wooster) Candie and many other folks still on staff at the City, which helps with communication. Hegener Way is on the table for some clearing. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) is the goal. Signs needed.

Land Use Committee: (Kevin Spence) The Land Use Committee will continue to study the city's Engineering Design Criterion Manual (EDCM); currently we see three issues:

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1. The IBSS neighborhood does not meet current EDCM specs. (We should lobby for current design standards in stormwater and pedestrian safety (sidewalks or woonerfs))
2. The EDCM does not address the impact of developments on abutting neighborhoods. (e.g.- 120 feet of plastic fence with no landscaping and stormwater overflow bubbler at 45th & Sarasota in Roer's design).
3. The EDCM may have problematic 'context classifications' as they do not match state classifications. (e.g.- city 'Urban General Residential' is considered by the state to be 'Urban General' where roads have a higher range of traffic speeds.)

Detail:

1. Engineering Design Criterion Manual- Does the City rewrite cover our concerns?

a. 1- The EDCM is a guiding document when something NEW is being built. It sets the standard for what constitutes the safe and the best course for Sarasota. The IBSS neighborhood does not meet the design standards for stormwater management (storm sewer and curbing), or pedestrian safety (less than 30% of our streets have sidewalks or a secure space for walking). Also, the EDCM does not address how existing neighborhoods with substandard infrastructure (IBSS) are to deal with the impact of the new construction (read stormwater runoff and traffic).

b. 2- The EDCM is reclassifying neighborhoods. IBSS is to be 'tagged' as a mix of 'Suburban residential' and 'Urban General Residential' (see page 526 of the linked EDCM). Descriptions of these 'Context Classifications' are in Chapter 3 of the EDCM (some might make you uncomfortable: a 'target design speed range' for 'suburban residential' 'major or minor arterial roads' is 30- 40 mph!) Also, a fly deep in the ointment is buried in EDCM appendix D on page 529: as far as the State of Florida is concerned our 'Urban General Residential' will be considered 'Urban General', which makes me a little nervous since State regs have regularly trumped the City time and again.

Membership Committee: (Rita Mann)

- Member communication is up to date (welcome letters and business discount cards sent)
- Membership is lower than 2023 – new events beginning in 2024 continue to promote membership to new and potential members

Suggestions

- Look at trends: new residents (volume), multiple homeowners, owner occupied, short-term rentals, snow bird houses, basically anything that may impact our membership
- Consider member-only experiences to boost interest and engagement
- Reassess Business Discount Card in 2025: businesses say they like the press/promotion; residents contacted said for the most part that they don't (or rarely) use the discount card (this was confirmed by several businesses who report low to no traffic or use of the card)
- Recommend send President's letter in December or at latest January 2024 for next year renewal (consider email in lieu of or in addition to print) Suggest in 2025 move to an electronic system: email only for member communication (maybe even newsletter); then reallocate what save from printing of letters, envelopes and even newsletter to Member Experience (events, experiences, etc.)

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Events Committee: (Jacqueline Crouse) Next event is Aug 24, 6:45 Dinner at Bacres. September will be Yoga in the Park by John Olenski, September 21st 9:00 am Sapphire Shores Park

CCNA: (Kevin and Richard). On break for July and August

Old Business

New website design still in the works. We need to meet and add content, add neighborhood photos, add activities page, past and future events, perhaps a link to join an activity. Henry will contact Travis to organize several working meetings.

New Business: John Olenski is rolling off the board by January. Perhaps start as an assistant treasurer to become familiar with our books and financial processes.

Leslie has volunteered to be sign coordinator, placing signs and picking up signs after meetings.

Member Comments: Tropical storm may be nearing this weekend.

The Neighborhood Grant is up for the 24-25 year. It could be used for new signs or for offsetting newsletter costs. Discussion was to investigate both options and inform the Board.

Kevin will compose a non-partisan newsletter article regarding the upcoming City Commission elections.

Ringling Point is an HOA, 11 homes.
Old Oaks, 6 or 7 houses in that HOA.
Bellora, 26 or fewer lots, is an HOA.

800 single family units in IBSS.

Upcoming Events in 2024: Aug 24 Bacres; Primary election 8/20 at Light of the World;
Next BoD September 5th

Kate moved, and Jacqueline seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Bloomquist, Recorder

Addendum to minutes: After discussion with relevant chairpersons via email, the decision was made to apply for the Neighborhood Grant specifically for funds for the newsletter. An email vote was held on August 12, 2024 and a majority vote of approval was secured by the Board to move forward with the grant application.