

**Lido Key Residents Association**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**March 20, 2021**

Carl Shoffstall called the meeting to order at 10:00.

He thanked the board members and Ocean Properties for use of the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. He then introduced our speaker, Sandy Gilbert from START and reminded members that there would be a membership meeting after the program.

**PROGRAM**

**Sandy Gilbert – START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide)**

Sandy presented a power point addressing the following:

- The causes of red tide:  
Red tide is always around. It is heightened by water temperatures from 59-85, salinity of 31%-34% and bright sunlight.
- Why it is so bad here:  
Two of the largest nutrient dumps, the Mississippi River and Lake Okeechobee, are affecting our shoreline.
- What's being done:  
START is working to educate people, promote state legislation that reduces the nutrients in our waterways, work with local government to upgrade aging infrastructure, increase natural nutrient control, and find solutions to filter storm water before it goes into the bay
- What YOU can do:  
We can all help by cleaning up ponds, fertilizing responsibly, keeping leaves and grasses out of stormwater drains, using less water, minimizing runoff from your yard, and disposing of kitchen and bathroom waste responsibly and limiting electrical use.

The entire power point will be posted on the website and is very informative. Members may also view the website at <https://start1.org/about-us/>

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Presidents Report

Carl informed us that Joyce Waterbury has resigned as treasurer. We will discuss her replacement at our next board meeting. He shared two links that are available for more information on the Downtown-St Armands-Lido Trolley

(<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ZxWVDbKLHIBj7a4M7jsHxpLtbWlanwpG&usp=sharing>) and the roundabout construction (<http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>).

Carl announced that the hotel houses and proposed ordinance are going to be discussed at the City Commission meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-pm. Jim Ludwig reported that he and Carl have been meeting with representatives from St Armand's and the city and have revised the ordinance language responding to every objection that had been set forth. There are further meetings scheduled to review zoning rules and code enforcement. Jim suggested that if you support this issue that you visit [SaveOurCityIslands.com](http://SaveOurCityIslands.com) and add your name to the petition. There are still yard signs available. Contact Carl is you would like one.

Beach Report

Jay reported that there is still no information on the Court of Appeals Civil Case.

Alex Davis-Shaw reported that the north groin construction has a few minor adjustments to be made but will be covered over soon. The south groin has been started and should be completed by April 26<sup>th</sup>. The north parking area by the Lido Pool will soon be open; the parking lot at South Lido park will be in use until the groins are completed.

### Treasurer Report

We have a balance of \$32,034.24 in the regular account and \$6,434.53 in the legal account.

### Programs Report

Next month's program will be a presentation by Selby Gardens outlining their approved changes.

### Social Committee Report

There are no social events scheduled at this time.

### Pool Pavilion

A soft opening of the pavilion was held on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for City Officials. The grand opening was held on March 18. The bids are back for the bathroom renovations and the project should be starting soon. Porta trailers will be available in the meantime.

### Membership

There are 478 households and 680 members of the LRKA. If you are not getting regular email notices, go to the website under "contact us" and send us your email address.

### Newsletter

The next newsletter will be going out in April. Please contact Bruce with any information you would like to include.

### Website:

The website is updated. Please review at [www.lkra.org](http://www.lkra.org)

### Coalition of City Neighborhoods Association:

The main project focused on at this month's meeting was the Urban Forestry Program

### Old Business:

The new streetlights on Ben Franklin Drive are still on hold. The Developers of the new condo replacing the two motels on Ben Franklin will be meeting with the planning board on April 14. They are seeking a variance to build eleven (11) stories. The extra stories are necessary for them to include all the amenities they are proposing.

### New Business:

Normally April is our last membership meeting. The Board has decided to hold two zoom meetings of the membership in June and August.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02.