

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

Carl Shoffstall called the meeting to order at 10:00. He introduced our first speaker for today, Alex Davis Shaw, City of Sarasota engineer.

**PROGRAM**

**Alex Davis Shaw – City of Sarasota engineer**

Alex thanked the Lido Key residents for their patience, help and support for the beach project. The groin work has begun at the north end. This should be completed by March 10. The next groin will then be started with completion by the end of April. Concepts for a dune project are now being considered to help lock in the sand. The next topic addressed was the roundabout. Alex indicated that there is a new video that she will send out to members that shows the various stages of the roundabout's development and traffic changes. She said the descriptions start at the eight (8) minute mark of the presentation. The project will start in early March. The first 100-day phase will have minor changes to traffic. The second phase will allow traffic the use 41 both ways to get to Lido, but traffic wishing to go from north to south on 41 will have to use 301 instead. There is a commission meeting on the pre-construction on March 25.

Carl and Marlon Brown addressed the near retirement of Alex. Both spoke to the amazing public service that Alex has provided to the City and Lido Beach. She will surely be greatly missed by all. New City Manager, Marlon Brown spoke next,

**Marlon Brown – City Manager**

Marlon Brown, who has served as the assistant city manager for the past twelve (12) years has taken over the role of city manager. His initial focus is to reexamine the structure of the organization and to ensure that the right people are in the right place. He recently appointed Pat Robinson as deputy city manager and Jim Rieser as chief of police. His rationale for not undertaking a national search for the new chief to replace Pat Robinson was that Jim was ready, experienced, and available locally. Marlon addressed two issues currently underway in the city: Bobby Jones, and Bay Park. Bobby Jones has been a key asset to the city since 1927. The plan is for the 300 acres of green space to be used for 27 holes of golf and a Nature park. Bay Park is being designed to provide access to the Bayfront and water. A circular pier, the sunset pier" design will be going before the commission on March 8. The Sarasota Opera and city zoning codes are other issues the city is continuing to look at.

**Pat Robinson – Deputy City Manager**

Pat Robinson told members that it was an honor to move from the Police Department (after 21 years) to City Hall. He is thrilled to be involved in the many projects and good things happening in the city and looking forward to helping to streamline communications and emergency response.

Questions asked by members generated the following information:

- The Bobby Jones project is currently at 12 million dollars.
- The Pavilion Concession – Lido Island Grille will open sometime in February or March.
- Boat Races at this time are scheduled for the end of June, prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### Presidents Report

Carl started the business meeting at 10:38 am. He recognized the board members and thanked Ocean Properties for the use of the 8<sup>th</sup> floor for conducting the meeting. He informed the members that the Selby Garden revised proposal had been approved.

### Treasurer Report

Joyce reported a balance of \$13,694.24 in the regular account and \$4,840.58 in the legal account.

### Secretary Report

Kathy summarized the information sent out to members regarding this years' election process. While pleased to have new interest by members wanting to serve on the board, there were numerous complications to conducting a ballot election during the pandemic. The board decided to keep the members of the board the same and to appoint the two people expressing interest in running for the board, Diane Sterner and Jim Ludwig, as ad hoc members. This arrangement will be for one year only when hopefully we can get back to face-to-face meetings.

### Programs Report

The March program is currently scheduled to provide information about red tide. Other topics under discussion are Selby Garden, Bayfront 20/20, historic preservation, Mote. Hotel houses will be placed on an agenda as soon as it is known when the city will be discussing the issue.

### Social Committee Report

There are no social events scheduled at this time.

### Beach Update

Carl thanked Jay Elasser and Paul Robbins for their dedication and work on the beach and pavilion projects.

### Coalition of City Neighborhoods

The presentation this month was an update on reducing homelessness in Sarasota. Scott gave a report indicating that long term housing is the strongest solution and that the work towards that is a balance between engagement and enabling. Early intervention is making a difference in our city.

### Membership

Heidi reported that the membership roster had been updated and purged of all residents who had not paid membership dues since 2018. There currently 470 households and 866 members of the LRKA. We have had 31 new members so far this year. Memberships now run from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

### Newsletter

Bruce reported that the next newsletter will go out at the end of April.

### Website

We are currently having a problem with the website.

### Hotel Houses

Jim Ludwig gave an updated on the Hotel Houses. He is working with representatives from St Armand's and the city to make revisions to the city ordinance written and presented to the commissioners at the last meeting. They are creating a scaled down version that speaks only to the barrier Islands.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2021.