

LKRA Meeting
October 20, 2018
10:00 AM

Sandcastle/Ocean Properties

Bruce Franklin advised that:

- the project was approved 5-0 by the Planning Board,
- project will go to the full commission on November 19,
- size of the project is six acres, with 600 feet of beach frontage,
- property will be rezoned to waterfront resort, as it is now a non-conforming building,
- it will have from 5 to 3 driveways off Ben Franklin, 304 rooms, and be eight stories high, for a height of 110 feet,
- valet parking will be on two levels,
- Mark Walsh held meetings with the Regency and Mark Twain Condos, and in his mind, all of their objections have been resolved, however, if other concerns arise, he will work them to everyone's satisfaction,
- Demolition will begin in approximately one year, and noise generated from the demolition will be reduced to the degree possible,
- they believe a wall which will extend about 6-8" above grade in front of the building will protect against beach erosion,
- cabanas, folding chairs, umbrellas, and non-motorized water craft will be available, and they executed a recreational use agreement with the city, which includes safety agreements re: turtles and turtle nesting,
- a real estate broker in the audience advised that she thought the value of the other properties in the area will be greatly increased,
- it is expected construction of the building will begin in 2 years and will take approximately 18-24 months.

County Commissioner Candidates

Wesley Anne Beggs, District 4, Siesta Key and Ruta Maria Jouniari- District 2 , Lido Beach were present and talked about their campaigns, and advised they supported the Single Member Districts as they would give residences a stronger voice.

Bayfront Conservancy

Carl reported that on September 14, the Sarasota City Commission approved the master plan for the Bayfront 20:20 Project, and further authorized the current board of directors to transition into a conservancy tasked with overseeing and managing

implementation of the master plan and activation of the site including approval to move forward with a first phase of design and construction, Phase 1A.

Phase 1A will convert the Boulevard of the Arts corridor and adjacent parking from its current asphalt prominent condition to a welcoming, flexible community space that will include a linear public park with event spaces, ecological and access enhancements to the mangrove inlet, and food and beverage services. The first phase will highlight access to, along, and over the bay, which was consistently the top desired amenity in community surveys.

Ben Franklin Street Lights

Carl advised that new LED lights will be installed on Ben Franklin Dr. soon.

Red Tide

Carl reported that the red tide on Lido Beach has greatly reduced the number of visitors to St. Armand Circle and the beach, and thus, adversely affected retail sales on restaurant revenues.

Treasurer Tim Malaney

Tim reported that he is actively looking for a CPA and an attorney to help the association with the association finances and our 501-c-3 filing. Anyone interested may contact him at lidotim@yahoo.com.

The balance in our Operating Account is \$12,084, and the Legal Fund needs all the help it can get!!!

Programs

November: Update on Selby Gardens Expansion

January: Steve Cover and Tom Barwin

February: Candidate Forum for City Commissioner

March: Stevie Freeman Montes – Sustainability

April: Todd Kerkering – Emergency Management and Hurricane preparedness

Social Committee -- Kathy Kussy

November 13 – Second Tuesday Meet and Greet – Holiday Inn – Lido Beach

January 29 -- Ritz Carlton – Camille advised invites will be in the mail soon.

Beach Update

Jay reported that the civil case has been dismissed without prejudice on its merit. However, Siesta Key may refile under a different set of laws, and they may take it to Federal Court.

Suggestions were made to boycott Siesta Key Beach and plan a protest march on their beach.

Beach Renourishment

Carl advised that the Army Corp has approved a renourishment of Lido Beach, and it is expected to begin on November 14. The 200,000 cubic yards of sand will be taken from New Pass despite Siesta Key's attempt to stop it.

Pool Pavilion

Carl requested that letters to the city commissioners, Marlon Brown, and Tom Barwin to change the December 17 date for the City Commission Meeting on the Pool Pavilion to a date in January as soon as possible. The new date will ensure a much larger attendance.

LKRA Members

It was reported that there are currently 510 households.

Newsletter

Bruce will issue a newsletter soon.

Brown's Lido Beach Veggie Market

Opening date is December 1.