

LKRA Meeting  
November 17, 2018  
Lido Beach Resort  
Eighth Floor Meeting Room  
10:00 AM

**Lido Beach Renourishment Project**

Alex DavisShaw, Manager for City of Sarasota, advised that

- renouishment of Lido Beach should start no later than this week, and possibly today,
- the pipe used for the project will not remain on the beach when it is not in use,
- 195 cubic yards of sand, instead of 185 cubic yards of sand, will be taken from the New Pass shoal,
- the design template has been adjusted and the sand will go all the way down to the south end of Lido, but the sand depth at the south end may be lower,
- inspectors from the engineering firm will be onsite during the renourishment,
- any questions/concerns may be directed to her at 941-954-4181 or [alex.davisshaw@scgov.net](mailto:alex.davisshaw@scgov.net), but the responses will go to Carl, and
- the long-range renourishment project will begin in September 2019.

**Selby Botanical Gardens**

Jennifer Rominieck, CEO and President of the Selby Gardens, gave a compelling lecture with a corresponding video on the Gardens. The main points included their:

- mission statement: to provide an oasis of inspiration and tranquility, while furthering the understanding and appreciation of plants, especially epiphytes,
- vision statement: to touch as many people as possible through our urban waterfront garden that is the world leader in conservation and display of epiphytes. Visitors and volunteers alike experience the Gardens beauty, gaining a better understanding and greater appreciation of the natural world., and
- core values:  
Advocacy: We champion environmental conservation and sustainable practices.  
Integrity: We hold ourselves and others accountable to the highest standards of personal and professional integrity.

Financial Security: We will have the financial resources to maintain and develop the Gardens.

Stewardship: We will protect and nurture the gift of Marie Selby for future generations.

Excellence: We demand excellence in all we do.

She went on to say that they collaborate with 200 localities for research and have a Library Plan Exchange Program.

Research takes place in Belize, Cuba, Brazil, and Peru. The video was taken in Belize in 2018 and showcased their research efforts there.

She also highlighted their collaboration with Michael's on East, and how well his establishments have been received. His new 200 seat restaurant will provide a sustainable source of income, and Michael has given them a tax-deductible pledge.

Phase 1 of their construction project will begin in late-2019, and will continue for fourteen months, at a cost of \$92 million dollars, \$72 million of which is capital expenses. They have raised \$22 million to date, and this represents 40% of the cost of their first phase.

Phase 1 of the project is expected to create 1800 jobs, and when all is completed, 2800 jobs will have been created.

Responding to questions from the audience she remarked that:

- Selby is privately owned,
- no city or county funds will be used for the expansion,
- they do receive TDT grants yearly,
- they predict their earned income will double,
- a 2700 sq ft plant shop will be constructed, and
- Selby will be open during construction.

### **501-c-3 Status**

Carl advised that a new member, with IRS experience, has been following on this item for us, and we expect an answer from the IRS on December 5.

### **Sandcastle/Ocean Properties Renovation**

Carl advised that the rezoning of the property from residential to beach front will come before the City Commission on November 19, at 1:30 pm.

### **Treasurer Tim Malaney**

Tim reported that the balance in our Operating Account is \$11,800, and we now have a CPA on retainer.

### **Programs**

January: Steve Cover and Tom Barwin

February: Mote Marine Scientist – Red Tide

April: Todd Kerkering – Emergency Management and Hurricane preparedness

### **Social Committee -- Kathy Kussy**

**Meet and Greet** at the Lido Holiday Inn on 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/12, from 5-7PM.

### **Dinner and Cocktail Fundraiser – Camille Schwabbe**

This Fundraiser will be held at the Ritz Beach Club on January 29, 2019, from 5:30-7:30. The Ritz is funding and financing this event. The first 50 invitations (80 guests), costing \$250.00 each, have been mailed. Additional invitations will be mailed after December 1, as needed to reach a goal of 100 guests.

### **Fat Tuesday**

A Fat Tuesday event is planned for February 5, 2019. Details will follow as they become available.

### **Beach Update – Jay Elsasser**

Jay reported that the civil case was dismissed without prejudice and then Siesta filed an amended version of their complaint. We have filed motions to dismiss their amended complaint and the hearing of those motions is on December 20. Separately, a different group on Siesta may or may not file a separate case in federal court, we should know what they do by the end of the month.

### **Pool Pavilion**

The Pool Pavilion Renovation/Expansion will go before the City Commission on January 14, 2019, at 1:30 pm at City Hall. As a note, the Planning Board denied their petition for a major conditional use change by 4-1.

### **Volunteer Committee – Camille Schwabbe**

Camille advised that volunteers at All Faiths Food Bank are always needed to help pack food, etc. The date is December 19, beginning at 1 PM.

### **Membership**

Heidi advised that currently our membership includes 536 households, who are up-to-date with their yearly dues.

### **Newsletter**

Bruce advised that the latest edition of the newsletter was published and distributed by email. Carl advised that printed editions are available but must be individually requested.

### **Veggie Market**

The market has been indefinitely closed.

### **How to Make Donations to the Lido Key Legal Fund**

- **Click on lkra.org,**
- **Click on Lido Key Sand Matters Legal Fund, and**
- **Click on Donate. and complete the form.**

Meeting was closed at 11:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Waterbury, Acting Secretary