



SARASOTA BAYFRONT

**20:20**

## Steering Committee Meeting Notes March 11, 2019, The Bay Sarasota

**Steering Committee Attendees:** Steve Roskamp, Bob Pirolo, Michael Klauber, Gloria Armstrong, Kevin Cooper, Jim Shirley & Larry Thompson

**Guest Attendees:** Cathy Layton, Bill Waddill, AG Lafley, Norm Dumaine, Brian Hunter, Mariah Tavapeno, Branan Jacobs, Lynn Hobeck Bates, Diane Bant, Ann Charters, Sarah Firstenberger, Aly Busse, Shay Aturi, Jim Ampl, Tom Barwin, Roxanne Joffe, Lou Costa, Linda Kerbacy, Cynthia McCague, Juliette Reynolds, John Lege, Joe McKenna, Marlon Brown, Susan Chapman, Christine Johnson, Barbara Campo, Jim Selinski, Carole Crosby, Jim Baker, Dan Lobeck, Patrick Gannon, Richard Russell, Pamela Mones, Karl Newkirk, Lisa Berger, Olivia Haynes, Andy Papineau, Christy May, Jon Robinson, Jon Thaxton, Teri Hanson, Ed and Mary Lou Winnick, Marilyn Kneafsey, Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, Shantel Norman, Lori Denny and Virginia Haley

Chair, Michael Klauber started the meeting at 4:04pm. He welcomed the Steering Committee, Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholder representatives, and guests to the meeting.

Michael provided background of how Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 was formed.

Michael informed the steering committee that The Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization has been busy organizing the Sarasota Bayfront Park Conservancy and the planning of Phase One.

Klauber then introduced Bill Waddill, Managing Director of the Bay Park Conservatory and Cathy Layton, Chairman of the Bay Park Conservancy Board. Layton, Waddill, and Lafley provided an update on the Bay Park initiative and partnership agreement with the City of Sarasota.

Michael asked for questions or comments from the Steering Committee and then opened questions from Stakeholder Representatives. \*(Located at end of minutes)

Chair, Klauber updated the Steering Committee that Bill Seider who represented the Sarasota Community Foundation has resigned. Michael then asked for a discussion on how stakeholders can continue to be supportive of the Bay Park. He informed the committee that the Conservancy Board appointed Keith Dubose the head the subcommittee to explore community outreach. Klauber asked Bob Pirolo to work with Keith on a structure, Bob accepted.

Klauber reminded the Steering Committee that they are scheduled to hold elections in June. Klauber suggested to schedule an earlier meeting in April to discuss the future of the Bayfront 20:20 organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

**\*Note: we have tried as best to capture the comments and clarifications in reviewing the Partnership Agreement.**

Steve Roskamp: Board make-up seems lacking structure, provisions against conflicts of interest.  
SBPO response: There will be formal policy and procedure documents created for the Conservancy such as Board conflict policies etc. Once created, all of these documents will be on the Conservancy website.

How does the nomination process work for the Board.

SBPO response: That process will be guided by policy through a formal governance process/nominating process. There will also be advisory boards, Leasehold groups, work groups

How will committees be formed and what will be the role of the Bayfront Stakeholders 20:20. Would like to see routine, perhaps quarterly meetings of the 3 Stakeholder groups (Civic, Neighborhood and Cultural). Bob Pirollo from Stakeholder Steering Committee will work with SBPO work group headed by Keith Dubose to propose the role for the Stakeholders in the Conservancy.

Overall concern regarding the “where practicable” language such as page 9 GG.

Gloria Armstrong raised concern that people think that they are going to be facing a special tax for the park. There is a general misunderstanding of what a Tax Increment Financing District is. Need public education on this.

Jim Shirley: This partnership agreement adheres to the Guiding Principles and reflects the work that was done in full view of the community’s guiding principles.

Kevin Cooper: The agreement codifies the 5 years of community vision for the bayfront.

Patrick Gannon representing Condo on the Bay: The importance of ongoing regular meetings and check ins with the City Commission. Emphasized that on page 5, A. that this means that any development applications will need the full community workshops, planning board and City Commission, not the administrative staff process.

Sarasota Downtown Alliance: should tighten up some of the “squishy” language. Provided written suggestions to Bill Waddell.

John Susce representing Park East: Questioned whether such a TIF could be created because of a “slum and blighted” required. City staff responded that under home rule, that is not a requirement for TIFs.

Pam Mones representing Renaissance Condo: Wants to see continued efforts to reach younger residents and those residents who may not be part of a neighborhood association or a group.

Barbara Campo representing Tesera: Need to communicate with the public in difference places such as Farmers Market

Dan Lobeck representing Control Growth Now: provided a written statement "Keep Our Bayfront in Public Hands" Raised issues regarding minority vendor wording, board conflict of interest, Florida Public Records provisions, not just sunshine. Feels wording commits the city to pay for the parking garage. Need specific commitment on the Conservancy portion of funding.