

Minutes of the Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders Task Force, March 16, 2017, 4:30 pm, VSC offices

Attendees: Michael Klauber, Bob Pirollo, Jim Shirley, Kathy Kelley Ohlrich, Raymmar Tirado, Virginia Haley

Michael Klauber opened the meeting by reminding the Task Force of the importance of keeping the Stakeholders and the community engaged in the Bayfront planning process. Virginia Haley reviewed the current structure of the Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders as a committee of the Visit Sarasota County Board of Directors. This structure provided administrative support from the VSC, officers and directors insurance and the requirement to Florida's Government in the Sunshine laws.

The Task Force agreed it was important for the Stakeholders to stay engaged and to ensure that the Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization is doing what the community expects and is accountable to the community. There should be at least one or two Stakeholder representatives at each SBPO meeting.

After group discussion, the Task Force agreed that the Stakeholders formally break away from VSC and become an informal community organization. There would be a chair and a steering committee. The Steering Committee would be comprised of two representatives each from the Cultural and Education category, from the Vital Civic Groups category and the Neighborhood Associations category of Stakeholder organizations. The Chair and Stakeholder category representatives would be subject to Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws. The members of the steering committee would have to commit to serve through the master planning process. It was also agreed that all Bayfront Stakeholder meetings would continue to be held in the Sunshine. Virginia will speak with the VSC Sunshine attorney to obtain any input on transition to this new structure.

There was a concern that the Stakeholders have become very passive. There is a desire to make sure that Stakeholders are participating in some of the SBPO outside committees, especially on the RFP/RFQ reviews for the master planning agencies. It was also agreed that there should be at least 3 face-to-face meetings between the Stakeholders and the SBPO Board annually.

Raymmar shared with the Task Force the elements of the community engagement technology he is working on with the SBPO. He will demonstrate the technology to the Task Force at the next meeting. In the meantime, because his work with SBPO could be a potential conflict, he is resigning as the Stakeholder representative of the Young Professionals organization.

The Task Force will meet once more prior to the May 25 full Stakeholders meeting.