

## **Minutes of the VSC Special Executive Committee**

October 8, 2014, Visitor Center

Attendees: Michael Klauber and Virginia Haley

Guests: Candace Damon, Alex Stokes, Susan Kuhlman, Christine Johnson, Mike Normile, Bob Easterle, Rob Patton, Ann Charters, Jon Thaxton, Lee DeLieto, Jr., Pam Truitt, Andy Papineau, Kelly Dowd, Jim Shirley, Henry Porter, Bart Lowther, Kathy Kelley Ohlrich, Art Levin, Daniel Jittu, Candice McElyea, Jon Robinson, Jay Patel, Barbara Mei, Monica Van Buskirk, Mary Bensel, Mike Lasche, Steve Queior, Nikhil Joshi, Linda DiGabriele, Lisl Liang.

Michael Klauber welcomed the Executive Committee and invited guests. Mr. Klauber updated the committee on the new Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 website [www.sarasotabayfront2020.com](http://www.sarasotabayfront2020.com) and the new Facebook and Twitter pages "Sarasota Bayfront 20:20."

He updated the committee on the new community forums scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM and October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 10:30 AM at the Sarasota Garden Club. A project fund has been established with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Mr. Klauber discussed the project fund and announced that Bayfront 20:20 committee has raised \$82,000 toward the project goal of \$150,000, noting that the Visit Sarasota County and Sarasota Orchestra Boards of Directors have been raising funds and would like everyone to join.

Mr. Klauber updated everyone on the continually growing list of Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 stakeholders, including: Coalition of City Neighborhoods Association, Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Visit Sarasota County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Rosemary Association, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, Sarasota Orchestra, Van Wezel Foundation, The Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, The Players Theatre, the North Trail Redevelopment Partnership, Tahiti Park Neighborhood Association, and the Sarasota Garden Club. A letter of support was just received from Ringling College.

Virginia Haley informed the committee that as we continue to move forward, the stakeholders group will need to assume responsibility for meeting Sunshine standards with administrative support from Visit Sarasota County.

Michael Klauber introduced Dr. Michael Crosby of Mote Marine to give an update on its strategic planning process. Dr. Michael Crosby presented Mote Marine's strategic planning process. Mr. Klauber thanked Dr. Crosby and turned the meeting over to Candace Damon of HR&A Consulting to hear from the group. Attendees shared their thoughts on the original Cultural Park Master plan and issues not considered in that plan.

Mr. Klauber thanked everyone for coming and asked for any additional comments from guests.