

Report of Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders Meeting

February 21, 2017, 4:45 P.M.

Marie Selby Gardens – Michael's on the Bay

Attendees: Pamela Mores, Richard Mores, Jennifer Rominiecki, Rob Luseu, Barbara Luseu, Kenney DeCamp, Bob Pirolo, Jim Selinski, Starchard Stafford, Keith Dubose, AG Lafley, Richard Hays, Steven Roskamp, Barbara Lasser, Mary Lou Winnick, Fredd Atkins, Kathy Kelley Ohlrich, Cathy Wilson, Patricia Martin, Kaitlyn Fusco, Irwin Davis, Richard DiSammartino, Andy Papineau, Jim Shirley, Marilyn Kneafsey, Rob Lane, Patrick Gannon, Al Carlson, Bob Easterle, Dan Woodley, Tony Bechic, Cynthia McCague, Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, Drayton Saunders, Lisa Berger, David Bavar, Raymmar Tirado, and Karl Newkirk

Michael Klauber started the meeting at 5:08pm by thanking Jennifer Rominecki for volunteering to host the meeting, then he welcomed all stakeholders and the newest stakeholder Laurel Park Neighborhood Association.

Michael reminded everyone of the history on how Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 started and how much it has grown the past few years.

Klauber discussed the workshop with the City Commission and the Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization Board members that was held on February 13. Michael introduced the SBPO Board members and asked the SBPO Chair AG Lafley to share his insights on the organizational steps underway with the SBPO and what is on the horizon.

Mr. Lafley provided the Stakeholders with an update on the SBPO, noting that bylaws are now in place. He informed everyone that the SBPO is privately funded and we need to raise about \$2.5 million to fund the work that needs to be done and that they are about half way there with the help of Veronica Brady, Drayton Saunders and Shaun Merriman.

Mr. Klauber asked Drayton Saunders to update everyone on the fundraising process.

Comments from Stakeholders:

- How do you avoid influence of funders over the process? Drayton responded donors are told that info upfront.
- How to ensure that the plan will actually go into effect?
- Communication with the City Commissioners throughout the process.
- Concerns about traffic and impact of the quay.
- Keeping all of the Guiding Principles in play and holding each other in check.
- Should the Quay be purchased for public purpose?

Klauber then began to discuss the organizational structure for Bayfront 20:20 going forward. He informed the Stakeholders that he had asked the following individuals to serve on a task force to explore a new structure for Bayfront and they will report back to you at the next meeting with their recommendations. Serving in this group will be Mr. Klauber along with Kathy Kelley Ohlrich of the CCNA, Dan Deleo of the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Bob Pirolo of the Downtown Sarasota Condo Association, Jim Shirley of the Sarasota County Arts and Cultural Alliance and Raymmar Tirado of the Sarasota Young Professionals Group.

He reminded that all of the task force meetings will remain publicly noticed and open to the public as well as the SBPO meetings. All meeting will be posted both on SBPO.org and Sarasotabayfront2020.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.