

Minutes of the Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders Meeting

February 17, 2015, 9:30 AM

Attendees: Michael Klauber, Jon Thaxton, Marty Rappaport, Aly Busse, Monica Van Buskirk, Lou Costa, Kathy Kelley Ohlrich, Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, Bob Pirollo, Patrick Gannon, Dan DeLeo, Art Levin, John Cranor III, Olivia Haynes, Mark Huey, Larry Thompson, Richard Russell, Drayton Saunders, Karl Newkirk, Rae Dowling, Mary Bensel, Steve Queior, John Simon, Bob Sirgant, Curt Schantz, Frank Folsom-Smith, Virginia Haley, Shantel Norman, Joel Schleicher and Joe McKenna.

Guests: Jewell Emswiller, Paige Hartmann, John Moffitt, Mike Hibrick, Kaye Newman and Maria Haber.

Michael Klauber opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Klauber asked the guests if they would like to speak. There being no comments, Mr. Klauber continued with an update regarding the January 23rd meeting with Dr. Crosby of Mote Marine Laboratory.

Mr. Klauber and Ms. Haley met with Dr. Crosby of Mote. For a portion of that meeting, the Mote representative to this Stakeholder group, Aly Busse, attended the meeting via conference call. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Dr. Crosby an update on the activities of Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 and the recent workshop with the Sarasota City Commission. Dr. Crosby discussed the activities surrounding the 60th anniversary of Mote. He also shared that there have been several proposals for new locations for the aquarium. Ms. Busse did not engage in the conversation and there were no discussions on any issues coming before the Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders meetings.

Mr. Klauber then provided a report on the kick-off event for the cultural facility needs assessment. On January 28, Mr. Klauber attended the kick-off presentation at the Sarasota Orchestra with its consulting team. Also in attendance was Anne Folsom Smith who is the Orchestra's representative to the Stakeholders group. Mr. Klauber did not speak with Ms. Folsom Smith and there were no discussions on any issues coming before the Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Stakeholders meeting.

Mr. Klauber then reviewed the final draft of the Sarasota Bayfront 20:20 Implementation Principles and the Technical Working Group document that will be presented to the Sarasota City Commission on February 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Klauber informed the Stakeholders that Bayfront 20:20 will be asking the City Commission first to adopt the Bayfront 20:20 Vision Statement and supporting Implementation Principles and, second, to consider recommendations for creating the Technical Working Group.

Mr. Klauber stated the Technical Working Group will not be an advisory board but the group will report to the City.

Drayton Saunders suggested that Stakeholders to send all technical questions to the Bayfront 20:20 committee.

Mr. Klauber congratulated all Stakeholders on a job well done. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM.