

North Trail Redevelopment Partnership

Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2016

- I. Introductions
- II. Where are we?
 - The North Trail Redevelopment Partnership has maintained continuity in one form or another in the years since we were formed
 - Over the past few years, we have worked to help redevelopment efforts by working in the background to help new developments become successful
 - Discussion of the need for all members to participate
- III. Redevelopment/North Trail Accomplishments
 - Over the past few years there have been small incremental steps in success
- IV. Meeting Frequency
 - Discussion of the frequency of meetings, given that we have scaled back to meeting only once or twice a year
 - Suggestion to meet more frequently such as quarterly or every other month
 - Discussion on meeting more frequently and focusing meetings on a single topic at time to become more effective
 - Discussion of making the North Trail “top of mind awareness” by having more presence at City Commission meetings and voicing our point of view
- V. Traffic Calming/Bayfront Connectivity
 - Report provided by US41 Momentum on current traffic calming efforts
 - US41 Momentum wants Tamiami Trail to be a “Grand Boulevard” to benefit the City as well promote economic development
 - City has approved enhanced Lighting and Landscape features for some sections of the roundabouts
 - Urged to take a more active role with Art in the roundabouts
 - US41 Momentum is working with Tom Barwin for FDOT to complete all US 41 projects as soon as possible
 - US41 Momentum is working with the City to develop a “Roundabout School” so that people will know what a roundabout will look and feel like to be presented at a future meeting
 - US41 Momentum will keep us advised and the information will be distributed to group
- VI. Focus Areas
 - Discussion of what areas to focus on
 - Committee members for each area/priority are encouraged to exchange information
 - Roger Barkin will develop an outline for each committee and their focus
 - Committees are encouraged to prepare reports of findings/progress to present

- A. Traffic Calming/Roundabouts
 - Committee Members:
 - Steve Roskamp
 - Frank Folsom Smith
 - Roger Barry
 - David Morriss
- B. Parks
 - Focus on improvements at North Water Tower Park and Whitaker Park
 - Committee Members:
 - Jerry Fogle
 - Steve Roskamp
 - Deanie Bergbreiter
 - Resources
 - Jerry Fogle - Parks & Recreation Director, City of Sarasota
- C. Artspace
 - Focus is fundraising of \$9,000 needed towards the \$42,500 for the Arts Market Survey
 - Committee Members:
 - Veronica Morgan
 - Corinne Decker
 - Resources
 - Jim Shirley - Executive Director, Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County
- D. Zoning/Form Based Code
 - Discussion of the North Trail Overlay District and integration into Urban Design Studio's Form-Based Code
 - Committee Members:
 - George Schiavone
 - Carol Hickler
 - Mike Lasche
 - Eric Collin
 - Resources
 - Karin Murphy – Director, City of Sarasota Urban Design Studio
- E. Positive Public Relations (public safety and code enforcement)
 - Discussion of getting the positive message out (new successful businesses on the Trail), improving public safety and enforcing Code Compliance
 - Invite the Code Compliance Officer for the North Trail to a future meeting
 - Committee Members:
 - Dick Clapp
 - JoAnn Gonet
 - Deanie Bergbreiter
 - Barbara Wright
 - Jay Patel
 - Resources
 - Dennis Ford - Code Compliance Officer, City of Sarasota

- Sgt. Robert Armstrong – Street Crimes Supervisor, City of Sarasota Police Department

F. Housing

- Discussion of the need to improve housing values around North Trail
 - Committee Members:
 - Deborah Woods, Michael Saunders
 - Janet Robinson, Coldwell Banker

VI. Future Meetings

- Next meeting: Thursday, February 9th at 11:30 am