

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Neighborhood Council of St. Augustine, Inc.
September 30, 2018
102 South Street
3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Schirmacher (SAUNA-Uptown), Melinda Rakoncay (Nelmar Terrace), Judith Seraphin (Lincolntown), Valerie Day (Flagler Model Land), Mark Lemaire (Lighthouse), Jeanette Berk (Treasurer of the NC, also representing SANDS), Martha Mickler (Spanish Quarter), Nancy Pellicer (Spanish Quarter), Ron Mickler (Spanish Quarter), Matthew Shaffer (Nelmar Terrace) ABSENT: Old City South, Ravenswood, Greater Fullerwood, SARNA.

The meeting was called to order by President Melinda Rakoncay at 3:10 p.m.. Thanks to Judith for hosting at her beautiful home in her lovely garden!

All delegates were asked to sign in. All delegates present were asked to review and verify the contact information for each association, including officers, and to forward any updates to Kathy Schirmacher at sauna.uptown@gmail.com. Delegates were reminded that any change in an Association's roster or bylaws needs to be communicated to both Secretary Kathy Schirmacher and Treasurer Jeanette Berk.

The minutes of the July 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written (Melinda Rakoncay) and seconded (Valerie Day). APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the account of \$1,582.11 as of August 31. Burry Gowen had graciously paid the cost of the website development of \$2,475 out of his own pocket. We are now awaiting reimbursement of \$2,475.00 from the City for our Neighborhood Grant, at which point the Council will reimburse Burry. The Treasurer's Report was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Council website is up and running. The address is www.ncstaug.org. Photos of Association officers are still missing and will need to be eventually added to each association's page. Alexis Ayala has been ill recently and was unable to post a lot of information. One person from each Association should be delegated as the website contact, and that individual will be trained in posting procedures.

Kathy reported that Article III Section 2 of our bylaws needs to be revised to reflect the fact that each Association is now allowed to have up to two alternate delegates. The new wording is as follows: "A Member Association's delegation shall consist of one Primary Delegate and up to two Alternate Delegates. The governing body of the Member Association shall elect or appoint Delegates from among its membership, one of whom shall be the Association President. Only two persons from each Association shall attend any Council meetings." A motion was made (Melinda Rakoncay) to approve the revised language and was seconded (Judith Seraphin). PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Melinda had some items to discuss. Each Association should check the monthly PZB and HARB agendas when forwarded, and send them out to their membership if they feel it is appropriate. There are some new members on the PZB, and we will need to confirm their emails. There are a couple of new Neighborhood Associations in the process of organizing. Melinda asked if the issue of allowing or forbidding parking on the grass in residential areas was an area of concern to any of the neighborhoods.

Matt brought up the fact that there is a process in place to create a zoning overlay in any neighborhood where this may be an issue, so no action was deemed necessary at this time.

Reports from the Neighborhoods

Flagler Model Land - Valerie reported that there will be a meeting at The Floridian in November. Mayor Shaver has been invited to give a presentation on sea level rise in the city, based on information she collected at the symposium she attended earlier this year in The Netherlands. A Christmas party and caroling evenings are also being planned.

Greater Fullerwood - A block party has been planned for October 28 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Association's website page is now complete. (This report was submitted via email.)

SARNA (Ravenswood) - The Association is working with the City on issues regarding the King Street entrance corridor and mobility. (This report was submitted via email.)

Lighthouse – Mark reported that officer elections will be held next Tuesday. Debbie Wicker has agreed to serve as interim president until the elections are held. Traffic suppression issues are being addressed. A party was held last Sunday, and monthly gatherings are being planned.

Lincolnvile - They are not sure when the next meeting will be scheduled. The Lincolnvile CRA may be able to fund the repairs to the Methodist church tower on Bridge Street. No opposition to this proposal has surfaced.

Nelmar Terrace - The Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, and will be a potluck dinner at the Lutheran Church fellowship hall. They are also planning a Christmas party. There are no problems to report, but cut through traffic from May Street continues to be an issue.

SANDS (North Davis Shores) - Mobility issues were discussed at their last meeting. Elections for officers will be held at the next meeting. A potluck Christmas dinner will be held in December. The Hoptinger Bier Garden and restaurant on Anastasia Boulevard is closing.

SAUNA (Uptown) - San Marco traffic and parking continue to be issues of concern to the neighborhood. Short term rentals have proliferated throughout the neighborhood and are becoming a problem, mainly due to parking issues. The Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche wants to establish itself as a world pilgrimage site to attract more visitors. Fencing is being installed around the entire perimeter of the site.

Spanish Quarter - Representatives attended the recent HARB meeting; 18 St. George Street was on the agenda. The owner wants to construct another mini-mall/arcade of shops. However, the proposal was rejected by the Board, and will now go before the City Commission. 18 St. George Street is the site of the oldest Minorcan house in the city. It is uncertain whether an appeal of the HARB decision has been or will be filed with the Building Department. Changes are also being planned for the Tolomato parking lot between Cordova and Spanish Streets to allow for more commercial loading and unloading space, but these changes have not yet been approved.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Jeanette Berks house, 52 N. St. Augustine Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Schirmacher
Secretary