

OEVA BOARD MEETING 5-16-2023 MINUTES

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1. Introductions and Attendance: Kathi Obendorfer, John Majka, Leslie Brown, Deborah Osburn and Merrill Hollinger arrived at 4:15. Joyce Colmar, Les Bernstein and Jim Schepers attended by phone.

2. Call to Order: President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes of 2-21-2023 Board Meeting. Motion to approve by John and seconded by Joyce. Motion carried with 1 abstention by Leslie Brown since she did not attend the meeting.

4. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer brought everyone up to date on the CRA and Sarasota County Management of Pioneer Plaza. Deb Osburn and Merrill Hollinger attended the May CRA Meeting. They made sure the letter from OEVA was entered into the public record of the CRA Meeting. Merrill' notes of the CRA Meeting will be distributed to all Board Members. Kathi expressed her wish to stay ahead of this and make sure the county commission understands OEVA's position and that the organization may need to address the commission at some time in the future. She gave credit to Joyce Colmar for all of her work up to this point on the matter, but OEVA may need to seek legal advice in the future. The names of Karrie Mack and Jackie Majka were mentioned as possibilities of legal representation.

There still appears to be some confusion about OEVA's role in Pioneer Plaza during the CRA meeting.

Les brought up the sound limitation on the Use Application form and Merrill responded that it was not brought up at the CRA meeting. Merrill added her opinion on the CRA meeting and the interest or lack of by CRA staff

concerning the letter presented to be part of the public record of the CRA meeting. Kathi stated that OEVA is committed to manage and maintain the mission of OEVA.

Vice President Report: John Makja reported he will have a white board for the next car show in June.

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar submitted her report. Motion to accept by Jim Schepers, seconded by Leslie Brown, and passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: Jim Schepers confirmed that both the federal tax return for 2022 and the state filing for 2023 had been completed.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Governance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Membership Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer. Kathi resigned from the chair of this committee. Secretary Schepers offered an opinion that the new chair should be someone familiar with Dearborn Street downtown businesses. Several names were considered but it was mentioned to reach out to Bob LaSalle as a resource for the Committee and possible additional board member.

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein.

Englewood Arts District (EAD): Chaired by Leslie Brown

Events Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein. Les asked about the car show mentioned in John's report and John clarified the intent of his white board project,

Les asked about a "new" car show on Dearborn Street and about some events run by the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. There was discussion about these events, but ultimately it was decided Les would look further into these other events by other groups.

Les brought up the subject of a different farmer's market that was going to occupy the location of the former Kelly's Bar. Discussion centered on what was going to happen in this area but ended with we would wait and see what progressed in this location.

Government Relations Committee: Chaired

IT Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown: Leslie informed the Board that the website was down for a couple of days and that malware had been found on the site. The issues have been addressed.

Marketing Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Media Committee:

Merchants Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Diversity & Inclusion:

Merchandising:

5. Old Business: Acceptance of seats 8 & 9. Secretary Schepers made a motion to formally accept Deborah Osburn appointment to the Board in seat #8. Seconded by Leslie Brown and passed unanimously.

Kathi had mentioned earlier in the meeting that Karen Tyree had expressed regret and would not be filling seat #9 on the Board. This seat remains open and the Board will actively work to fill it in the coming days.

6. New Business: Sarasota County changes to management of Pioneer Plaza. This was addressed in the President's report.

7. Announcements: None

8. Motion to Adjourn: Made by Leslie Brown _____

Seconded by Deborah Osburn _____

Time of Adjournment 4:53 p.m. _____

Approved 6-20-2023

G. Schepers
Secretary