

SENA General Meeting
Thursday, November 7th, 2019
South Olive Community Center

Board Members in attendance:

Shanon Materio
Sabra Van Der Poele
Charlie Weiss
Gail Levine
Marla Fountain
3907 South Flagler Drive proposed condo development

Shanon opened meeting at 6:32pm clock 🕒 with updates, approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Updates from Shanon:

Officer Vargas- 🚔

reported the WPBPD is implementing a new program and working the parks (S. Olive, Phipps, and Dreher) at night looking for homeless. Officers will give one warning to those sleeping in the park and will arrest on second offense.

Holiday Party- 🎄 🧑🏻

is not happening due to SO tennis house 🏠 construction. Instead we will focus our efforts on the Holiday Caroling Trolley 🎵 🎵 🎵 . Robert Norvell provides the music. We'll add a trolley this year. 🚃 🚃

RING-

🚗 are working on a SENA RING Community. SENA like to offer a stipend for neighbors who get ring and have it installed.

Golf course- 🏌️ 🏌️

Shanon read letter from Mike Mcketrick, President Mcketrick Golf Development Team, explaining that the city won't allow Mcketrick to talk about negotiations at this time due to the "cone of silence", making it difficult, perhaps impossible, to educate the public on the project.

Trees-

Todd Sneider, Parks Maintenance Operations Manager, spoke on WPB's tree replacement program which currently has a 51k budget 😬

SENA would like to have a 'Tree Committee' of it's own and implement a 5 year tree replacement plan We will identify missing trees, canopy areas needed, and come up with a dollar amount for replacment. SENA is working on changing the ordinance to plant a tree.

How will we raise 💰💰 for this.... Fiesta on Flagler! The biggest challenge is funding and irrigation.

Todd would like to create a partnership with citizens. staceycaren@gmail.com. 860-921-8098 gave me her contact information and would like to be on the 'Tree Committee'!! Yay, Stacey 🌳

Misc 😞😟😄😂🍷

*Concerned citizen brought up issues with city trash vehicle and how it's unable to maneuver the turn around the new triangles installed at Washington Rd. and Forest Hill Blvd. Question about how a fire truck will make the turn is major concern

*Gail announced 'Around the Table' Nationwide event, November 13th 6-8pm at Fire Station 2. Bring your food (no sharing 😂), but share your ideas, concerns, thoughts on whatever issue you'd like to discuss!

She also brought up 'Covered Dish' event, also at Fire Station 2, bring a dish to SHARE 🥰 Sunday November 24th 5:30-7:30. Great event for kids as well!

*Christina Lambert, District 5 Commissioner

-S Olive traffic calming community input meeting Thursday December 12th, 6pm

-She's meeting with Forest Hill High School to work on traffic issues

-Art in Public places-Phipp's design is taking a long time...

-Mayor is going to do a community outreach meeting regarding Southend Flagler Bike Lanes, stay tuned for date and time for this.

3709 South Flagler Drive Proposed Condo Development

-Susan Taylor, Marty Parry, the condo developer's attorneys (excuse spelling of names) presented 3709 condo project

-They are seeking to rezone from MF32 to a RPD (residential planned development)

-Proposing 27 units and 9 stories, under current code they could build a 4 story bldg.

-Commission meeting Dec 12 to represent their project.

-Many residents spoke against the development, one spoke in favor.

-Most concerning was the number of occupants in the new structure because each unit is three bedrooms (except one) increasing population, need for parking. Also, what they're proposing would be acceptable under the current code if it were on a 10 acre of land, the property is roughly .85 acers (if you omit the land east of Flagler).

At 7:50pm Shanon happily adjourned the meeting saying something about turning into pumpkins 🎃

