

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SARASOTA NATIONAL  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A Regular Meeting of the Sarasota National Community Development District's Board of Supervisors was held on **Tuesday, July 18, 2017**, at the **Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293**.

**Present at the meeting were:**

Russell Smith	Chair
Barry Ernst	Vice Chair
Terry Kirschner	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

Chuck Adams	District Manager
Bob Rebey	Assistant District Manager
Wes Haber ( <i>via telephone</i> )	District Counsel
Bill Connerly	District Engineer
David Caldwell	Lennar Corporation
Mathew Koratich	Supervisor-Appointee
Karen Vitone	Resident
Nancy Larkin	Resident
Joe Patone	Resident
Tom _____	Resident
Sandy Russo	Resident
Ann Robbins	Resident

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Supervisors Ernst, Kirschner and Smith were present, in person. Supervisor Brewer was not present.

Mr. Adams administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kirschner prior to the meeting, for quorum purposes.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisors, Terry Kirschner to Seat 3 [Term Expires November, 2020] and Rhonda Brewer to Seat 5 [Term Expires November, 2018] (*the following to be provided in a separate package*)**

Mr. Adams, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kirschner. Mr. Adams provided and briefly explained the following items:

- A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**
- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- C. Chapter 190, Florida Statutes**
- D. Financial Disclosure Forms**
  - i. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests**
  - ii. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests**
  - iii. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests**
- E. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict**

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Resignation of Josh Grant  
[Seat 1]; *Term Expires November, 2018***

Mr. Adams presented the letter of resignation from Mr. Josh Grant.

**On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, the resignation of Mr. Josh Grant, dated June 30, 2017, was accepted.**

**A. Consideration of Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term**

Mr. Adams asked for nominations to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Mathew Koratich. No other nominations were made.

**On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, the appointment of Mr. Mathew Koratich to Seat 1, term expires November, 2018, was approved.**

**• Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisor**

Mr. Adams, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Koratich. Mr. Adams provided and briefly explained the following items:

- A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**

- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- C. Chapter 190, Florida Statutes**
- D. Financial Disclosure Forms**
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**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2017-8,  
Electing the Officers of the District**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2017-8. Whenever there is an appointment or election, the Board must reconsider its slate of officers. Mr. Smith moved to retain the slate as it was prior to Mr. Koratich’s appointment, adding him as an Assistant Secretary. The slate of officers was as follows:

Chair	Russell Smith
Vice Chair	Barry Ernst
Secretary	Chuck Adams
Treasurer	Craig Wrathell
Assistant Treasurer	Jeff Pinder
Assistant Secretary	Mathew Koratich
Assistant Secretary	Terrance Kirschner
Assistant Secretary	Rhonda Brewer
Assistant Secretary	Craig Wrathell

No other nominations were made.

**On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, Resolution 2017-8, Electing Officers of the District, as nominated, with the addition of Mr. Koratich, as Assistant Secretary, was adopted.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2017-9, Relating to the Acceptance of Responsibility for Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of District Infrastructure Within the Boundaries of the Plat of Sarasota National Phase 6 & 7 and Providing an Effective Date**

Mr. Adams presented Resolution 2017-9. Mr. Smith stated that, in the previous meeting, certain comments that were attributed to Mr. Caldwell should have been attributed to him and he approved the changes in advance.

**\*\*\*Mr. Smith left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.\*\*\***

Mr. Caldwell gave a brief overview of the Resolution and stated that the issue for consideration was acceptance of certain dedications that the Developer created for a Plat known as Sarasota National Phase 6 & 7, which spanned 487 acres. The Plat, located at the corner of Sarasota National’s property ownership at US 41 and extending across Venice East Boulevard, to the western property line, would contain 89 lots and several future residential development and common area tracts. The dedication on the Plat generally conferred the responsibilities of conservation areas, drainage and lakes to the District. The roadways anterior to the gated community would go to the Sarasota National Master Association, along with some common area landscape buffers. Venice East Boulevard and a few drainage lakes, outside of the community, would be dedicated and transferred to Sarasota County for a public road right-of-way (ROW). When all of the improvements are completed, local residents will have better access to National Boulevard, Venice East Boulevard and US 41. The roadways will be widened and new sidewalks would be constructed. The project would be completed by year-end. The Plat was being reviewed by the County and could change but not drastically. The Developer would appreciate Board approval and acceptance of the Plat dedication and for the Chair to execute the documents at the appropriate time.

**On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Kirschner, with all in favor, Resolution 2017-9, Relating to the Acceptance of Responsibility for Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of District Infrastructure Within the Boundaries of the Plat of Sarasota National Phase 6 & 7 and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted and authorizing the Chair to execute documents, when appropriate, was approved.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS****Public Comments**

Ms. Karen Vitone, a resident, stated that the lake behind her home, on Corporate Court and Copperleaf, was eroding and causing corrosion between a row of homes. Given that the erosion had spread beyond the lake and was undercutting the grass, Ms. Vitone asked what, if anything, was being done to address this issue. Mr. Connerly observed the ponds prior to the meeting and noted that two addresses, 10636 and 10642, appeared to be rutted. Ms. Vitone stated that, although her address was not mentioned, the erosion and rust was behind nine homes, including hers. Ms. Nancy Larkin, a resident, presented photographs of the erosion. Mr. Connerly stated that every platted and constructed lot contained a drainage easement designed for water to run down and slope away from the homes and rusting occurred when an area was not compacted during construction, prior to sod application. It would take awhile for the sod to take hold, in certain areas, and the situation was temporary. Ms. Vitone stated that construction was completed months ago and the areas of erosion were unsightly. The other lakes looked better than the lake in question and some of the sloping was very steep. Ms. Vitone asked for assistance and guidance. Mr. Joe Patone, a resident, contacted the Developer but was redirected to Land Development, and asked which entity or agency was responsible to the residents with regard to the issue. Mr. Connerly stated that issues relating to lakes, drainage, conservation and preserve areas were District functions and the roads, curbs, sidewalks, landscaping and street lighting were the responsibility of the Sarasota National Master Association. Mr. Patone asked if the delineation of responsibilities could be included in the next newsletter. Mr. Adams stated that lake erosion was common in Southwest Florida and felt that residents should appeal to the builder, since the issue involved water movement from the gutter, across yards, into the ponds, and the stability of the turf. The issue needed to be resolved at the root and it made no sense for Management to coordinate repairs at the water's edge, since erosion would continue to occur. Ms. Sandy Russo, a resident, felt that she and her neighbors were "getting the runaround" and wanted to know who to contact, directly. Mr. Koratich stated he was the HOA Operations Manager for this division of Lennar and served on the Board of Directors for Sarasota National and he would address the issue further, with affected residents, after the meeting. Ms. Ann Robbins, a resident, stated that the erosion behind her home occurred during the drought period and was no longer an issue. Mr. Adams observed the lakes, prior to the meeting, and noted that Ms. Robbins' property recovered and was now stabilized. He suggested conducting a site visit, as a group, following the meeting, to assess the situation and discuss what should be done to

resolve the erosion issue.

In response to Ms. Larkin’s question regarding meeting notifications, Mr. Adams stated that all meetings were posted on the CDD website, in accordance to Florida Law, and he could request of the HOA to have the meeting dates included in the community’s newsletter. The next meeting will be held on August 15 at 2:00 p.m., at this location

In response to Ms. Robbins’ question regarding the traffic signal at Venice East Boulevard, Mr. Adams stated that residents would have more leverage convincing the County to activate a signal than the CDD would.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2017**

Mr. Adams presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2017.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Adams presented the April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and asked for any additions, deletions or corrections. The following changes were made:

- Lines 280, 291, 293 and 301: Change “Mr. Caldwell” to “Mr. Smith
- Line 208: Change “Mr. Caldwell” to “Mr. Eckert”

**On MOTION by Mr. Ernst and seconded by Mr. Kirschner, with all in favor, the April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.**

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. District Counsel**

In response to Mr. Haber’s question regarding the number of individuals sworn in, Mr. Adams administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kirschner prior to the meeting so that there would be a quorum for today’s meeting. Since Ms. Brewer was on vacation, the Oath could not be administered to her for the second meeting in a row. Mr. Haber stated that only one Supervisor should participate in the site visit, following the meeting, since it was not a noticed meeting. Mr. Adams would ensure that only one Supervisor was present at the site visit.

**B. District Engineer**

There being no report, the next item followed.

**C. District Manager**

**i. 450 Registered Voters in District as of April 15, 2017**

Mr. Adams stated that there were 450 registered voters residing within the boundaries of the District as of April 15, 2017.

**ii. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 15, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.**

The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at this location. Mr. Adams stated that the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget would be the primary item on the agenda. There would be no increases in assessment or appropriation levels.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience  
Requests**

**Comments/Supervisors'**

In response to a comment regarding the number of registered voters, Mr. Adams stated that, under Chapter 190, commencing six years after the initial appointment of Board members, and once the District reaches 250 qualified electors, then the positions of two Board members whose terms are expiring shall be filled by qualified electors of the District, elected by the qualified electors of the District for a four-year term. The remaining Board Member whose term is expiring shall be elected for a four-year term by the landowners and is not required to be a qualified elector. Thereafter, as terms expire, Board Members shall be qualified electors elected by qualified electors of the District for a term of four years. The transition would commence in 2018 and public notices would be made in April 2018. Beginning June 2018, residents could file candidacy paperwork for one of the two Board seats during the November General Election. All announcements and disclosures would be posted on the CDD website and the local paper as required under Florida Law.

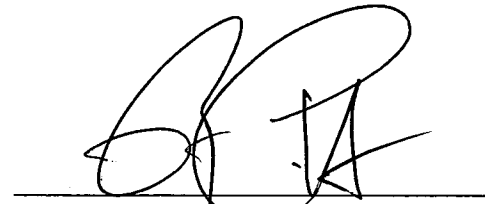
**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

There being no other further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

**On MOTION by Mr. Koratich and seconded by Mr. Ernst,  
with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.**

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
Chair/Vice Chair