

OEVA BOARD MEETING 6-20-2023 MINUTES

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1. **Introductions and Attendance:** Kathi Obendorfer, John Majka, Les Bernstein, Merrill Hollinger, and Jim Schepers. Joyce Colmar, and Deborah Osburn attended by phone. Leslie Brown had excused absence.

2. **Call to Order:** President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

3. **Approval of Minutes of 5-16-2023 Board Meeting.** Motion to approve by Deborah Osburn and seconded by John Majka.

4. **Officer Reports**

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer began by talking about the Neighborhood Workshop Meeting concerning the property on 232 W. Dearborn Street. A statement had been prepared for her to read at the meeting, if needed, which had been approved by the Board through email. Due to the questions and answers provided at the meeting, she determined the statement was not necessary. She chose to make sure that the programs and projects of OEVA, would not be interfered with by using the property. The owners acknowledged her statement, and it was made part of the record of the meeting.

The owners stated they wanted to create activities after 5 o'clock in the evening. They said they wanted to mirror use of the property to several communities throughout the country. Examples given were food trucks, music, vendors selling goods, and serving of beer and wine. They said in phase 1 of the project porta-potties would be placed near Paradise Realty. Phase 2 would bring an upgrade to these facilities.

Their initial request to governing bodies would be for an unlimited open air permit so, they would not have to seek temporary permits for each planned event.

There was considerable conversation among the board members about the aspects of the project, with most being negative about this type of use for the location. It was decided that OEVA would continue to monitor the ongoing process as the project moves forward.

The Board further decided to appoint Deborah Osburn as project chair to provide talking points to the merchants on Dearborn Street about the property at 232 W. Dearborn. Joyce Colmar also was asked to research the applicable county statutes that may apply to the property.

Kathi updated the Board about Bob LaSalle who we had hoped to fill a board vacancy. Bob, after further reflection chose not to join the Board. We still need to look for someone to fill the spot.

Merrill Hollinger asked about the rules and changes in management concerning Pioneer Plaza. There has been no further update at this point.

The President then concluded her report.

Vice President Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar submitted her report. Secretary Schepers inquired about the date. Confirmed it should reflect the date of 6-19-2023 which was the day before meeting. Motion to accept by Jim Schepers, seconded by John Majka, and passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: No additional report.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Governance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Membership Committee: Chaired by

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein Les combined his reports in asking about the December Art Show. He expressed the need to get started with the planning if OEVA was going to sponsor a show. He needs someone with good computer skills to send communication out to various artists requesting their participation in the event.

It was decided that Les would talk with Blythe, the social media specialist, to reach out to these artists. Les spoke about his expectations for the social media presence and felt there could be a better job done. The Board authorized Les to provide some direction to Blythe. There needs to be better communication.

He will visit with her about her ongoing role and involvement with the Art Show.

Englewood Arts District (EAD): Chaired by Leslie Brown

Events Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein.

Government Relations Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar

IT Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Marketing Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Media Committee:

Merchants Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Diversity & Inclusion:

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5. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sarasota County changes to Pioneer Plaza: This was addressed in the President's Report.
2. Director seat #9: This was also addressed in the President's Report.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Property at 232 W. Dearborn. Addressed in President's Report.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

8. ADJOURN: Made by Les Bernstein _____

Seconded by John Majka _____

Time of Adjournment: 5:24 p.m. _____

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