

## Minutes of the August 28, 2023 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Stu and Diane Williams, Leslie Svarczkopf, Cary Hunt, Kelly Noble, Skip LeFleur, Steve Krout, Todd Guarino, and Dave Ennis.

Brian convened the meeting at 7 o'clock at the Hall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Brian provided the financial report in Jim Wiesner's absence. OVIS now has 194 members with 25 sponsors. The current balance is \$13,790.99 in the OVIS account.

The next agenda item was the community tree planting program. This was a significant effort, since each tree was in a 30-gallon container. In all, 25 trees were planted Saturday July 8. There were 30 volunteers participating. Skip LeFleur was the organizer for this program. With the challenge of the dry weather two trees were lost. However, Sunrise Irrigation provided a great assistance with a water truck as a follow on to the planting which saved many of the trees. The group talked about this being an annual event. Another option was to set up a funding program. It was agreed these options would be explored.

Brian reported that the tree trimming project was completed clearing away any tree branches that might put the Hall in jeopardy with a storm.

Brian reviewed the comments made by OVIS on the Shore Drive Bridge project. He noted that the new bridge will include a sidewalk on the south side with that sidewalk continuing east to Orange Street, where it would stop. He said the OVIS proposal was to provide a connection to the Pinellas Trail to this sidewalk. It appears that the mobile home park is developing a proposal at this location to provide a golf cart Trail crossing, connecting the mobile home park to Orange Street and Ozona destinations. As a follow-up to that the County will ensure that a pedestrian provision is included, which will remedy the sidewalk connection to the Trail.

The group then talked about the golf cart provision for parking in the restaurant area of Orange Street. Brian noted that was a problem with people angle parking their golf carts at this location. He noted signs were added indicating that only parallel parking was permitted. Even with this additional signing the golf carts are still parking incorrectly.

Brian brought up the next item which was a Speckled Trout Marina proposal for variances from the current rules on setbacks. The proposal goes before the board of adjustment Wednesday, September 6 at the Courthouse. The proposal is on the waterfront parcel and is to reduce the street setback from 10' to 6.9'. In addition, the proposal includes a setback reduction from 20' to 10' on the north side of the parcel. The group discussed these proposals. Concern was noted that pedestrian traffic is already constrained to this area, and this will be a safety issue. It was noted that the northern setback reduction would dramatically increase the size of the structure on this waterfront lot. The group concluded that any construction should be in accordance with

the current rules with no variations and the variances should be denied. A letter will be sent to the County on this.

Diane proposed to write an article on the importance of people in the community having a post office box. That was agreed to.

Skip proposed researching having the utilities being placed underground in Ozona. It was agreed to pursue this idea, and to understand the process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.