

## July General Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Warsaw Coffee Company

Meeting called to order at 5:28pm

### Invitees: All MRT residents

Jose Chambless, Vice President Elect  
Laura Croscenco, Immediate Past President  
Chris Dillon, Secretary Elect  
TJ Fiori, Treasurer  
Colleen Lockwood, President  
Joann Block, GYR  
Robert Bornstein  
Jaye Abbate  
Moshe Y  
Jesus Fuentes  
Diana Diaz  
Vincent Zeteliano

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

#### -Announcement of 2017-2018 MRTNA Officers –

Chris Dillon – Secretary  
Jose Chambless – Vice President  
Treasurer – TJ Fiori  
President – Colleen Lockwood  
Laura made a motion, all in favor unanimous.

**-Dock Update** – PO being routed. Material and design reviews to be scheduled with MRTNA Dock Committee. Timeline is 60 days from signed PO.

**-FDOT Update:** Dixie Highway progress on Northbound section of highway. Beginning “flexible” sidewalks, landscaping and adding street lights. Complaints about water quality - address to Public Works. There is no quality problem due to roadway construction per FDOT representatives.

**-MRTNA Sign near bridge** – this is a protected mangrove area. Possible replacement sign – Laura to contact Christine Fanci at TAM.

**-Needed Sidewalks** - Jesus suggested pursuing conversation with MPO for sidewalks. We need safe routes to and from the high school.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

### **-Public Art at MRT Park**

Please see separate attachment.

### **-Upcoming Meetings:**

Next MRTNA BOD Meeting: Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Warsaw Coffee Company.

**6. Consent Agenda:** June BOD Meeting Minutes approved

**7. Adjournment** 7:30pm

**Public Art in the Park Community Discussion**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**MRTNA General Meeting**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Goal: Define theme and placement for an art project in the park**

With the new KaBOOM playground, the backdrop of the historic Annie Beck House reflecting our heritage and the roadway improvements on both NE 13<sup>th</sup> and Dixie, we have a lot to draw on for ideas, for themes, for our vision to add public art to Middle River Terrace Park.

**Ideal Art Projects:**

- An art project should be in a place of high visibility
- It should have broad public access
- It should have multiple uses or activities

**Questions discussed:**

-What does the community of Middle River Terrace symbolize/mean to you?

- Diversity
- Green and trees – foliage – lots of nature
- Peaceful
- Sanctuary
- Up and coming urban area
- Freedom and acceptance
- Friendly
- Transitional

-What does Middle River Terrace Park mean to you? What is its identity?

- Kids and the playground
- Welcoming to all
- All about nature
- Historic Annie Beck House
- Athletic activity
- Restful contemplation – new painted picnic tables (thanks to FDOT) and butterfly plant boxes.

## **THEME**

What are themes for art that resonate? What components should it have? Here is the feedback from the community:

- Don't clash with Annie Beck House
- Acknowledge our history in some way
- Incorporate botanicals or transportation as themes
- Encourage activity through art (e.g., sprinkler sculpture)
- Should not be realistic (abstract art preferred)
- Concrete block sculpture – (see 13<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Make any mural contemporary
- Use anti graffiti paint for any mural
- Entrance – gateway monument/entrance

## **PLACEMENT**

There are many options for placement of art at the park. Here is what was discussed and suggested:

- Storage locker mural – plant shrubbery around the structure. Painting a mural on the storage locker highlights an unappealing structure – rather than draw attention to it with a mural it was suggested we plant shrubbery around the three sides of the building. (Note Parks and Rec have applied a fresh coat of paint.) Per a local horticulturist the four shrubs for consideration are simson stopper, Jamaican caper, cocoplum or a native coffee. They all will do fine.
- Water fountains – possible to add one with artistic flair?
- Little Library – not discussed but a consideration.
- Fence along the entrance mural – unanimous support. The already painted wall at the entrance is the logical choice for a painted mural.
- Sprinkler Sculpture – unanimous support, needs further review and possible funding.
- Art along the multiple paths that wind around the park – whether this is landscaping or other materials TBD. This would be a wonderful choice to engage the community.

**Next steps:**

- Communicate feedback to the community
- Selection of an artist(s)
- Art presentations for community review
- Award project and plan implementation