

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

NOMINATING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

January 30, 2006

Members Present: Sherri Reynolds, Chair
Kirstin Fulkerson
Dr. Kay Glasser
Sarah Gorman
Steve Queior

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

Review of Attendance Log

The attendance log was reviewed. Pauline Tracy stated she had left a message for Steve Brett regarding his attendance and was waiting to hear back from him. (He has subsequently contacted Pauline and indicated he would like to remain on the Steering Committee) She will contact Vanessa Carusone to determine her interest in remaining on the committee.

Vacant Seats

The following vacant seats were reviewed and discussed:

- City of Longboat Key—will remain vacant
- City of Sarasota—Various City Council members have been contacted in the past and have expressed an interest in participating but they have not yet made an appointment to the Steering Committee. Kay Glasser offered to speak to City Manager Mike McNeese to encourage the City to appoint someone.
- Housing—Steve Queior suggested contacting the Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County to request a representative to fill the housing seat. Pauline will contact Dr. Pappas who is Chair of the Housing Trust.
- Business—The Committee agreed to approach the Young Professionals Group to try and fill the business seat. Pauline received information from Christie Lewis with the Nonprofit Resource Center on filling the position through their board bank. (Pauline has subsequently posted the board seat on the Center's website.) Steve Queior offered to attend the next meeting of the Young Professionals Group to discuss the Community Alliance and encourage them to participate.
- NAACP—Pauline has called and left a message with the local office of the NAACP to determine if they have appointed someone to replace Tony

Cornish, Jr. It was suggested that she also contact Dr. Caccaro or Reverend Willie Holley.

- STAR—Samantha Berkey has replaced Eva Goodwin as the STAR representative.

Additional Steering Committee Seats

The Executive Committee asked the Nominating and Membership Committee to review the membership of the Steering Committee and make recommendations to add members, if necessary.

The committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee that the following seats be added to the Steering Committee:

- CHIP (Community Health Improvement Partnership) under the Health category
- Friendship Volunteer Center under the Community Planning category

It was suggested that the “Community Planning” category be changed to “Community Planning and Resources” category. This change and any additions to the current number of members of the Steering Committee will require a change to the bylaws.

Discussion ensued regarding developing a matrix that will show the diversity of the Steering Committee and identify gaps in the group’s composition such as age, race, geographic location, etc. Kirsten Fulkerson will send Pauline a questionnaire and matrix that can be used to obtain the information from committee members.

Executive Committee Vacancy

The composition of the Executive Committee was discussed. The Committee agreed to recommend two names to the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy. It was mentioned that the Executive Committee may want to consider adding a seat, which will require a change to the existing bylaws. The two nominees are:

- Sherri Reynolds
- Tom Pfaff

Pauline will contact Tom to confirm his interest and availability to serve on the Executive Committee. (Pauline has subsequently contacted Tom and he has indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Executive Committee) Sherri stated she would also accept the position if the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee approves.

A discussion followed regarding the current structure of the Alliance. It was noted that three officers and many on the Executive Committee will have served two consecutive terms at the end of this year. Although the Executive Committee conducted a strategic planning session soon after the Alliance was initially formed, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Community Alliance conduct another strategic planning workshop before the end of the calendar year.

Other Business

Sherri Reynolds will be at the Executive Committee on February 15 but will not be at the February 20 Steering Committee meeting. Steve Queior will make the committee report at the Steering Committee meeting.