

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

NOMINATING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

May 3, 2005

Members Present: Sherri Reynolds, Chair
Kirstin Fulkerson
Millicent Puleo
Steve Queior

Members Absent: Dr. Kay Glasser
Sarah Gorman

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

New Appointments

Two appointments have been made since the last meeting of the Steering Committee:

- Dan Schmelsinger, Office of Housing and Community Development
- Tony Cornish, Jr., NAACP

Vacant Seats

The following vacant seats were discussed:

1. *City of Sarasota*-Pauline has spoken with Commissioners Lou Ann Palmer and Richard Martin who both indicated the City was interested in participating. Although they would like to appoint a City Commissioner, the Steering Committee meeting conflicts with the City Council meetings. We have never been able to fill this seat. Steve Queior offered to contact the City Manager, Mike McNees to encourage their participation on the Steering Committee. The suggestion was made that perhaps someone from the Enterprise Zone Board could be appointed.
2. *Council of Neighborhood Associations*- This is another seat that has never been filled. Pauline has contacted the County and City neighborhood associations and they have both tried unsuccessfully to find someone who would be interested in the seat. Linda Holland from the Gillespie Park Neighborhood Association was recommended. There was concern that a smaller association could not represent the majority in Sarasota County. The committee further discussed that perhaps Manasota 2-1-1 could represent the community in place of a neighborhood association. The recommendation will be made at the next Executive Committee to replace

the Council of Neighborhood Associations with Manasota 2-1-1 as a Community Representative.

3. *SCOPE*-Pauline has corresponded with Tim Dutton who stated his Board will meet the following Tuesday evening and he will bring the vacant seat to their attention.
4. *Business/Economic Development*-Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in finding representatives in this category who have the time to participate in the Alliance. Several semi-retired business persons were mentioned and Steve offered to contact them to determine their interest. Kirstin offered to make some contacts in the southern part of the county and with the Venice Chamber of Commerce to see if there was someone that would be interested.

Attendance Report

The attendance report was reviewed. The following members have missed three or more consecutive meetings:

- David English--Pauline spoke with David and he would like to remain on the Steering Committee at this time. Once their new partnership is formed and a new chair is selected there may be a change at that time.
- Carl Penxa--Kirstin offered to contact Carl to determine his continued interest. (Subsequent to the meeting, Lynore Dickinson was appointed to the seat.)
- Luis Baron—Millicent offered to contact Luis to determine his continued interest.
- Jim Myers—Pauline will contact the City of Venice.

Location of Steering Committee Meetings

The committee discussed whether the location of the meetings was a hinderance for some to attend Steering Committee meetings. It was suggested that other more centrally located meeting rooms be explored. Pauline will inquire whether Twin Lakes Community Center is currently being used as it had been under extensive renovations. The Fruitville Library was also mentioned as a location that would be more accessible for members traveling from the north or the south. This will be brought up at the next Executive Committee meeting for further discussion.