

Bayou Oaks Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
October 14, 2025

Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM
Silence your phones
Code of conduct

Board Members Present: Jody Geiger, Cassie Yacovacci, Mary Fischer, Elizabeth Music Martin, Ed Walsh

Jody introduced herself, the current board members and Nikesh Patel, Director of Public Works.

Nik gave us a stormwater update: 5 projects have been submitted, 2 of which apply to us: the dredging of Whitaker Bayou and storm water improvements to our neighborhood. The county commission will need to approve approx. 20 million for the project that would include improved water quality for 210 homes. Estimated date of completion would be Spring of 2026.

The Whitaker Bayou dredging will go all the way North until the waterway ends and will not include any of the adjoining canals. Silt removal will include current trash, but not invasive plant material or replanting of native landscaping.

County Commissioner Mark Smith relayed what the county is doing to improve stormwater drainage. He acknowledged that the County had been complacent but were now making big strides in correcting potential future problems. He encouraged the use of scgov.net a stormwater interactive map to see what areas are being worked on and completion dates. Kelly (President for CCNA) suggested:

- Use Click to Fix and 311, as well as scgov.net if your storm drain is clogged.
- Look for new homes under construction that might have stormwater runoff creating potential future problems.

Old Bradenton Road Update:

Concerning the **roundabout at Myrtle and OBR,**

Jody learned from Jerry Fogle that the roundabout would have a concrete apron and would be painted red and the landscaping would be addressed with a tentative completion scheduled for early November.

Nik already has the plans for the roundabout to make it safer and will do his best to obtain funding for the construction. Pedestrian safety features, radar speeding signs and lighting were proposed for consideration.

Cierra Coleman, Public Art Administrator
Presenting the Mural for NWTP

Six months ago she reached out to the neighbors for ideas. Ed Walsh and Cassie Yacovazzi were instrumental in following through with the project. This will be the first Public Art Project in our neighborhood. Date of the

Dedication Ceremony soon to be determined. Post cards of the city public art collection were presented.

Sarasota Succulent Society 75th Anniversary

Diane Sanguedoce, President spoke to promote the 75th anniversary of the SSS on Saturday Oct.18 from 10-2PM. The mayor will present a dedication,

Wilda Myer will present a history and there will be a rolling slide show in the Sparkman home. Plant sale and garden tours will be offered.

Approval of minutes for July 8, 2025

Jody asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2025, Cassie made the motion and Ed seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Treasurer Report from Mary Fischer:

Total funds: \$915.88

SW heroes flight return to SRQ

Sean Patton mentioned that he would hold a NWTP clean up with his students on 10/17/25 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

President's Report

Results of trash clean up:

12 volunteers worked for a total of 14 hours

315 gallons of trash were picked up

Crosswalk MLK and OBR- 3 second delay installed.

Spoke with Safety Coordinator at Ringling School regarding student pedestrian safety.

Meeting Adjourned 6:54

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Martin

Next Meetings: Neighborhood 1/13/2026 6PM

Board 11/12/2025 2:30PM