

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

The Lemon Bay Playhouse Building mission is to create a new performing arts center with expanded cultural opportunities for the community.

The center will provide:

- a venue for theatrical, musical, and dance classes and recitals for people of all ages
- a meeting place for private and public organizations in the area
- the opportunity to interact with other cultural organizations in the community
- a venue for local musicians, actors, and other performers
- an on-going schedule of events occurring both day and night
- expanded cultural horizons of South Sarasota County

Some events require more stage room; some charge to perform and we don't have enough seating to cover the cost. Our current facility does not have any classroom or general use space so classes and other activities are strictly limited.

Requests received this year via email. All denied due to space or capacity limitations:

- One-man shows (Lindberg)
- Gershwin Radio Show
- Local band concerts
- Magicians (Cesar Dominicó, Brandon Ford)
- Touring comedian (Johnny Roberts)
- Talent show for benefit of cancer research
- Music and magic show (Buz Sawyer)
- Jazz quintet (George Carroll)
- Song writer concert (Dan Crabtree)

Other activities that would be possible given space and capacity:

- Classes and recitals of theater, dance, or music
- Participation in the Sarasota Film Festival
- Public service meetings (Hurricane preparedness, etc.)
- Meetings of various local groups (CRA)
- Children's theater productions, both for kids and by kids
- Conferences or small conventions (American Waterworks Assn.)
- Lecture series
- Cultural exchange groups
- Naples Philharmonic ensembles' summer home
- Cabaret shows
- Motivational speakers
- Financial consultants
- Expanded theater production schedule

ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Jim Hamushek and Russ Kyper have been meeting with representatives of the CRA Advisory Board regarding the county's Dearborn Street property between Orange and Mango Streets. This topic will be on the agenda of the CRA meeting on Thursday, July 13, at 1:00 PM at Lemon Bay Park. The information gathered by the committee is preliminary and does not commit the County or the Lemon Bay Playhouse to a specific project.

- Long term Lease Agreement with the Lemon Bay Playhouse (LBPH) for land used for the construction of the theater, black box, office, shop, etc. located within the floor plan of the theater complex. Investigate arrangement for tax liability/benefit.
- LBPH to manage and maintain the theater complex and all scheduling. Parking lot adjacent to the theater complex would remain public and owned by the County with some dedicated parking spaces for theater use. Additional parking/storm water located to the south of Green should be available in the future. Develop shared parking agreement suitable for permitting.
- Must have retail/restaurant or tourist attractor space fronting Dearborn Street. Mixed Use should have consideration given to the compatibility, i.e. would not want kitchen stove vent hoods exhausting to courtyard. Space could be developed by the CRA or a developer with stipulations regarding the compatibility of the tenants. Space above retail should not be designed in competition for rental space in theater complex.
- Common Courtyard space for open-air performances, art/craft shows, bands, seasonal festivals, outdoor seating, water fountain/bandstand, etc. Possibly County managed for use by all tenants with events compatible with businesses but must be maintained to high standard.
- Must have public restrooms with exterior access in retail area/courtyard, size to be determined.
- Ability to isolate public area of theater building, i.e. public restrooms, conference rooms, office space outside of theater. Multi purpose rooms and/or open lobby areas may have passive art display or touring exhibitions.
- Investigate access from front retail area to rear – enclosed vs. open walkway.
- Theater used year-round to serve as an attractor with expanded schedule of events.
- Theater complex with reduced fee schedule for rentals to County or Civic organizations for meetings.
- Work with new development planned to the north side of Dearborn to blend design and possibly tie in a pedestrian crossover.
- Parking/Stormwater provided by the CRA, developer or combination.
- Investigate CRA funding/financing to assist in construction.
- Investigate further the project feasibility.
- A special exception will be necessary to accommodate the needs of the building.

