
Residents say NO to Carousel on St. Armands

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Dear City Commission, City Manager, and Director of Parks and Recreation,

Yesterday, the Board of the St. Armands Residents Association voted unanimously to NOT support the idea of a Carousel at the St. Armands Circle Park.

If you had not previously heard of this proposal, it may come before you in the near future.

We solicited member feedback via email and discussed this issue at length at our regular monthly meeting yesterday. We discussed concerns about traffic, safety, and various other possible detrimental effects to our community.

We also discussed the City's Special Events Ordinance which our Association had worked hard to get implemented several years ago and which controls the frequency and intensity of events allowed at the Circle Park. Even if the Carousel is considered a "fixed attraction" and not a "special event," it was felt that it would have the same impact as a special event would have here, and that it would be in place every week of the year.

Further, we would expect our neighbors on Longboat Key to have significant objections about the potential impact on traffic and safety from hundreds of incremental people per day crossing the road to get on and off of the Circle Park.

For all of the above reasons, we do not support the idea of a Carousel at the St. Armands Circle Park.

Sincerely,

Chris Goglia, President
St. Armands Residents Association