

ARA Board Meeting Minutes – April 6 2016

Members Present: Dean Anderson, Pam Baker, Gary Bockhold, Mollie Cardamone, Carol Fournier, Julie Guirguis, Rob Hoff, Bob Kimbrough, Jean Ruff
Guests: Maggie and Paul Cassidy, Claudio Ruben, Tihda Vongkoth

The minutes from the February 23, 2016 for meeting were approved.

Julie stated the ARA checking balance is \$1608.97 after \$354.57 in expenses.

There were 30 attendees to the commemoration of the second Avondale historical marker on April 2nd. Jean's speech was superlative and the board was acknowledged; The musical parade headed by Dean and Tihda was well attended and loads of fun for all involved! Avondale received a Certificate from the Sarasota County Historical Commission. Jean will write an article for the Southside Village news article accompanied by photographs taken by Rob.

The booklet detailing the history of Avondale will be distributed on April 9 and 10 to all homes by Mollie and Carol.

Gateway Sprinkling system: Gary stated many sprinkler heads were redirected to the landscaping; the landscaper will look at gauges to sense rain and to shut off system saving water; water on sidewalks may be related to watering the landscaping on the other side.

CCNA Meeting Summary: Rob

The city of Sarasota has a number of vacancies for their community advisory boards if anyone is interested. They are listed at City website.

The Public Works and Utilities directors spoke about their organizations. The key messages customer service is open 8 to 5 during work days and there is 941-955-2325; after hours, for emergencies, it is 941-955-4838.

There was an update on the Osprey road improvement project which will run from Siesta to Main Street. The project manager, Reed Giasson, gave a summary of the overall project. Much of the project will involve repaving, installation of a 20 inch water main and improving the sidewalks width from 4 to 5 feet. ADA ramps will also be placed. As part of the project, left turn lanes at some side streets such as at Alta Vista will be eliminated. The first section to be replaced is between Bahia Vista and Hawthorne in 2017; followed by the Southside area and Hillview areas after "season" in 2017. In 2017 through parts of 2018, the area from Novus street which is just north of Mount to Main streets will be replaced. In addition, improving sidewalks and installation of ADA ramps will be addressed. Special attention will be made to the current trees and canopies.

The website should be alive in the next week and is ospreyaveimprovements.com. The communication line for the project is 941-907-9099. People should ask for Reed, his assistant is Trish. It's anticipated the area on Osprey from Bahia Vista to Mound will be completed in 2019 as part of the Lift station project.

There was a brief presentation for the upcoming planning board meeting of April 13, 2016. Specifically the convenient stores and community boat docks issue. More information is available at the Sarasota city website.

Website: Website logo options will be sent by Tihda to the board members for a vote in the next few weeks.

A Social committee was established and the members include Dean, Jean, and Pam. They will discuss planning a community event for April.

New Business

Membership: Board members were encouraged to talk to neighbors ad hoc about the value of membership.

Avondale street light locations are not consistent in neighborhood per Claudio; Gary will investigate and report back to the board at a future meeting.

Future meetings will be scheduled the first Monday of the month at 5 PM every two months.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5 PM, 1932 Irving St.