

ARA Board meeting Minutes May 11, 2015

Members present: Mollie Cardamone, Carol Fournier, Julie Guirguis, Rob Hoff, Bob Kimbrough. Jean Ruff
Absent: Pam Baker

Guests: Sue Hoff, Dean Anderson, Dan Bailey, Sue Hoff, Mary Beth Norton, Thomas Norton, Emme Queen, Tihda Vongkoth, Phyllis Yonker, Rich Yonker

The minutes B the 4/1/2015 were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report: Julie stated our current balance was unchanged at \$2196.41. We collected \$20 in dues and had an expense of \$20 for this year's CCNA membership.

Old business:

ARA newsletter: Emme showed a draft of the first newsletter. She requested head shots from board members; Jeanne and Rob volunteered to write a board greeting in the newsletter. The newsletter will be approved by the board in June for distribution by end of June by Emme and Jean. The first issue will be hand-delivered to all houses in Avondale.

Community grant: Jean and Rob stated Avondale would not use the matching funds from Sarasota since much of the work was done for free.

CCNA report: Rob reported the May meeting had an excellent overview of disaster planning and included the 2015 disaster planning guides for Sarasota County. The board will distribute it when the first newsletter is distributed.

Gateway Bank plantings: Carol showed a sketch of the landscaping to provide a buffer between Avondale and Gateway/US 41. The 3 homeowners in Avondale adjacent to the Gateway Bank property will engage the bank and the owner of the banks property for funding.

Email recipients of ARA information: Rob confirmed all Avondale homeowners would receive information regarding safety and only ARA members would receive specific ARA information.

New Business:

Homeowner variance request: Charles Bailey, attorney, summarized the variance request for a property located on Bahia Vista. The current owners cannot build a house unless a variance is approved due to an unusual section of Sarasota code which doesn't allow building of properties which were previously combined as one property under certain conditions. The plans for the house to be built were shown. There was general consensus the house would be an improvement over the current house. The board took no action with regard to the variance.

Avondale signs: The board unanimously agreed the current Avondale sign would stay in the current location (Lincoln and Osprey). The city has agreed to restore the sign this year. The placement of the the additional historical Avondale sign, currently in Sarasota County storage, would be further evaluated and presented to the community for approval at a later date.

B

Traffic: Dean Anderson brought up the issue of people not stopping at stop signs and the danger to pedestrians and bicyclists. The board will discuss this with the city to see what options we have.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

DRAFT