

## ARA Board Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2015

Members Present: Pam Baker, Mollie Cardamone, Julie Guirguis, Jean Ruff

Members Absent: Rob Hoff, Carol Fournier, Bob Kimbrough

The minutes from the 5/11/15 were reviewed and accepted with approval by Mollie and a second motion by Pam.

Treasurer's Report: Julie stated the current balance in the association account was \$2,165.78 as of August 31, 2015.

### Old Business:

CCNA Report: Jean spoke on behalf of Rob who attended the CCNA held on August 29. The key points presented at the meeting were as follows:

- Reminder for emergency preparation
- Meeting to be held on September 30 at 4pm at the Sarasota Orchestra to provide an update on Bayfront 20/20
- The downtown condo association has developed a website ([downtownsarasotacondoassoc.com/news.html](http://downtownsarasotacondoassoc.com/news.html)) that Rob indicated we may want to consider doing in the future
- A 16 step summary of the flood management plan for Sarasota was handed out – copies are available through [Richard.kerkering@sarasotagov.com](mailto:Richard.kerkering@sarasotagov.com) or online
- Sarasota will be holding the national night out on October 6 at Robert Taylor Park
- Presentation was made about the Sarasota County school system budget

Update on Landscaping Between Gateway Bank and Avondale Neighborhood: Gary and Kathy Buckhold were in attendance and provided an update on the proposed landscaping project along the east side of Brewer Ave. between Bahia Vista and Irving Ave. The project will involve planting a hedge, trees, and fishtail palms to provide a buffer to 41. Three bids were obtained and the estimated cost is approximately \$12,000. The owner of the bank property, JPM Mgt, has agreed to pay 25% of the cost and cover the expense of the ongoing maintenance. The three residents along Brewer Ave. have agreed to split the remaining cost; however, they would like to seek donations from the other Avondale residents. Another suggestion was to have the association subsidize a portion of the cost with the current funds in the account. In addition, Jean volunteered to contact Nancy Kelly regarding the possibility of applying for a neighborhood grant to help offset the cost. It will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

Second Avondale Historical Signage Placement: Jean provided an update on behalf of Bob who spent time walking the neighborhood and observing traffic patterns. Aside from Bahia Vista, the street with the most traffic seems to be Lincoln Dr. Therefore, his recommendation is to

place the sign at the southeast corner of Lincoln and Yale between the sidewalk and street facing Lincoln. The first and original home in Avondale is across the street and it would be visible to those stopped on either Lincoln or Yale. The sign would be on the corner of the Baker's property and Pam agreed to discuss it with her husband prior to the next board meeting.

ARA Picnic Plans: The next picnic will be held on October 25 and will be spearheaded by Pam. The picnic flyer will go out to the residents next week and will also be included in the fall newsletter. Julie will collect dues the day of the picnic and 2 grills and grillers have been confirmed. Volunteers will be needed to help unload the trailer and set up prior to the picnic. The association will provide water as well as the meat and a vegetarian option. The residents will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert as well as their own beverage(s). Dean Anderson was in attendance and proposed the idea of live music during the beginning of the picnic from 4:15-5pm. He volunteered his talent at no cost while the total cost for the other band members will be \$200. Pam motioned to approve the idea and Julie seconded the motion. The board also unanimously agreed to apply for the neighborhood picnic grant from the City to offset the cost of the food.

Avondale Traffic Dangers: Several residents have expressed concerns about the cut through traffic in the Avondale neighborhood. Frequently cars do not stop at the stop signs and/or "roll" through the stop signs. Rob contacted Nancy Kelly about painting white lines by the stop signs and she indicated that the traffic is going to be monitored in our neighborhood in the near future. Mollie volunteered to contact the City Mgr. and ask that they attend our next board meeting. There was also discussion of closing off intersections along 41, which will be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Newsletter Update: Emme Queen was not in attendance to provide an update.

Potential Grant Request (pamphlet about Avondale history): To be discussed at the next meeting by Mollie.

The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.