

## January 2, 2018 ARA Board Meeting Minutes

ARA president Dean Anderson called meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Attendees: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Carol Fournier, Julie Guirguis, Jean Ruff, Connie Riesenbeck, and Robert Hoff. Guests: Georgia Salaverri

Minutes from the December 5, 2017 ARA board meeting were approved.

Julie reported a balance of \$2,597.33. Income was \$60 from Membership dues in December. ARA has 41 paid members.

### OLD BUSINESS

The February 2018 Avondale Residents Association annual meeting will be held on February 18, 2018 from 4 to 6 PM at Selby Gardens, Education Classroom. Dean will check with Jennifer to see if Avondale Residents Association members could have a tour of Selby prior to the meeting. The Board will provide refreshments and snacks, Connie will coordinate. The agenda; Introduction of Board and new member Connie Riesenbeck, Board member election, President's report, Treasurer's report, Secretary's report, Selby Gardens expansion plans by CEO Jennifer Rominiecki, Neighborhood security, CCNA, Member questions. Connie suggested starting a few neighborhood clubs; there will be signups for the initial club offerings at the meeting (eg, Book, Wine Tasting, and, Chess clubs). Rob will develop a flyer which will be distributed by email and to homes; Jean and Carol will distribute the hard copy.

The city is working on replacing the Hudson Bayou retaining wall near the dentist office (white 3 story building), Lincoln and Tamiami Trail. Jean reported the City rejected the bid from the initial contractor and are looking for lower bids.

CCNA meeting: no meeting since last Board meeting

Homeless activity in our neighborhood has decreased since last month's meeting. Residents who are concerned should contact Sergeant Delcos at 941-315-3326 or the police at 941-316-1199 should they see anything of concern. There was a discussion about the number of people soliciting in Avondale recently. Members are encouraged call the police at 941-316-1199 should they see anything of concern. The Board will investigate the potential of neighborhood signs.

The Winter edition of the ARA newsletter will be sent out to members this month.

Location for the Spring social on Friday April 20, 2018 from 7 to 10 PM is still pending. Mollie, Carol, Jean, Connie and Pam will work on this function. Pam will contact City to secure tables and chairs.

### NEW BUSINESS

Connie Riesenbeck, new Board member, was introduced. She will be on-boarded to the Board; Jean will send her list of Board members and Dean will send her a copy of Bylaws. Mollie will meet with Connie to give an overview of Avondale history. Dean and Tihda will host an introductory lunch with Connie.

Board will discuss Legacy Trail extension plan next meeting.

Georgia Salaverra, new to Avondale, attended a Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization open meeting several weeks ago. Avondale does not have a representative for this venture and Georgia is interested. The Board plans to discuss the project and representation at the next meeting February 6th. Georgia will investigate if a Bay member would present at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted as Avondale Residents Association, Secretary, Rob Hoff