

ARA Board Meeting Minutes 5/8/18

- The minutes from the 4/3/18 ARA board meeting were unanimously approved.
- Julie reported that our current balance is \$2,202.89. We still have some additional expenses for the 4/20 Spring Social as well as a reimbursement (\$250.00) from the city for our grant. In addition, there has been one additional new ARA member, Midora Sheehan (Osprey St.). We will continue to outreach to Midora to welcome her to the neighborhood, and get her complete contact info, etc.
- While there was no secretary's report from Rob, he will continue to perform duties as secretary from afar until Carol takes over as secretary as of our meeting on 10/9/18.

Old Business

- Pam reports that the 2018 ARA Spring Social was a huge success. The music, food, and setting was perfect for our neighbors attending. Another thank you to Wendy and Carlos Pagàn for hosting this year's event. About 40 residents attended and there was much social interaction (the point) amongst the attendees. The board all agreed upon a 2019 date of 4/12/18 which will be held at Carolyn Van Helden's house.
- The dentist at the triangle was approached by both Jean and Rob regarding the possibility of enhancing the landscaping to help reduce noise from Route 41. Jean reports that they were not very receptive to the idea, especially with regard to spending any additional money. The board was under the impression that when this property recently was renovated, they would enhance the landscaping as well. This does not seem to be the case. We will wait until the fall and see how the existing landscaping does, then, approach the owners again.
- There was no Bayfront 2020 report from Georgia since the next scheduled meeting is after our ARA board meeting. Georgia will email us with any pertinent information.
- Jean reports that the police department will not conduct any patrols to enforce the speeding and improper stopping at the intersection of Brewer and Lincoln Rd. The police department says that they did a study this past March and that another one is not necessary.
- Dean reported that the most recent CCNA meeting (5/5/18) was focused on the issues of city leases (misuse of...), a presentation of the Bayfront 2020, and the controversial proposal by the city/county to close School Street permanently. The ARA board does not want to take a stance on the School Street proposal.

New Business

- ARA dates for next year were discussed and approved:
 - * The first meeting of the ARA board in the Fall will be on 10/9/18, 5:30-6:30pm
 - * All remaining ARA board meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of each month
 - * The Fall picnic will take place on 11/4/18

* The ARA Spring Social will take place on 4/12/18 from 7-10pm (pending approval from Carolyn Van Heldon)

- The ARA Spring edition of the newsletter is in draft form and will be sent to all board members for final edits. Please send any edits to Belinda Queen (beemequeen@gmail.com)
- The board would like to explore the possibility of adding an “Avondale planter” at the intersection of Irving St. and Brewer. Gary will price this out and report to the board at the 6/5/18 meeting for discussion.
- Carol and Dean will join together to clean up any Avondale street signs on 5/13 at 11:00am.
- Mollie reports that the recent Selby Gardens Neighborhood Meeting was held to include the immediate neighbors of Selby and their reaction to the expansion plans that Selby is proposing. The main concerns discussed were with regard to traffic (especially on Orange Ave.), noise pollution, and the size/capacity of the new garage. Mollie would like to see a traffic study done for the areas of South Orange Ave. and Bahia Vista as well as the South Palm Ave. entrance for those affected residents.
- The board discussed their summer travel dates, plans, etc. with regard to helping each other out.
- The next (and last of the year) ARA board meeting will be held on 6/5/18.