

ARA Board Meeting 12/03/18

Present: Dean Anderson, Pam Baker, Mollie Cardamone, Connie Reisenbeck , Gary Bockhold, Julie Guirguis, Rob Hoffman, Carol Fournier

Guests: Tihda Vongkoth, Georgia Salaverri, Steve Baker, Angela and Miguel Cruz Johnston

- The minutes of the 11/6/18 meeting were approved.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Julie reported our treasury balance is \$2,421.22; she has received new annual dues from approximately 20 residents. Julie also received a \$100 donation from Georgia and Vince Salaverri toward the replacement urns.
- *Announcements/dates:* Dean outlined several upcoming important dates. The 1/8/19 ARA board meeting, the Avondale residents annual business meeting - February 17 is our first choice and a secondary date of February 24. It is hoped this meeting can be held once again at Selby Gardens (Dean will contact Selby Gardens regarding this). The annual ARA social is scheduled for April 12, with a similar format to last year's successful event with the Mike Ross trio providing the music. Additional future monthly board meeting dates were noted: 2/5, 3/5, and 4/2.

Old Business

- *ARA Newsletter:* Georgia Salaverri, our new editor, presented suggestions such as including notable Avondale historical information, an upcoming event announcement section, and circulated a variety of photos for consideration. She and Dean had previously discussed these ideas as well as the benefits of distributing a January issue hard copy (for this first of the year edition only). Rob also suggested that we could send an email with a newsletter attachment to all the residents. The second, and final, newsletter will be published at the end of April 2019. We will not print this edition, but, send to all the residents in addition to placing it on the Avondale website.
- *Avondale Planter Project:* Gary updated the planter replacement progress, with several pictures of existing bases with and without urns. He outlined the intersections where planters could be located. A motion was made and accepted to purchase three new urns at this time and the remaining five or six to be discussed after presenting the idea to all the residents at the upcoming ARA picnic.
- *ARA Fall Picnic:* Pam outlined picnic details for the upcoming 12/9 Fall picnic, same menu, music, set-up. The advance set-up will be at 1:30.

New Business

- *CCNA Meeting 12/2/18 report:* Rob noted that there are now 32 neighborhoods represented in the CCNA. Topics discussed at this meeting included:
 - 1) Lincoln/Brewer sea wall update - the city will help design a plan to address fixing this with the possible addition of a kayak launch site.
 - 2) Ringling College expansion plans.
 - 3) Lido Beach pavilion: the board agreed we will not take a position on this project.
 - 4) The city's 2019 Community Survey can be filled out by all residents. Tihda will place this on the ARA website for residents to complete.

- *The City Manager, Tom Barwin, will attend the January 8, 2019 ARA board meeting.* Topics to be discussed and sent to Mr. Barwin prior to his attendance include: road re-surfacing, new curbs, signage options, improved drainage, sidewalks, improved lighting (considered the most important item), install of a speed bump on Lincoln (near the intersection with Brewer), and discussion of the speed limit on Osprey. Mollie suggested our District Commissioner, Liz Albert, be invited to attend a future Board meeting, or, our general business meeting in February. Dean will offer this invitation to her.
- Tree removal at Lincoln and Yale: A lengthy discussion was held regarding recent mature tree removal. Board members and guests shared their personal experiences with regard to permit process, city arborist meetings, tree conditions and liability. Dean checked with the city arborist and found they the new owners must replace all trees taken down with new plantings (either on their property, or, elsewhere in the city). Rob and Dean will present this situation to the CCNA's tree committee for further investigation. Pam Baker and guests, Angela and Miguel Cruz Johnston, agreed to forward their videos, photos, and notes on their discussions with the city arborist and their own arborist, to Dean.
- Coyote discussion: The recent sightings of a wild coyote were discussed. The city was contacted immediately by Jean Ruff, the Animal Control services came and observed the situation and let us know that nothing can be done about this. The ARA board sent all residents an email with an attachment on "Urban Living with Coyotes". Fortunately, there have been no recent sightings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Carol Fournier