

Minutes from the 3/5/19 ARA Board Meeting

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

Guests Present: Tihda Vongkoth, Agnes Nall

- The 2/5/19 ARA board meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.
- *Treasurer's report:* Julie reported we now have 39 ARA members. Our current balance is \$2,698.43. In addition, she has filed our tax return for 2018 undefiled our annual report with the Division of Corporations.
- *Secretary Report:* Various ideas to increase membership were discussed. Rob suggested researching PayPal as a viable possibility to motivate neighbors to join. A motion was made and passed to explore and implement this, provided fee is \$3.00 or less per transaction, per member. The increase of annual dues to \$50 will take effect at the Fall picnic.
- *Announcements:*
 - The next ARA board meeting will be April 9. Dean has arranged to have Mayor Liz Albert attend to give us an opportunity to voice our neighborhood concerns and infrastructure proposal. Mayor Albert has been given Nancy Kelly's recent status report of Avondale projects. This same report was given to neighbors who attended the annual business meeting on March 3.
 - The annual pot luck Spring Social will be on April 12 at Carolyn Van Heldon's home. Pam reported she and Carolyn will meet to discuss menu. The Board will provide water and wine with Mike Ross trio entertaining. Pam told us Carolyn inquired about insurance coverage for the evening, which Dean will look into. Pam has arranged for rental of tables and chairs as City's are unavailable.
- Fall Picnic date: November 3, 2019

Old Business

- Planters: Gary reported a one-time change of \$395 for a custom mold pedestal, \$225 in addition, and \$169 for each urn itself. Gary recommended assembling and painting one, using terra-cotta bases, to save high costs. This will serve as a “trial” to determine acceptability. There are a total of five more which will be phased in over time. Dean and Carol will again paint remaining urns this Spring.

New Business

- CCNA Report: Selby: Dean and Rob attended the March meeting. The Selby expansion, specifically garage size and excessive traffic potential, were discussed, with the proposal of CCNA rejecting their plans resulting in a vote of 13 in favor, 20 against and 5 abstentions, thus, CCNA does not oppose their plans.
- Dean reported other items covered were the Bay Conservancy, GWIZ building possible demolition, and Payne Park as a possible location for the Sarasota Orchestra. Avondale Infrastructure Proposal: Dean reported that he and Harold Roebuck, the County Stormwater Director, inspected every drain in Avondale. Harold will provide a complete survey and drain analysis which the County will then send to the City. In the short term, the county will clear all drains of debris and invasive root growth. The above matters were presented by Dean at the 3/3 annual ARA business meeting and were well received. There were 22 neighbors in attendance.
- The board discussed “antique” lighting poles for the neighborhood as an enhancement to our neighborhood. Avondale used to have these distinctive poles many years ago. Mollie will look into this as something for future consideration.
- Guest Agnes Nall discussed the trash and litter problems on Avondale sidewalks and streets. All agreed with her concerns and we agreed that everyone in the neighborhood should self-police this concern. She will write a summary on this for the next Avondale newsletter.