

ARA Board Meeting Minutes 4/9/19

Members Present: Dean Anderson, Rob Hoff, Gary Bockhold. Connie Riesenbeck, Jean Ruff, Carol Fournier

Guests Present: Tihda Vongkoth, Mayor - Liz Alpert, Nancy Kelly - City of Sarasota Planning Department

- The board meeting minutes from the 4/5/19 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report, Julie: The balance in our account is \$2,711.99. We had 2 donations of \$200 each from the Hoff family and the Karins family for the Avondale planters. We also received \$40 in dues for 2018-2019 and someone paid ahead \$50 for 2019-2020. The following checks cleared: \$20 for CCNA dues, \$358.20 for website hosting, \$36.99 for copies of meeting agenda and \$61.25 for our annual report.

We currently have 39 paid members.

I also set up a PayPal account for dues and donations and Tihda added a PayPal button on our website.

- Secretary Report, Rob/Carol: Rob reported he sent a website membership draft to Board members last month, which was favorably received.
- Announcements/Dates
 - Next ARA board meeting: 4/9/19
 - ARA Social: 4/12/19 @ Carolyn Van Helden's

Old Business

- Avondale Planter Project: Gary reported doing a test trial of using a terra cotta base for urns and it did not meet his satisfaction. He showed a picture of it, and all agreed, so, we will have to purchase a new base mold for the new planters. Gary will give Dean the locations for placement of urns with pictures on our website.
- Avondale Infrastructure Proposal: Nancy Kelly's (Neighborhood Planning Dept.) Report Dean updated Mayor Alpert and Nancy on Avondale's infrastructure proposal, starting with Avondale's desire to have antique lights return to our

neighborhood. Regarding the collapsed sea wall, there are three options for repair, which was pointed out at recent CCNA Meeting. The first includes a kayak launch and area of "green space". Nancy said she will contact George Nichols regarding the recreational benefit. Rob questioned liability to Avondale if the kayak launch is built. Dean reported that Harold Roebuck, from the county Stormwater Department, says that Avondale's stormwater system is adequate and doing its job. The county did clear out all the drains, especially the root removal from the drains that lead into the Hudson Bayou. Nancy will contact Mollie Hollings for status report from Harold Roebuck and Dean will follow up on establishing the "water goat" concept of keeping the Bayou clear of trash. Nancy reported the tree trimming near power lines was done by City landscape crew, costing \$173. Therefore, the matching grant of \$500 was not used and will stay in effect through September 30. Dean expressed our concern to Mayor Alpert and Nancy of street paving and improved curbs and sidewalks. Mayor Alpert said she is in support of local capital improvement projects. Follow up will continue, as these matters can become lengthy. Since storm water drains will not be needed, our infrastructure proposal should be more cost effective for the city to embrace.

New Business

- CCNA Report (3/2/19): Dean reported that the relocation of Sarasota Orchestra will be an agenda item at an upcoming CCNA Executive Board Meeting. Mayor Alpert and Tom Barwin, City Manager, toured Payne Park, the possible new location of the orchestra. Discussion regarding Payne Park centered around the relocation of the tennis facility to accommodate the potential new concert hall. Mayor Alpert is a proponent of the orchestra having its home at that location. Also discussed at CCNA was the Legacy Trail extension from Clark Road to Payne Park. In addition, there was a presentation for proper recycling using the recently distributed new bins. It was suggested this demonstration be an item at our Fall picnic. Crime stats in Avondale were all zeros.
- Jean reported on the questionable business operation the the Day Spa on Lincoln Rd. She will send our concerns to the Sarasota Police Department for a response.
- Questions / discussion from any guests - There were no questions from any guests.