

ARA Board Meeting Minutes 10/8/19

Present: Dean Anderson, Connie Riesenbeck, Rob Hoff, Julie Guirguis, Carol Fournier, Gary Bockhold, Jean Ruff

Guest: Tihda Vongkoth

- The minutes of the May 7 and June 4 meetings were approved unanimously with no discussion.
- Treasurer's Report : Julie reported a treasury balance of \$1,380.54. \$1,293.00 was received from the City of which \$250.00 was applied toward last Spring's social event. A brief discussion was held regarding the new amount of annual dues, now \$50. It was agreed a gentle reminder would be indicated on the picnic flier. It has also been explained on ARA website, with PayPal in effect.
- Announcement Dates:
 - Picnic: time change to earlier start time, 3:00-5:00, due to daylight savings time and to allow extended daylight. Rob will email this change to all residents.
 - 11/5, 5:30-6:30pm, ARA November Board meeting
 - April 24, 7-10pm, 2020, ARA Spring Social will be at the home of Lisa Morris, with Michael Ross Trio

Please note that Tihda has put all the above dates on ARA website.

Old Business:

- The planter project is complete with the exception of placement at Lincoln and Osprey. Gary did an excellent job coordinating this, he informed us that *Treasure Cove* has the mold. A friendly reminder will be emailed to neighbors who reside on urn corners to water the plantings. Dean and Carol will paint the remaining existing urns this winter.
- Sarasota Day Spa Update: Jean reported they are presently in litigation, so, additional information is unavailable at this time. Jean and Dean have submitted written complaints to the State Health Department demonstrating our displeasure of having this establishment in our neighborhood.

- CCNA: Mollie attended the 9/7/19 CCNA meeting. There were some important meetings that occurred in September, all of which were prior to this meeting. Bay Point neighborhood reported strong opposition to the rezoning of Selby Gardens to a “Metropolitan Regional Zone” which would allow buildings up to 80’ (currently 35’). Harbor Acres lighting project has been completed. Census work was discussed with workers needed for March-May employment. There was a report on the roundabout at Fruitville and Rt. 41 and road improvements from 1st St. to 6th St. - estimated construction time: 16 months. Lastly, there was a report on the Newton Cultural Arts and History District Museum.
- CCNA: Dean attended the 10/5 CCNA meeting. He reported the following items that were discussed: the city’s response to the status of the collapsed sea wall at Brewer Place/Lincoln Rd., the MidTown Plaza plans (which potentially includes a 127-room hotel and Earth Origins Market), and the city’s tree canopy program. Also discussed were current and planned city utility projects by the city’s Transportation Directors with focus on improved walking and biking safety. A website has been established for this: sarasotainmotion.com
- Lift Station 87 is close to its next phase and the board agreed an update on the impact to our neighborhood should be an agenda item at February business meeting (it was also agreed that Selby Gardens is an ideal location for this meeting, scheduling will be pursued).
- ARA Fall Picnic (11/3/19, 3-5pm): Connie reported she and Pam have met regarding all details relating to the picnic. The tables and chairs from the city will arrive on 11/2 and the board will set up at 1:00pm. The menu remains the same with residents providing “pot luck” dishes. Connie will have a flier printed stating BYOB/side dishes and the signs will be placed at intersections. Connie and Pam will purchase the main course food at Costco. Dean reported Carlos Pagan will provide a music play list. Dean has invited a speaker from Public Works to address proper recycling practices.
- New Board members: The ARA board voted unanimously to have *Georgia Salaverri* and *Jodie Vashistha* to be the interim board members to replace Jean and Gary. A full vote for them to be on the board will take place at the February business meeting. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Jean and Gary for their contribution to the ARA and our neighborhood.
- Lastly, Dean reminded us we need to consider and discuss a legal fund for future unforeseen issues. This could be a voted upon amount by the residents that the Treasurer could keep in a separate account, or, invested.

Minutes respectively submitted by Carol Fournier