

Avondale Residents Association Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

Present: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Rob Hoff, Pam Baker, Julie Guirguis, Jean Ruff, Carol Fournier

Guests: Georgia Salaverri, Paul Cassidy, City of Sarasota: Nancy Kelly, Neighbored Planning Department, and Doug Jeffcoat, Director of Public Works, Michael DelRossi, GM of Public Works, Sarasota County: Harold Roebuck, County Stormwater, Chris Slater, Engineer, County Stormwater

Old Business

- Nancy Kelly reported that, once our grant has been accepted by the city, that trimming will start by FPL of trees near power lines and city lights. Also, light replacements as well as some new lights will be changed to soft LED's, with completion scheduled within 3 to 4 months.
- Nancy also reported on traffic calming, an ongoing concern in Avondale. Discussion on this ongoing topic focused on the actual way the city quantifies the way traffic calming measures are determined and how that system does not really address the tuition, especially on Lincoln Rd.
- Michael explained that funding has dwindled down for improving streets, sidewalks and curb replacement. Unfortunately, some of this work is two years out, possibly in 2021 and 2022. Doug suggested we invite our District Representative (Liz Albert) to our next Board Meeting. It is hoped Avondale will be considered a top priority for these projects.
- Storm Water: Harold discussed the storm water mapping of Avondale and how many details are missing. He wants to do a walk through and map out our water movement, water pipe lines, connections, and storm drains. Dean will meet with Harold on Tuesday, 2/12 to look at this. Harold understand the very real serious potential storm surge issue, especially with us being so close the the Hudson Bayou. Harold also detailed the city storm water/surge criteria which needs to meet the standard of two feet of standing water in the middle of the road for a 24-hour period. Up until now, Avondale has never met that criteria, though, there is considerable storm water in our streets. There should be storm water drains at every intersection and at least every 200 feet from each other. Harold also discussed the "water goat floating boom barrier", which is similar to a large

fishing net that grabs floating debris. This could possibly be utilized in the Hudson Bayou near our neighborhood. A specialist in this area will come out to discuss this potential with us.

- The minutes of the January 8, 2019 ARA board meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Julie reported the current balance is \$3,052.32. There are presently 37 paid members. The board discussed an increase in annual dues. Georgia will inform Dean the amounts that neighboring associations currently pay. Based on that information and each of the board members input, a discussion and a vote will be made via a resolution at our annual business meeting (3/3). We will get this resolution to all the residents at least 10 days prior to that meeting.

Announcements

- The annual ARA business meeting will be held March 3 at Selby Gardens from 4-6 p.m. Pam will ask the board to bring light refreshments. We will also provide water and wine at this event.

Old Business (continued)

- Dean announced three new planters have been installed, painted, and planted. There is a need for four additional planters with bases. Discussion was "tabled" at this time due to the high cost of the bases. Gary will look into how best to acquire these remaining items. Julie reported \$850 has been received from neighbors toward the planters.

New Business

Dean reported about the 2/2/19 CCNA meeting which he attended. There were no reported crimes in Avondale for the past month. Items discussed by Marlon Brown, Assistant City Manager, were The Bay project, the status of red tide/algae, and new Sarasota Orchestra concert hall.

- Selby: Mollie attended a committee meeting regarding the proposed Selby expansion project. The concern of neighboring residents is the traffic on Orange, Mound (41), and the impact on Osprey Avenue, AltaVista, and BahiaVista, especially with regard to Avondale. Pam made a motion, seconded by Mollie, to have the ARA board support the proposed resolution to the CCNA

regarding the CCNA's support for Selby Gardens to address the concerns of its most immediate neighborhood associations. This motion passed unanimously.

- The Bay: Georgia Salaverri recently attended a meeting between the City staff and The Bay Steering Committee. It is hoped the City and The Bay will work together on the next phase, specifically, the conservancy, including financing and the feasibility of maintaining the facility.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30. The next scheduled Board meeting is on March 5.