

**Avondale Residents Association (“Zoom”) Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, by Zoom**

In attendance: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Pam Baker, Julie Guirguis, Rob Hoff, Jodie Vashistha, Carol Fournier

Guests: Tihda Vongkoth, Jill DeGuzman

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from the 5/5/20 ARA board meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report: Julie reported the treasury balance remained the same as last month’s: \$3,035.92.
- Secretary’s Report: Rob reported that there had been no responses from a recent City Survey, requesting residents to comment on various City issues, though this survey was sent to all residents and if they wanted to, sent directly back to the city on-line. Rob also recognized the success of the “Avondale Food Bank”, which Mollie was in charge of. A discussion regarding various approaches to reach out to non-ARA members for future announcements, events, and communication. The Board considered possible incentives for joining, i.e., reduced membership fees. Dean will draft a letter and Rob will mail it to non-ARA members.
- Announcements: There will be a July ARA board meeting, Tuesday, 7/7/20 from 5-6pm. Then the board will adjourn for the summer.

ARA Annual Picnic: Sunday, November 1, 4-6pm

Annual Spring Social, April 9, 2021, 7-10pm

Old Business:

- Dean reported no Brewer Place/Lincoln Rd. seawall activity or updates at this time.
- Lift Station 87 Construction: Dean cautioned of unwelcome noise near area homes during this construction (begins 5/26/20). Tony Centurion, Project Manager, is available and can be contacted, if necessary for any complaints.
- Avondale Sign at Lincoln Rd. and Osprey Ave.: The board discussed the options regarding the Avondale sign once the LS87 project is done (3/21). Option 1 - refurbish and replace, 2 - Work with the city via a neighborhood grant to replace the sign, or 3 - do nothing. The board would like to proceed

with option #2, so, Dean will look into the neighborhood grant idea with the sign being a historical version, a new color, with perhaps the Avondale lion logo on it. The deadline for the grant submission is 8/31/20.

- Avondale Newsletter: Mollie reported there have been no Abstract responses, which was detailed in recent Newsletter. Our editor, Georgia Salaverri, has requested assistance with the Newsletter, produced semi-annually. Carol volunteered to help, as they have worked jointly on previous projects. However, Jodie said she would contact Medora Sheehan to help as well.
- ARA “Commissioner’s Forum”: Tuesday, June 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m., via “Zoom”. Avondale is part of District 2. The current candidates are Liz Alpert, Martin Hyde, Terry Turner, Jerry Wells, Donald Patterson, and Joe Barbetta. Each candidate for city commission will be given a time limit to answer questions. Dean will draft the format with questions vetted in advance (1 week - 6/16/20). All ARA members are invited to participate, with proper protocol and etiquette maintained. The board has been requested to submit potential questions for the candidates to answer. Mollie plans to be part of a similar forum and will inform Dean of the structure followed and the type of questions asked.
- New Board Member: Miguel Cruz. Miguel will be invited to attend the July Board meeting. All agreed. Miguel can be officially voted onto the board at the ARA Fall Picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.