

## Minutes from the 10/6/20 ARA Board Meeting

Attending: Dean Anderson, Pam Baker, Georgia Salaverri, Rob Hoff, Jodie Vashistha, Carol Fournier, and guest Tihda Vongkoth

- Minutes from the 9/1/20 ARA Board Meeting were approved.
- Secretary Report: Rob has been forwarding important City of Sarasota announcements, surveys, Lift Station 87 news, and information on the proposal for a dog park at Luke Wood Park.
- Treasurer's Report: Jodie reported a balance of \$2,994.21 with no transactions since last month.
- Announcements:
  - \* Next ARA Board Meeting will be held on 11/3/20, 5-6pm via Zoom
  - \* The ARA annual picnic is cancelled
  - \* The ARA Spring Social is to be held on 4/9/20, 7-10pm @ the home of Lisa Morris
  - \* The next CCNA meeting is on 11/7/20, 9-11am via Zoom (Dean and Jodie will attend)

### Old Business

- Lift Station 87 update: Dean reported that there will be two week delay due to ground water issues on Osprey Ave. Tihda will post the weekly report on the ARA website as well as Rob forwarding the LS87 weekly update letter to all the residents.
- Southside Village Food Drive will be held on 10/26. Georgia will contact Sarah Massey for any further information on donations.
- Dean reports that our Neighborhood Grant Proposal for the new sign at Osprey Ave. and Lincoln Drive will be reviewed at the City Commissioners meeting on 11/2.
- The ARA membership drive letter to non-ARA members remains a challenge during the pandemic. We will send a letter, drafted by Dean, to these potentially new members.
- Dean reported on the recent CCNA meeting. Highlights from this meeting were affordable housing re-zoning issues in Arlington Park and Laurel Park, police body cameras, Selby Gardens revised masterplan, noise violations, Lift Station 87, and Department of Transportation information on the new traffic circles. The next CCNA meeting will have a presentation on "The Bay".
- The board voted to have Georgia pursue purchasing new ARA announcement signs to be placed around the neighborhood for all special events/meetings.

## **New Business**

- Georgia plans to have the next newsletter available in mid-November.
- Carol reported that she and Medora have distributed several welcome baskets to new neighbors with two more pending.
- Luke Wood Dog Park report by Dean: There were 88 responses to the survey on favor of this proposed project. Responses included residents from Avondale, Hudson Bayou, Laurel Park, Central Park 1 & 2. The proposed site that we are interested in is located at Mound (Rt. 41) and Osprey Ave. Dean will discuss with the Parks and Recreation Department and report on this at our next meeting.
- The annual Fall picnic was voted on to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic. Everyone agreed that it was important to show a sense of community to the neighbors. Therefore, Dean and Tihda proposed a free music concert in their yard and the one across the street. Everyone would bring their own chairs, provide their own seating, and masks would be required. This event would take place on Sunday, 11/8, 3:00-3:45pm (the rain date will be on 11/15 at the same time). Rob made a motion to establish the safety protocols and Pam seconded. We can have one table/or, music stand, set up with ARA membership info regarding on-line payment only. This event will be posted on the ARA website and an email sent to our members.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm. Minutes provided by Carol (thanks Carol!)