

## Minutes from the 11/3/20 ARA Board Meeting

Attending: Dean Anderson, Pam Baker, Georgia Salaverri, Rob Hoff, Jodie Vashistha, Connie Riesenbeck, Carol Fournier, and guests Tihda Vongkoth and Medora Sheehan

- Minutes from the 10/6/20 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. She has recently sent a check for \$584.13 to *Signarama*, the company who's making our neighborhood sign. The city will pay the balance upon completion. Jodie also agreed to store the sign until installation in March.
- Announcements:
  - \* Next ARA Board Meeting will be held on 12/1/20, 5-6pm via Zoom
  - \* The ARA annual business meeting will be on 2/21/21 with a secondary date, if needed, on 2/28/21. Location TBD
  - \* The ARA Spring Social is to be held on 4/9/20, 7-10pm @ the home of Lisa Morris

### Old Business

- Lift Station 87 update: Dean reported that there have been a few delays due to our weather conditions creating additional ground water concerns. Overall, the project is moving along. Tihda will post the weekly LS87 report on the ARA website as well as Rob forwarding the LS87 weekly update letter to all the residents.
- The Southside Village Food Drive was held on 10/26.
- Dean reports that our Neighborhood Grant Proposal for the new sign at Osprey Ave. and Lincoln Drive was approved the City Commissioners meeting on 11/2.
- Luke Wood Dog Park report by Dean: There were 100 responses to the survey on favor of this proposed project. Responses included residents from Avondale, Hudson Bayou, Laurel Park, Central Park 1 & 2. Dean discussed the proposal with the city's Parks and Recreation Department and reports that they are willing to continue discussing this, even though their 10-year plan does not include this project. They are more willing to discuss the location of the dog park on the north side of Mound since Luke Wood Park South is being considered for the future extension of the Legacy Trail. Dean will communicate with the city commissioners in early 2021 to seek some more input on this proposal.
- The ARA membership drive letter to non-ARA members was drafted by Dean and given to Medora/Carol for distribution in the neighborhood.

- Georgia showed samples of the new ARA announcement signs to be placed around the neighborhood for all special events/meetings. They are double-sided, erasable, white board, and include the stakes. The board voted unanimously to purchase 12 of these for the cost of \$299.00. The signs will be stored in Georgia and Mollie's garages.

## **New Business**

- Georgia plans to have the next newsletter available in November, following Dean and Tihda's outdoor concert. Jodie agreed to compose an update on the Lift Station project and the impact it's had on our residents with perhaps an interview with the Lift Station manager, Anthony Centurione. Mollie suggested that the CCNA's 30th anniversary be part of the Spring newsletter, as Avondale was among the founders of the CCNA.
- Carol reported that she and Medora have distributed several welcome baskets to new neighbors with two more pending.
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- On 11/8, Dean and Tihda performed an outdoor, socially-distanced, mask-required, concert at their home on Irving St. There were 35 residents attending and the event was also utilized to remind everyone to renew their membership.
- Mollie discussed the new Avondale tote bags which include the Avondale lion-head logo. They are available in multiple colors and sizes. Rob proposed that we give these as gifts to new residents and to those who renew. A motion was made, seconded, discussed for the ARA to purchase \$200.00 worth of the tote bags.
- Tihda volunteered to handle the marketing the the Avondale Food Drive, using "Meals-On-Wheels". Georgia will include this in our upcoming newsletter, Rob will email the residents, and Tihda will post on the website.
- Mollie expressed concern over AirBNB in Avondale, or, in all residential neighborhoods in Sarasota. She considers this a commercial intrusion and violation to single family neighborhoods. It is anticipated that the CCNA will address this and its tax implications in the near future.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm. Minutes provided by Carol (thanks Carol!)