

ARA Board Meeting Minutes

12/1/20

Attending: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Pam Baker, Jodie Vashistha, Rob Hoff, Georgia Salaverri, Connie Riesenbeck, Carol Fournier.

- The minutes of the 11/3/23 ARA Board meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$3,137.27. Past month transactions included the following: \$584.13 to City, representing Avondale's 50% toward neighborhood sign and \$45.43 to Medora Sheehan and \$60.93 to Carol Fournier for their purchase of various welcome basket items to new neighbors. Total deposits of \$833.55 from 16 residents for 2020-2021 membership renewal were received. Jodie also reported there were 47 members last year at this time.
- Rob reports that he has sent resident emails for various city-wide announcements.
- Announcements: the next ARA Zoom Board Meeting is on 1/5/21, 5:00 p.m.
- The annual ARA business meeting and possible location/date will be discussed at the next ARA board meeting.
- The ARA Spring Social is scheduled for 4/9/21. New will renew discussions on whether this will be safe to do at our next board meeting.
- Dean and Tihda performed a neighborhood concert on 11/14 @ 3pm. Also noted was Modern Marimba's next concert on 12/19/21 at the MLK park (free, masks required, and bring your own chairs).

Old Business

- LS87: Dean reports that the LS87 project manager, Tony Centerione, has been very responsive to neighbors with construction updates. Jodie/Atul and Dean will meet with him to discuss the new Avondale sign placement.
- Lukewood Park dog park proposal: Dean reports no new developments since the last report. He plans to send the proposal to Liz Alpert (tour city commission representative) and have a followup discussion with her for how best to proceed with this proposal.

- Mollie and Georgia discussed the Avondale tote bags. They have various sizes and colors. The board voted and approved \$200 for the purchase of 100 of these tote bags. These can be distributed to new residents, neighborhood volunteers, business meeting attendees, etc.

New Business

- ARA food drive: Mollie suggests that we do this on 12/8-10. Items can be stored in Mollie's garage. Monetary donations can be made payable to "Meals-On-Wheels" - note "Avondale" on the check.
- Mollie was contacted by Kathy Layton to encourage the ARA residents to acknowledge the retirement of Ron Pritchard, our mailman, for his many years of service. A gift can be placed in each household's mailbox between the dates of 12/8-10. Participation is optional.
- ARA board insurance was discussed. Dean was approached by Nancy Kelly, City Neighborhood Coordinator, whether Avondale has such coverage. Nancy was asked by Arlington Park, who are considering this. Dean will reach out to Nancy and CCNA to see what other neighborhood associations are doing. The Board agreed this was worthwhile pursuing, in the event of any future liability exposure.
- Membership Renewal by PayPal: the added fee of \$1.80 per transaction is one's personal choice, disclosed with a footnote.
- Georgia plans to complete the Fall Newsletter this week, electronically distributed. She said she has received significant pictures and information. She will mention membership renewal, upcoming Food Drive, and mailman gift. Jodie asked that the obituary of John Butler, a neighbor of many years, be included.
- It was agreed a thank you remembrance be given to Tony, Lift Station project Manager, for his excellent work during the construction. Dean offered to attend to this.