

## **Minutes from the 2/2/21 ARA Board Meeting**

In attendance: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Georgia Salaverri, Jodie Vashistha, Rob Hoff, Carol Fournier, Connie Riesenbeck

Guests present: Tihda Vongkoth and Medora Sheehan

- The 2/5/21 ARA board meeting minutes were approved with no discussion.
- Secretary Report: Rob reported that all recent Covid and CCNA email updates had been sent to all the members.
- Treasurer's Report: Jodie reported a balance of \$4,059.87. This amount reflected the Avondale cost for the new neighborhood entrance sign that we had purchased in conjunction with the City of Sarasota neighborhood grant. Avondale has added four new members, bringing the current membership total to 36 (versus 47 last year at this time). The ARA also paid its annual dues (\$20.00) for CCNA membership.

### **Announcements**

- The next ARA board meeting is scheduled for 3/2/21, 5-6pm via Zoom.
- The ARA Annual Business Meeting will be held Sunday, 2/28/21, from 4-6pm via Zoom
- The ARA Spring Social is still scheduled for 4/9/21. However, due to the pandemic, a decision for holding this event will be discussed at the upcoming March ARA board meeting.
- Medora and Carol delivered an "ARA Welcome Basket" to Allison and Robert Jordan, a new family on Lincoln Drive.

### **Old Business**

- Dean shared a proposal for an agenda for the upcoming ARA Annual Business Meeting on 2/28/21. Items included reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, the ARA food drive, ARA welcome baskets, the ARA newsletter, and the new Avondale neighborhood entrance sign. There will be no election of officers since they only occur in even-numbered years. However, Dean will introduce all the current board members. Guests to our meeting will include Anthony Centurione, project manager for the Lift Station 87 project, and the new Sarasota City Manager, Marlon Brown. Marlon will be asked to provide a "state-of-the-city" report, a latest report on Covid protocols,

and respond to questions from our board and all members and non-members of the ARA. Dean will be asking him his thoughts regarding a proposed dog park in Luke Wood Park, pedestrian street lighting for Avondale, and the sea wall construction status (Lincoln Rd. and Brewer Place). Dean encouraged board members to submit any questions to him that they would like covered at meeting. Dean is scheduled to meet with commissioner Liz Alpert four days prior to this meeting and will be able to report on her thoughts regarding the dog park proposal. Jodie offered to make flyers and help distribute them for the meeting. Tihda will post this flyer on the ARA website, and Rob will email this to all the residents.

- Lift Station 87 update: Jodie mentioned that her mailbox and irrigation system was damaged and that the city will replace these items.
- Dog Park Update: All agreed that should Parks and Recreation commit the dog park proposal to Luke Wood Park North, that they would need to improve the pedestrian crossing at Route 41 (Mound St.). We strongly believe that a dog park would be best located at Luke Wood Park South.

## **New Business**

- ARA board member insurance was discussed. There are other neighborhoods in Sarasota (Indian Beach and Sapphire Shores) that have coverage, though it's rather costly. Mollie suggested that each board member look into their own personal umbrella homeowners insurance for satisfactory coverage. The board agreed to continue this discussion at our next meeting.
- Newsletter Update: Georgia will include information and a screen shot of our upcoming ARA Annual Business Meeting. She also suggested that each board member have a similar background screen (thus identifying their ARA board member status) and will consult with her son Daniel to assist us with this.
- CCNA report: At the 1/9/21 CCNA meeting Jen Ahern -Koch gave a state-of-the-city report, new CCNA board members were introduced, and Mollie gave a 30-year CCNA anniversary presentation. The next CCNA meeting will be held on 2/6/21 (Jodie will attend).
- Avondale Lending Library: Dean suggested that we initiate a "Lending Library", which would include a small weather-proofed, structure for residents to donate books, borrow books, etc. This has proven to be effective in other neighborhoods. The board liked this idea and will discuss a proper location to be finalized at our next board meeting. There will be no cost for this structure, or its installment, only annual maintenance.
- Medora raised a question regarding the current city noise ordinance. This was discussed and we all shared our thoughts on this matter.

