

ARA Board Meeting Minutes

6/1/21

Attending (via Zoom): Dean Anderson, Georgia Salaverri, Rob Hoff, Conniue Riesnbeck, Carol Fournier, Jodie Vashistha

Guests: Tihda Vongkoth, Medora Sheehan

- A motion was made by Jodie and seconded by Georgia to approve the ARA board 5/4/21 meeting minutes. All approved with no discussion.
- Secretary Report: Rob will forward to the residents all Lift Station 87 updates and any other Avondale business during the upcoming summer months. Dean asked Medora and Connie to forward any pertinent pictures of any S. Osprey activities regarding the LS87 project.
- Treasurer's Report: Jodie says that there was no change in our balance since our May meeting and that it remains at \$4,761.55. She reports that the Avondale account is at Center State Bank which is changing to South State Bank. Jodie reports that she has consulted a Florida accountant on any of the ARA tax issues. The accountant agreed an IRS form 8976 should be filed, declaring us a non-profit organization. Jodie says that the ARA has received a six-month filing extension. Jodie says that she has not received any helpful information on that particular form from other neighborhood associations.

Announcements

- The next ARA board meeting will be held on 10/5/21 from 5-6pm via Zoom.
- Jodie said she would attend the 6/5/21 CCNA meeting and report to us any information that we would need to know about.

- The Fall ARA Social will take place on 10/24/21 with a children's event in the afternoon and adult dinner/music in the evening. Lisa Morris has offered to host this event.

Old Business

- LS 87 paving on S. Osprey Ave, and Lincoln Drive will take place on 6/2. The city will be asked to finance and organize a pressure-washing of the homes in that affected area. Medora reports that new sod will be replaced in the city property between the street and the sidewalk.
- Avondale Free Library: A design for this has been made and will be hopefully built and installed during the summer compliments of a local (Hudson Bayou) contractor, Corbin Moore. The location being considered is on the island (city property) at Yale Ave. and Irving St.
- New Verizon Tower in Avondale: Dean has been assured that this Verizon tower is totally legal via laws approved by the Florida State Legislature. We have been assured by Verizon that there are no safety risks involved with this installation.

New Business

- A possible event to celebrate the new Avondale sign at Lincoln Rd. And S. Osprey Ave. will be discussed at the 10/5/21 ARA board meeting. Invitations could be sent to our District representative, Liz Alpert, City Manager, Marlon Brown, and Neighborhood Coordinator, Nancy Kelly.
- Dean discussed the concerns that some of the residents located on S. Osprey Ave. had regarding the LS87 project. The biggest concerns had to do with the water buildup in areas where the sidewalks were lower than the new curbs and would the city do a decent job of providing new driveway entrances. Our rainy summer months will prove the outcome of the city's engineering.

- ARA Fall Social: For the evening event, an estimate for the catering, including setup, will be obtained via Jodie. The ARA board will provide water, beer, wine, and ice. Rob expressed some concern regarding liability and will ask Pam to research a one-day insurance policy. This would be similar to previous events that we've organized. Dean will confirm with the location host, Lisa Morris with a start time (evening event) of 7:00pm and concluding at 10:00pm. The afternoon children's events will be held at the islands of Yale Ave. and Irving St. and will include lemonade and cookies for the kids. Jodie will ask our new resident Allie for some game suggestions that are appropriate for children. Covid protocols were discussed as well as the possibility of cancelling this event (again!).
- New board member search: Discussion regarding adding new board member(s). Dean asked the ARA board to network other neighbors and report back to us at the 10/5/21 ARA board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.