

ARA Board Meeting Minutes

10/5/21

Attending (via Zoom): Dean Anderson, Rob Hoff, Conniue Riesbeck, Carol Fournier, Jodie Vashistha, Mollie Cardamone

Guests: Tihda Vongkoth, Jay Logan, Patti Turk, and Evan Kraus

- Jodie made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/1/21 ARA board meeting and was seconded by Connie. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Jodie reported the treasury balance remained unchanged, at \$4,761.55, as there has been no activity. She provided an update on our tax returns. She has consulted a Tax Accountant and was advised to request for an extension until Nov. 15, the final step in filing of forms 1024 and 8979. Her costs incurred totaled \$411.25, which were the Accountant's fee and our non-profit annual report filing. These expenses were approved.

Announcements

- The next ARA board meeting will be on November 2, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- The next CCNA meeting will be held 11/6/21, 9-10:30am via Zoom. Currently all CCNA meetings are open for anyone to attend, via Zoom. We will send out the Zoom meeting link just prior to each meeting. Once in-person meetings resume, Dean and Jodie will be attending representing Avondale.
- The annual ARA Fall Picnic, and what was to be our Fall "Social" was voted by the board to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We are hoping to have a spectacular Spring Social. Wendy and Carlos Pagan have graciously offered their home to host that event.
- Dean reported that the Lincoln Park sea wall has been completed and was financed by County since that area is Sarasota County space, not city of Sarasota.
- Dean had been approached by Wendy and Carlos Pagan regarding the FPL infrastructure box that was to be placed on their property. Dean contacted city officials about this, and they agreed to re-locate the box.
- Mollie discussed the Lincoln Rd. paving/drainage issue of standing water that collects after every storm. Dean said that the city officials are aware of this, though they have yet to offer any help with resolution of this, or our crumbling curbs and uneven sidewalks.

Old Business

- The Board recognizes the disappointment among the neighbors of the cancellation of the fall social. Therefore, it was agreed to hold a small event honoring the new Avondale sign located at the corner of S. Osprey Ave. and Lincoln Drive. This will take place on Saturday, October 30th at 4:00 p.m. and include light refreshments (Connie will organize this). A backup date in the event of rain will be on Saturday, 11/6. Dean will invite City Manager, Marlon Brown and representatives Liz Alpert and Jen Ahern-Koch. Tihda offered to create a flier announcing this and to distribute it to all the residents.
- Lift Station 87: Rob suggested a picture of the project, possibly with the LS87 Project Manager, to be included in Fall newsletter.
- Dean reported “Free Library” is still being discussed with the contractor who offered to construct this. Jay and Holly Logan have agreed to host this on the city-owned island located at the intersection of Yale Ave. and Irving St.

New Business

- A neighborhood yard sale was discussed. It was suggested this possibly could be held in March on one’s own property. It will be further discussed at future board meetings.
- Dean announced the City has a new app, called “*Click to Fix*”, which is available to all residents. A brief video was shown on its operation, which allows any resident to report to the city any problem or issue (street light out, pothole that needs to be filled, standing water problems, etc.). This resident driven report is then documented and addressed, thus creating permanent record of one’s call and request.
- Board Member extension: Patti and Evan Turk expressed interest in serving on Board, a decision to be finalized at the annual meeting in February, or possibly prior. Dean asked they send their background to the board.
- Membership Renewal: this will be announced at Sign Dedication ceremony as well as on a flier. Jodie offered to take charge of this. The new ARA tote bags will be given to new and renewal members and organized by Georgia.
- Mollie provided an update on review of the City Charter and the options being considered for the election of a Sarasota Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.