

Minutes from the 3/5/24 ARA Board Meeting Live and Via Zoom

Attending: Dean Anderson, Pam Baker, Mollie Cardamone,
Connie Riesenbeck, Carol Fournier, Jim Haft, Jodie Vashistha, Medora Sheehan
Zoom attendees: Rob Hoff
Guest: Tihda Vongkoth

- Minutes from the 2/6/24 ARA Board Meeting were approved. Jim motioned to accept the minutes from last meeting, Pam seconded and all approved
- Treasurer's Report (Jodie): Current Balance: \$5,913.20 with currently 51 members. Molly motioned to accept the report. Carol seconded it. All approved.
- Secretary Report (Rob): Rob, via emails, has continued to keep our neighbors informed about what is happening in our neighborhood and the city.

Announcements: The next ARA board meeting will be on April 2 from 5-6 pm, the ARA Fall picnic will be Nov. 10, 4-6pm. The upcoming ARA Spring social will be April 19 at Lisa Morris's house at 1950 Alta Vista St.. Tihda has secured a caterer and Dean has confirmed that the Michael Ross quartet will provide the music. The next "Dogs & Drinks" event will be on Wednesday, 3/20 from 5:30-6:30 at Pomelo Park.

Old Business

- ARA Newsletter: Jim sent out the ARA newsletter in February.
- ARA Annual Business Meeting: this years meeting at Marina Jacks was a huge success. Approximately 50 people attended.
- The Avondale 100th celebration signs were put up around the neighborhood.
- Medora and Dean are continuing to work with the city on the crosswalks.
- Dean completed the city neighborhood grant regarding the upgrade to the islands located at Irving St. and Yale Ave. The final decision regarding this grant will be announced at the 3/18/24 city commissioners meeting.

New Business

- Dean suggested we accept the CCNA position on Ken Thompson Park. Medora made a motion that we accept it. Carol seconded it and all agreed.
 - Molly suggested that we read the *City Hall Monitor* that comes out every 2 weeks. Dean asked if Rob would send the link out to everyone. Jodie motioned to accept this and Jim seconded it and all agreed. Rob said he would consider doing that.
 - Dean invited mayor Liz Alpert, candidates for city commissioner Ron Kashden and Kathy Kelly Ohlrich to our spring social. They all have accepted our invitation.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm