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APNA General Member Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting of Arlington Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

October 26, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Location: Online Via ZOOM Call

Board Members Present: Dan Clermont, President, Dee Anna Dowdle, Vice President, Julia Clark, Secretary, Terry Langlois, Director, Mary Pryce, Director

Board Members Absent: Aimee Barnes, Elaine Silver

Neighbors Present: Kafi Benz, Virginia Hoffman, Mike Miller, Lorrie Muldowny, Nancy Kelly, Flo Entler, Carolyn Steipien, Ray Walston, Barbara Justice, Carolyn Fishel, John Osgood, Julie Chambers, Rob Grant, Kathryn Cantley, & Kim Rich.

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Julia Clark to vote to approve minutes from the August Member Meeting, seconded by Dan Clermont, motion passed.

Motion made by Julia Clark to vote to approve minutes from the September Member Meeting with administrative change to the website listed, seconded by Lorrie Muldowney, motion passed.

New Business

Unightly Appearances: Mary Pryce and Dan Clermont noted several issues at the Hillview apartments and Floyd St. with trash/discarded furniture being left on the curb and not picked up in a decent amount of time, utility poles with loose wires, and silt fences being left for months to deteriorate before construction commences on properties. Diane Kennedy and Pat Robinson with the City of Sarasota have been notified of these issues and are going to be citing and fining for the trash and bins being left at the curb, providing notice to the property owner where silt fence is deteriorating to keep up with the property, and there is a meeting between the utility providers to take care of the loose and unsightly wires from poles. The utility issue is ongoing and is occurring at several locations throughout Sarasota due to changes between utility providers. Dan Clermont offered any neighbor to come forward with complaints of this nature and can submit the complaints under his name should neighbors wish to stay anonymous. There is also an app neighbors can download to report these types of issues called "Sarasota County SeeClickFix" which will allow you submit pictures and location of issues. Dan Clermont has used the app to submit a request for the chipped green Hillview Street sign at the corner of Hillview and US 41.

Board Election: Dan Clermont suggests changing Bylaws to remove the line that an odd number of board members are allowed, in the event an even number of board member wish to join APNA, Inc. this



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will allow all to be able to join rather than excluding folks just to meet this requirement. This change will be up for vote at the next meeting. Involvement for board members was explained and two self-nominations were made by Barbara Justice and Flo Entler. Terry Langlois and Aimee Barnes who are currently serving on the board are up for re-election and will be running again, Elaine Silver, Treasurer will not be serving again and her position will be available. A questionnaire will be sent to those wishing to go up for election and answers will be posted to the website and sent out prior to next months meeting for members to review.

Preserve Arlington Park Accomplishments: Lorrie Muldowney presented two accomplishments made by the Preserve Arlington Park Committee (PAP) whose efforts promote preserving the neighborhood with a particular concern about the loss of affordable housing in Arlington Park. One accomplishment, Arlington Park Neighborhood was selected to be included on the 'Six to Save' list in Sarasota County created by the History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County. This effort was made to draw attention to historic properties in the neighborhood and motivate citizens to help save them. The second accomplishment, the Preserve Arlington Park committee has supported the St. Paul Lutheran Church on Bahia Vista in their efforts to receive grant monies to help restore their educational building.

APNA, Inc. Upcoming Grants: The city grant monies will go towards a 1-sided Arlington Park sign on Hyde Park St. The remaining monies will go towards a mailer to the neighborhood promoting involvement with the association as well as upcoming changes, meeting info, and directing them to our website. The county grant's letter of intent is due in December and will take over a year to actually receive the funds, Kim Rich has experience with this type of grant and has offered guidance.

Small Dog Park: Carol Steipien reported to the city officials last weekend the small dog park has hazardous roots (tripping hazard), patchy/little grass, and overall poor conditions in comparison to the large dog park adjacent. Jerry Fogle with the City has responded and sent out a representative to photograph the issues and will be correcting the following: remedy hazardous roots, add sod, pavilion for shade, picnic table replacement, close the fence, and look at fixing the gates.

Pickleball Courts: Carol Steipien also requested that the tennis courts at Arlington Park have modifications made to allow for pickleball. An example can be found at Gillespie Park where there are additional lines in a distinguishing color and retractable net be used to achieve this.

January Planning Board Meeting Regarding Development at Bahia Vista & Tuttle: Several neighbors expressed concern about the upcoming vote for the development proposed for the corner of Bahia Vista & Tuttle. Efforts will be made to have the developers attend the next member meeting to allow neighbors to ask questions as it is up for vote with the city in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Minutes submitted by Julia Clark, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 23rd 2021, at 7:00pm