

ARLINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. (APNA, Inc.)

APNA General Meeting

May 23, 2023 5:45pm-7pm

Board Members/Directors Present: Flo Entler, President. Virginia Hoffman, Vice President. Rob Grant, Treasurer. Barbara Justiz, Secretary. Michael James, Assistant Treasurer. Fred Sasson, Treasurer.

Welcome and Approval of Minutes: Flo Entler. Minutes approved, Virginia Hoffman; second, Joe Justiz.

Pot Luck Picnic: Flo Entler. Attendance was over 40 people for the Second Annual Arlington Park Association Picnic. Thank you to all of the AP staff including Jerry Fogel and Emily Harris. Mark Smith, County Commissioner attended and Ester Smith generously donated her time and talent for face painting for the children in attendance. Our new Arlington Park Association banner was unfurled and showcased, thanks to the talent and effort of Virginia Hoffman.

Midtown Plaza: Flo Entler. Discussed potential changes, concerns about too many drive throughs, an Amazon drop-off, new Starbucks. No new developments to date. Will continue to monitor.

Manasota Neighborhood Summit Update: Flo Entler. Flo attended the meeting of about 30 attendees representing the 40 neighborhoods. Discussed not just adding trees but also adding ground cover and plants. Living wall for sound abatement.

City Update: Rob Grant. Payne Park. Stopped Orchestra building there. Issue of dogs off leashes, a new dog park proposed. Pickle Board courts being considered, community meeting to discuss stadium seating. Jefferson will get trees designated for canopy street, trucks will be re-routed. Phase 1 of Shade, north of Fruitville will be completed.

Clean Water: Flo Entler. Flo read article about the quality of waterways, including Red Tide.

Questions and Answers: Regulations for city should be expanded for the city regarding homesteading and rentals, i.e. 7 days minimum. Currently no ordinance to control the amount of people.

Meeting officially adjourned by Flo Entler at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Justiz, Secretary