

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

APNA, Inc. GENERAL MEETING January 24, 2023. 5:30-7:00pm. Arlington Park Recreation Center

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

Greeting: Board members introduced themselves to attendees. Approximately 40 in attendance. Minutes of 11.22.22 General Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Grant. \$1017 checking account. \$152 Savings account. Expenditures for January 15 Arlington Park event included: Band \$900, covered by Board members. \$25 contribution and \$250 City grant provided funds for generator, and other incidentals.

Homeless Outreach Project: Presentation by Officer Derek Conely. Sarasota's Homeless Outreach Project (HOT) is one of the first in the country and has been shared with other cities. Officers clear sidewalks, give summonses to those violating ordinances, remove camps and items on private property. The emphasis of HOT is to offer multiple opportunities to keep people out of jail and bridge the gap between the homeless and law protection. All police officers in Sarasota are Crisis Intervention Certified.

Bahia Vista Update: Flo Entler provided update. After 3 ½ years the high density proposal was approved by Commissioners 4 to 1. March 6 City Commissioners Meeting will approve Site plan. Our only recourse is an opportunity to get some concessions such as mitigating speed, signage, "neck outs," no parking signs on Briggs, etc.

APNA to disband 501C-3. Rob Grant discussed pros and cons. Eliminating status eliminates many filings, insurance and other expenses totalling over \$1000. No downside except donations are not tax deductible. Of 42 neighborhoods only Arlington Park and one other is designated 501C-3. Motion to disband APNA 501C-3 was approved.

Pink Floyd Tree Update: Flo Entler read the arborist statement: adding soil, very limited branch trimming and cabling large branch to height of 9 feet to give clearance for construction.

January 15, 2023 Arlington Park event: Flo Entler and other Board members updated the members of its success and future plans for more events to bring the neighborhood together. Next event will be in May for our second annual Pot Luck picnic.

Miscellaneous: Mary Pryce resigned from the Board as Assistant Secretary and Director. Rob Grant will be meeting next week to walk the neighborhood with city official to note and repair the many lights not working at present.

Meeting officially adjourned by Flo Entler at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Justiz, Secretary.

