

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

APNA General Meeting

March 28, 2023. 5:45-7:00pm. Arlington Park Recreation Center. 20+ people.

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

Welcome and Approval of February Minutes: Flo Entler. Minutes approved. A reminder of APNA's Second Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday, May 13th from 12-3pm in Arlington Park.

Midtown Plaza Update: Flo Entler. No definitive plans as yet, talk of new Starbucks, Amazon Fresh or other. Traffic and congestion given all of Michael's Restaurant and Wine Cellar events, a grocery, with possibly three drive throughs is primary concern.

Bahia Vista update: Most know we lost the fight for medium density. Discussed some "asks" such as lowering the speed limit on certain blocks to 15 or 20mph, neck outs etc.

CCNA Update: Rob Grant. 40 Sarasota neighborhoods meet once a month, Rob is our Representative. Working on speed limits in all neighborhoods. Consensus is 30mph is too fast. Additionally, Shade and Datura will be closed April 11-13, from 7am-4pm.

Bike Donations: Guest speaker, Mike Miller. Mike asked for donations for any bikes for people in need. Harvest House and others refurbish and distribute. Information posted in Arlington Park and the website.

Arlington Park Neighborhood History: Guest speaker, Shannon Snyder, who gave an interesting talk about Arlington Park and how it has changed. Lively Q&A followed from the audience.

Member Comments/Questions: Topics such as tree appreciation, beautification walks, native plantings, pet care, etc. were suggested for future speakers. Having Porchfest was discouraged but would like more neighborhood events. Encouraging all neighbors to increase meeting attendance and increase neighborhood participation. Also noted was the formal request for a shelter at the bus stop at Waldemere and Tamiami as patients leaving SMH are often incapacitated in some way and have no protection from weather.

Meeting officially adjourned by Flo Entler at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Justiz, Secretary.

