

ARLINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (APNA, INC.) General MEETING

April, 25, 2023 5:45 – 6:00 PM Meet & Greet General Meeting 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Arlington Park Recreation Center. 15 + people.

Board Members/Directors Present; Michael James, Rob Grant, Virginia Hoffman, Fred Sassen

Welcome and Approval of March Minutes – Virginia opened the meeting with a reminder to all of the May 13th Potluck Picnic event. Minutes were approved.

Rob Grant, City Update – Rob updated everyone that the street lights throughout the neighborhood are being fixed and to let us know if you know a street still needing attention. Rob also educated everyone on the Speed Mitigation Program that will begin on Floyd Street. Attendees were reminded to let him know if they have suggestions for other streets in need of this. Also, Zoning Text Amendments have been issued for Density and Affordable Housing. Virginia also reminded the group about the Click 2 Fix app.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping with Guest Speaker Forest Hecker with UF IFAS (UF Institute of Food & Agriculture Sciences) – Forest offered a 'Florida Friendly 101'. With Florida's population predicted to double by 2070, the State of Florida is encouraging the following 9 Principles:

- 1) Planting in the Right Place /at the Right Time
- 2) Watering Efficiently
- 3) Fertilize Appropriately
- 4) Mulch
- 5) Attract Wildlife
- 6) Manage Yard Pests
- 7) Recycle
- 8) Reduce Stormwater Runoff
- 9) Protect the Waterfront

Some other highlights; Lots of Information is available Free from their offices at Twin Lakes Park, Sunshine Mimosa is a great groundcover replacement for grass, ChipDrop is an excellent free mulch service.

Member Comments/Questions – Topics covered included Garbage Cans in the park are foul smelling and located right next to benches, A further discussion on ChipDrop as a highly recommended service. Lori Sax, who's property borders with the park, discussed her productive meetings with staff and they seemed very responsive to her complaints and suggestions. A loud AirBnb at the Corner of HydePark St and Hyde Park Circle was discussed along with possible solutions, Fred briefed everyone on the SMH Bus Shuttle and his solution to the problem. Our general conclusion: With issues dealing with the city, Be The Squeaky Wheel and you're most likely to get results.

Meeting Adjourned by Virginia Hoffman at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Michael James, Board Member