

## **ARLINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC (APNA, Inc)**

### **APNA, Inc. General Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 23, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location: Arlington Park Recreation Center Gym

Board Members Present: Virginia Hoffman, President, Director. Flo Entler, Vice President, Director. Rob Grant, Treasurer, Director. Barbara Justiz, Secretary, Director. Mary Pryce, Assistant Secretary, Director. Michael James, Assistant Treasurer, Director. Fred Sassen, Director.

Approximately 35 attendees in total.

Minutes of previous meeting approved unanimously by members and Board.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Grant confirmed no activity. Reiterated APNA is a non-profit and encouraged donations.

Elections: Virginia Hoffman reminded attendees election for officers, existing and new, are in October. Virginia announced she will step down as President, will remain as Director, and recommended Flo Entler for President. New board members welcome and encouraged.

Shade Avenue: Transportation Planner, Corinne Arriaga, presented status report on the proposed changes for Shade Avenue. She provided detailed handout describing project limits, city priorities and time line for completion. Items included will be pedestrian walkways, benches, lighting, traffic, etc. She strongly suggested everyone take the survey noted on the handout to have our voices heard.

Safety Report: Officer Amelia Wicinski updated crime issues in Arlington Park. Number one issue is theft from unlocked cars. There were only two forced entries. She encouraged locking car doors. Q and A followed, specifically about speeding through local streets, especially when school starts. Officer Wicinski will report that concern and neighborhood's request to increase police presence.

Bahia Vista Apartments: Rob Grant and Flo Entler updated group on status. Biggest issue is attempted change in Future Land Use, medium to high density, 25 to 50 units. Planning Board meeting on September 29. Three possible outcomes: revisit, approve or disapprove. October 17 another meeting on Future Land Use for rezoning, usually these two issues are done concurrently, not this time. VERY IMPORTANT to attend the September 29 meeting to show united front and voice opposition. A Zoom meeting/workshop will be scheduled for the neighborhood prior to September 29 meeting to understand entire scope of proposal. November 19, Planning Board meeting. Land use needs 4:1 vote, trying to get it done before election.

Comp Plan Update: Virginia Hoffman proposed APNA, Inc join CCNA regarding the city's transportation corridor. Letter from Lou Costa, Chair of CCNA Committee was provided as handout describing Expediated Timeline for Proposed Comp Plan Revisions. Unanimous vote by membership and Board to join. South Poinsettia Park and Avondale have joined.

Open Discussion: Porch Fest, formerly an event held in Arlington Park, was proposed to be reinstated. Can be done privately, requires permit, legal liability, but will be open for future discussion. Also discussed was increasing membership and attendance at APNA meetings. Board has been formed since April, 2022, it is a work in progress with many efforts through mailers, email, etc. Submitting Grant for \$3000 to increase outreach, as well as community event May 22, 2022 and scheduled event January 15, 2022.