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APNA, Inc. Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting of Members of Arlington Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. ("APNA, Inc.")

November 22, 2022, | 5:45 P.M. | Location: Arlington Park, 2650 Waldemere Street, Sarasota, FL

Board Members Present: Virginia Hoffman, President and Director, Flo Entler, V.P. and Director; Mary Pryce, Asst. Secretary and Director; Rob Grant, Treasurer and Director; and Fred Sassen, Director

Board Members Absent: Barbara Justiz, Secretary and Director and Michael James, Asst. Treasurer and Director.

Commencement and Introduction of Board of Directors: The meeting was commenced at 5:45 P.M. The President introduced attending Officers and Board of Directors to the Members.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Rob Grant, reported on the finances of APNA, Inc.

No December Member Meeting. Due to the holiday, there will be no December meeting. The next Member meeting will be the fourth Tuesday in January.

Approval of October Member Minutes. The October Member Minutes had been provided to Members before today's meeting and were also available at the sign-in desk. The President asked for a motion for approval of the October 2022 Member Minutes, which motion was made and seconded, and unanimously passed by Members present.

Award of City Grant. The President announced the award of a City Grant to APNA, Inc., which will cover the cost of a new sign at Shade and Bahia Vista and a few other incidentals, such as flyers to communicate with Members and encourage Member participation in APNA, Inc.

Election of Board of Election Directors. The President announced it is time for elections of Board of Directors, and that all current Board of Directors are willing to act. There are also several vacant seats that are available to be filled. The President encouraged any interested Member to become a director. It was also announced by the President that she will step down as President in January with Flo Enter to become President, Virginia Hoffman to replace Flo Enter as Vice President. The President asked for any Members willing to serve as a director and non-Member accepted. The President called for a motion to elect the proposed Board, which motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed. Directors effective January 1, 2023 are Flo Enter, Virginia Hoffman, Rob Grant, Barbara Justiz, Fred Sassen and Mary Pryce.

Proposed Changes to APNA, Inc. Bylaws: At the October Member meeting, substantial review of proposed changes to the Bylaws of APNA, Inc. were reviewed. The proposed changes to the Bylaws will presented in final form and submitted for approval by voted of Members at the January 2023 Member



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Meeting, when post-holiday attendance will hopefully be larger for Member participation. The purpose of the proposed changes is to provide more input and participation in APNA, Inc., by Members.

Status of Proposed Bahia Vista Apartments. The Board reviewed the status of the proposed Bahia Vista Apartments that came before the City Planning Committee on November 18, 2022. Many Members attended the Planning Commission meeting in objection to the proposed apartments. Thanks to participation by Members and neighbors of APNA, Inc., the proposal was voted down by a vote of 3 to 2. However, the proposal now moves to the City Commissioners for a vote Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 9:00 A.M. Members are encouraged to attend the City Commission meeting January 17 to show their opposition to the proposed apartments. Discussed was the proposal details and the changes to the plan since 2019.

Member Discussion: Next the floor was opened to Member discussion, and the following discussed:

- A. Lights in park are shining into neighbor yards and need to be pointed down away from neighbors versus up and out, plus light timers need to be adjusted;
- B. Swim Meet speaker announcement volume needs to be adjusted down as it is too loud for neighbors' quiet enjoyment of their inside home; and,
- C. Many streetlights are out, possibly more pronounced since Hurricane Ian.

Various Board Members agreed to contact City Park and/or City services regarding the Member concerns. Those with streetlights out can contact Director, Rob Grant, with the address or location of the inoperable streetlights, and several members provided locations during the meeting.

Concert In the Park Event: Members were advised to mark their calendar for the Sunday, January 17, 2023, 12:00P.M. to 3:00 P.M. APNA, Inc. Concert in the Park (Sunday before Presidents' Day). The goal of the event is to encourage Members to participate in their neighborhood. The event is made possible in part by a small City grant of approximately \$250.00 and Member/Board donations toward the event. There will be a band thanks to the donations. The small City grant will help with water, soda, paper product, etc., purchases.

The meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pryce, Assistant Secretary