

## Approved ACA General Meeting Minutes 3/25/2021

### Opening

The Archdale Civic Association/General Meeting will be called to order at 7:15 pm on 3/25/2021 in a physical meeting in the parking lot of DCI Clinic on Archdale Blvd. by Chris Thurman.

### Present

From the sign-in sheets

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 12.10.2020 General Meeting will be presented for approval. (Available for handout at the registration table)

Motion: Ted Hucks

2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle Fitzgerald

Motion Passes

### Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's report presented (available as a handout at the registration table) by Rhonda Sweatman. Rhonda explains the different pages and the information that can be seen on treasurer's reports. John Trinkl (as assistant treasurer) adds that the report will be posted on the association website after the meeting.
2. The proposed 2021 budget is presented for approval by Rhonda Sweatman.
3. How often do we take bids on the landscaping?
  - a. Our landscaper has been ours for a long time. We will be riding around with him to see his route, then be able to take bids. Krista McCracken is working to get a GIS map in order to determine relevant routes.
  - b. Fire Department tax (separate tax on top of the property tax)...where is it going? We don't know at this time. Maybe information to be put out on electronic means concerning who to contact. ACA has no say so in how this gets done. A petition has been suggested to get the taxes removed
  - c. Motion: Glenn Sweatman
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Thurman
    - i. Concern that we are going in with a negative balance. We are looking into a fundraising committee chair.
    - ii. Question asked about putting liens on properties. Will be addressed later
    - iii. What is the property on Knightsbridge that is \$750? – Green space that was donated to Archdale Homeowner's Association. \$750 is the assessed value of the land property. We pay about \$30 in taxes for this open land trust.
  - e. Motion Passes

### Old Business

1. Blvd. Beautification-Need a committee and volunteers
2. Assessment's page was removed from the old website, then old website was dissolved completely.
3. New Board was voted in and approved

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- a. A note is added to these minutes to clarify that Glenn Sweatman, Bob Veitch and Nadine Schnaible resigned from the Board as of 12/31/2020 and that Norman McDonald, Angelika Dorsch-Bruckner and Robert Scogin resigned from the Board as of 3/1/2021.
4. Facebook information was added to the 2021 Membership Request Form
5. New Board members issued email addresses, then Norman threatened to delete the entire account for security concerns
6. Chris Thurman brought up the idea of virtual meetings. The Board is extremely interested in pursuing this and/or live streaming a physical meeting as options
7. Street signs- Marty Bescancon will give a brief overview and request volunteers
  - a. Marty has done an inventory of street signs with a team of people. The mapping and inventory is complete. The next step is to look at options for things that would improve the inconsistencies in our neighborhood. What are proposed options for ways to improve the street signage in our neighborhood. Marty has a sign-up sheet (for anything you would like to volunteer for. ), please
8. By-laws revision: The by-laws as currently written are inaccurate and will be amended.
9. Norman asked to have someone replace him as Facebook administrator, as did Angelika later. Chris Thurman and Krista McCracken are the current FB administrators.
  - a. If you are a paid member, go back in and request membership to the Archdale Civic Association page (not the Archdale Community page)
  - b. Adult children that live in the house and want to be a part of the neighborhood association
    - i. Under the current by-laws, there is no provision, but we are looking for ways to increase membership and not exclude people wishing to get involved

### Election

1. Ballots submitted by 2020-2021 members
  - a. Motion for two candidates on ballot (Charles Lowry). 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - i. John and Krista stand and present their biographies and platforms as candidates for ACA.
    - ii. Motion Passes. Officers Elected
  - b. There will be nominations for an empty board seat soon.

### New Business

1. A statement addressing current questions being raised and issues facing ACA and how the Board is addressing them was read by John Trinkl.
  - a. Professional Liability Insurance lapsed twice. We don't have liability insurance at the moment, but are working to secure.
  - b. Taxes were not filed in 2017, 18, and 19. IRS has revoked our tax-exempt status. You can be a non-profit, non-tax exempt. Current board is working out how to fix.
  - c. ACA is 501c4 (social organization), not 501c3 (charitable organization)
  - d. Records were not being adequately maintained/filed as provided by state law. We are committed to transparent communication.
  - e. Bylaws should be filed with the state.

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- f. The board is working to secure equipment and records. The current board will not try to back track and recount past finances. We will be transparent with finances from here on out.
  - g. The current board will respectfully keep the concerns of neighbors in the forefront.
  - h. Our website change is due to one individual not turning over the passwords.
  - i. Other property has still not been turned over to the current board (laptop, checkbooks, etc...)
    - i. What steps have been taken?
      - 1. Polite requests
      - 2. Letting things go that have little value.
      - 3. People have been taken off accounts that shouldn't be there.
  - j. Concerning liens- Archdale Civic Association is voluntary. At some point, it morphed into a mandatory association. John reviews the 2016 Attorney's letter, in which we were told "At this time, there is no right to collect any money under any of these documents (all ten covenants and restrictions)." Yet dues were continued to be collected. This board chose to follow the law and not make contributions mandatory.
    - i. We need to make sure any revisions to the by-laws would be permissible by law. If we secure non-profit status, we could easily get pro-bono representation.
2. Public Comments
- a. Why are we meeting out here?
    - i. If/when COVID passes, we will have access to the fire station again. It is only shut down right now because of COVID.
  - b. Why can't we use our own property to have our meetings?
    - i. Not enough
  - c. Who owns the Blvd.?
    - i. It is a common area that is untaxed. (County property)
  - d. Chuck Lowry (former president, 84-85)
    - i. Makes a statement about the purpose of the board.
    - ii. Also, can we put a suggestion page on the website.
      - 1. Krista- you can also email [info@ourarchdale.com](mailto:info@ourarchdale.com)
  - e. Motion CL to conduct audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Angelika
    - i. Amendment: Rick (Old Dominion) Board investigates the cost in conducting a full professional audit and report back to the body. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Angelika
    - ii. Motion Passes
  - f. Motion: The new board is not held accountable for actions of past board by Peter Collins ( 117 Sunrise Rd.) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Thurman (307 Wakefield).
    - i. Craig \_\_\_\_\_ - can we have a professional bookkeeper to take a look at the books for reconciliation. There are several accountants in the neighborhood. Krista is getting their names.
    - ii. Chuck Ryan, Botany Bay Blvd. – Can we start a new organization?
      - 1. If you dissolve a corporation, you have to pay off all the bills, and give away the rest of the money in the account
    - iii. Motion Tabled (Peter Collins)
      - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Trinkl

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### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM by John Trinkl. The next general meeting will be at 7 PM on *a date to be determined in June, in a location to be determined.*

Minutes submitted by Chris Thurman

Approved by: General Membership at 6/10/2021 meeting