

Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting

Approved Minutes

9/16/2021

Opening

7:00pm Board introductions and acknowledgement of 97.5 Archdale Radio. The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm on 9/16/2021 in a physical meeting in the parking lot of DCI Clinic on Archdale Boulevard by John Trinkl.

Present

From the sign-in sheets

Todd Friddle, Dorchester County council member was introduced.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 6.10.2021 General Meeting were presented for approval. (Available as a handout at the registration table).

- Motion to approve: Rhonda Sweatman
- 2nd by Dale Linker
- Any discussion? No
- In Favor: All
- Minutes Approved

Minutes available online on OurArchdale.com, we will no longer print and hand them out at the meetings to save on costs. A copy will be on the table for anyone who didn't/can't view on website.

Guest Speaker

None

Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer presented the year-to-date ACA Financial report. (Available as a handout at the registration table and online following the meeting). No discussion.
2. Membership Update – As of 8/30/21 out of 804 properties, we have 428 members (53%)
3. Online payments are available
4. Taxes filed with IRS

John Trinkl added:

- Balance sheet currently shows \$2600 income for the year. This will change as ACA pays for Oct-December costs and will go into the red by year end
- Donations need to be received to prevent having a deficit for the year
- Received an additional \$50 from resident for the Red-Tip removal
- Have projects that need to be completed and will either have to use savings or increase membership
- Encourage neighbors to become members so that we can increase revenue.

- Will also need to cut costs to help prevent deficits, and working on initiatives to be discussed later at this meeting

Old Business

1. Administrative Update—John Trinkl
 - a. IRS has received the past 990 tax forms. No written response to date.
 - b. The need for insurance for ACA Board is being reviewed - discussion to be held by Board to see if we need this. Handling money could be an instance that requires it. Lackluster response to quotes, only two received that are under review.
 - c. ACA property was retrieved from Norman MacDonald except for URL "MyArchdale.com". Small claims suit is proceeding to retrieve this ACA property. Board will discuss if attorney needed for this.
 - d. Revising the by-laws is in the works
 - e. Covenants & Restrictions review & publication is in the works - Covenants and Restrictions are still under review for 10 different neighborhoods in Archdale. Have plats from St. George from original development to current showing streets, houses, ditches, etc. John to share with neighborhood eventually via website
2. Communications Update—Krista McCracken
 - a. Commitment to improve communication still underway
 - b. New website OurArchdale.com being updated constantly. Adding content as questions are asked. Residents should check often for new updates
 - c. Food truck schedule on website
 - d. Facebook not primary source of information, used to communicate reminders and quick items. Still need to go to official website
 - e. Residents urged to subscribe to email newsletter on website, currently 100 subscribers
 - f. Reader Board sign in works to be build and installed on Archdale Blvd to convey messages, events, meetings, etc.
3. Volunteer Update—Krista McCracken
 - a. Call to go to website to sign-up and be involved in committees. Had a good initial interest but lack of energy in follow-through to get these going. We NEED HELP with this from all neighbors.

John Trinkl added:

- Volunteer opportunities such as neighborhood beautifications are going on. 2 already this year with good turnout.
 - Anytime projects listed on website, such as storm drain clean ups, etc.
 - If you do something, take pics and share with Board to be listed on website
4. Sign Committee Update – Marty Bescancon
 - a. Phase Two Street Signs report presented for information
 - b. Information on OurArchdale.com under ACA Section.

- c. All updates and past information will stay on website until project complete
 - d. 2 Phases
 - i. Phase 1 – Sign Inventory complete
 - ii. Phase 2 – New sign options with cost – Current Phase sheet handed out
 - e. Next Step – Sign committee to evaluate information and choose a short list of options to be presented to Board before the November general meeting. Board will approve a list of options to be voted on by the members
 - f. November meeting options presented
 - g. Vote will select from this list in a final vote in Spring 2022
5. Beautification/Maintenance Update—John Trinkl
- a. RFP to be sent out for lawn care contract on 9/20. Residents encouraged to suggest companies. Contract will start Jan 1st with best company
 - b. Inventory of traffic control signs was done, Dorchester County replaced approximately 30 signs
 - c. If you see missing signs, can contact County. Contacts listed on OurArchdale.com
 - d. Storm Drain inventory complete, 12 cleaned by Dorchester County with a couple more that need follow-up and cleaning.
 - e. Code enforcement contact listed on website. Complaints have to be served in person. Keep reporting even if you don't see immediate changes. Working with Dorchester County Council to see what we can do to help work with owners that are out of state and can't be served in person.
 - f. Red tips have been cut down. There is final work to be done by the tree company and then later, there will be a call for a Beautification Project. Long-term goal to put something else there. Any ideas appreciated. YOU as a community will be responsible for any upkeep on what goes back into this space.

New Business

1. Membership Model – Various ideas presented at last meeting. Feedback received was in the majority to leave membership as is. Hybrid not feasible for Board to keep up with. By-Laws are under construction so this may come up again in the future
2. Neighborhood Watch Announcement - Deneen Sorenson presented the following:
 - Meetings required to be held every 2 months with Dorchester County Lt. and at least 10 members
 - Signs will be replaced once meetings established
 - No action required except meetings
 - Initiatives such as Annual Night Out, Lights On, Blue Light, etc.
 - Sign up on website
 - Meeting location TBD
- Food Trucks
 - Can extend to October. Can only get trucks with lights as it is now getting dark early
 - Don't Park in yards while at the food truck.
3. Archdale Hall Beautification -Krista presented the following:

