

# Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting

Approved Minutes

11/18/2021

## Opening

The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm on 11/18/2021 in a physical meeting in the parking lot of DCI Clinic on Archdale Boulevard by John Trinkl, President.

## Present

From the sign-in sheets and listeners from broadcast of Archdale Radio 97.5 FM

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 9.16.2021 General Meeting were presented for approval. (Available online [www.OurArchdale.com/aca](http://www.OurArchdale.com/aca))

- Motion to approve: Deneen Sorenson
- 2nd by Glenn Sweatman
- Any discussion? No comments
- In Favor: All
- Minutes Approved

Minutes available online on [www.OurArchdale.com](http://www.OurArchdale.com), we will print a few handouts 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 (a balance sheet and a profit and loss sheet). (Available as a handout at the registration table and online following the meeting). No discussion.
2. Income does not support the budget
3. Finished the red tip project that was approved expense from general meeting in 2020 thus causing some money to move from savings to checking
4. Since we now will have a complete years' worth of expenses for 2021, an end of year expense report will be posted online for 2021 to support a new budget for 2022
5. John Trinkl added: Membership is about equal to 2020

## Old Business

1. Administrative Update – John Trinkl
  - a. IRS has received the past 990 tax forms. No written response to date.
  - b. A draft revision of the by-laws will be available to members in January. Will send out by email, posted on website ([ourarchdale.com](http://ourarchdale.com)) or mailed as necessary so members are aware of proposed new by-laws
  - c. Income does not support the budget.
    - i. Have projects that need to be completed and will either use savings or increase membership
    - ii. Expenses may go down due to Request for Proposal for landscaping responses

- ii. Income may be developed by way of advertising businesses on ourarchdale.com website
- iii. Expenses go up by way of electric bills, itemized products used for ACA, Inc to include mailing expenses, may have to increase annual membership request. At this point, will table that discussion until 2022 and once the year end treasurer report is finalized. At this point, ACA, Inc. current goal is to have income equal expenses.

2. Communications Update – Krista McCracken

- a. Website updates – donation options, photo galleries for holidays, covenants & restrictions. Primary way to communicate is through the ACA website
- b. Monthly emails to digital subscribers
- c. Reader board sign – still in development. Jason Volbeda is the volunteer building the signs and gave an update that the sign is under construction/

3. Volunteer and Events Announcements—Krista McCracken

- a. Archdale Holiday events—we are planning 2 potential events in December
  - i. Thursday December 9 – Festive Food Truck Thursday, with Hot Chocolate and cider, Santa, Archdale Sing-along at Palmetto Bluff Ct
  - ii. Date TBD – Bike/Cart Christmas Parade this December 18<sup>th</sup> (possible) peddle bike or golf carts- mapped out and led by Fire Truck
- b. Archdale Hall Clean Up – Mid January
  - i. Volunteers needed!
  - ii. will not touch the ruins, but will clear overgrown trails to enjoy the area - looking to install benches or picnic tables
  - iii. will have equipment to assist and an operator for the equipment (TBD)

4. Sign Committee Update – Marty Bescancon

- a. Presentation of the Board-approved sign committee selections (3 total)
  - i. Option one is 4X4 treated post lumber (old signs 8X8) with wood cap and “L” bracket for new street signs in upper- and lower-case letters- cost \$6,150 for 50 signs and stop sign cost \$420 (official DOT) does not include tax or shipping and colors TBD
  - ii. Option two \$7,840 total cost with street signs \$7,150 and stop signs \$690 this is a beefier piece of wood with wood cap and metal “L” bracket
  - iii. Option three total cost \$12,090 with the street signs at \$10,200 and stop signs at \$1,890 this is a black, metal pole with the “T” at the top

For next meeting we will need more information on installation, shipping tax, quantity breaks, colors, (reader board is 6X6 posts per Jason Volbeda).

John Trinkl added: This is not just to make the neighborhood pretty; it is Federal law (The Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices (MUTCD). ACA has reached out to the municipality and they will not pay. The signs are needed for compliance and the safety of the residents and the benefit of first responders and others. The Board will review membership input at [INFO@OURARCHDALE.COM](mailto:INFO@OURARCHDALE.COM) or however you may respond to this issue.

Krista McCracken added: The funds will be approved by the membership for this spending. BY THE MEMBERS FOR THIS SPENDING. (See June 10, 2021, for more information on traffic sign replacement by the county)

5. Beautification/Maintenance Update – John Trinkl
  - a. Lawncare RFP –We had sufficient responses – Board is reviewing each for the most responsive bid - ACA will have a new landscaper at a savings in January 2022 - decision to be posted on website.
  - b. The berm beautification projects was held, with general clean-up and spreading of the mulch. What, if anything, will be put back is still TBD. Whatever is put in needs to be low maintenance.
6. Neighborhood Watch – Deneen Sorenson
  - a. Update on first meeting
  - b. Meetings are held the second Tuesday every three months
  - c. Lt. Andy Martin, Community Resource Engagement Officer. His card is posted on the Archdale Community Facebook page. See June 10, 2021, General Meeting minutes for Q&A.
  - d. Low crime for 1 year and very little to say about our neighborhood, but be vigilant about your area to report if you see something say something
  - e. Deter people from your home with lighting, avoiding overgrown bushes, being aware, hosting community events helps get people out, look at your door for sturdiness to avoid the door from being kicked in.
  - f. New neighborhood watch signs going up

### **New Business**

1. The Park at Rivers Edge Development Discussions - The Parks at Rivers Edge development is a housing development going all the way down to the river, east of our neighborhood. May have impact on flooding and we are making sure ACA Inc. has a voice.
2. Community Awards - recognizing community members who step up and take initiative

“The ACA board would like to acknowledge Deneen Sorenson and Todd Brown for their efforts this past last year for the benefit of the Archdale community. Deneen is responsible for organizing Food Truck Thursday and resurrecting the Neighborhood Watch. Todd Brown is improving meeting accessibility thru broadcasting and communicating ACA business and initiatives thru Archdale Radio. They are both examples of how individuals can help us grow a more vibrant community.”

So, on behalf of the Civic Association and the entire community we would like Thank You and please accept this small gift of our appreciation.

John Trinkl - this is not to overlook all the other volunteers who have come out to support the association and the community, but these individuals certainly have gone above and beyond.

3. 2022 ACA General Meeting dates will be on Thursday 2/17, 5/19, 8/18 and 11/17. We will be switching the location back to the fire station (should COVID lockdowns allow in 2022) and it was voted to keep the meeting scheduled at 7 pm.
4. ACA is looking at adding an Archdale Business & Services page to OurArchdale.com as a source of advertising and increasing revenue. Details to be announced. Starting out just Archdale neighbors who have businesses. (This is for support, not endorsement from the Board). Pay for a year of advertising and one price for members and one price for nonmembers.

### **Elections: 2022 ACA Board & Officers**

1. ACA Board has three open Board member positions for 2022, with one nominee below
2. Nominees: Malana Bracht – Board Member nominated by Ted Hucks

3. Any further nominations from the floor? Board meetings are twice a month for one hour and general meetings for one hour four times a year. No nominations were received, however, we appreciate all the volunteers, on or off the Board.
4. 2022 ACA slate of candidates:
  - a. John Trinkl – President
  - b. Krista McCracken – Vice President
  - c. Cindy Varnado – Treasurer
  - d. Rhonda Sweatman – Secretary
  - e. Malana Bracht – Board Member
  - f. Marty Besancon – Board Member
  - g. Ted Hucks – Board Member
5. Comments or discussion - none
6. Motion to approve - Diane Linker and Second Glenn Sweatman and Deneen Sorenson
7. All in favor - all raised hands
8. Any opposed - none
9. Passed unanimously

### **Public Comments**

1. Deneen Sorenson - Food Trucks will be December 2 and Festive Truck December 9 then start up again in the Spring (TBD)
2. Malana Bracht - local photographer willing to give a family portrait to every family that comes December 9 provided a Santa attends.
3. Krista McCracken - announced that Santa is coming December 9
4. Krista McCracken - ACA Membership drive will begin December 9 and will have incentives for paying for 2022 at the table December (either with check or online)
5. Volunteers needed to work the festive food Truck December 9 - see Deneen Sorenson or reach out to info@ourarchdale.com
6. Krista and John will work hot chocolate, Cindy will work the ACA table and other board members will assist where needed.
7. Grace Trinkl - Neighborhood Watch volunteers can make up and pass out a Flyer announcing the Festive Food Truck December 9 - a way to invite and get to know neighbors
8. Jason Volbeda asked about the sign installation, is ACA considering installing the signs or paying for the installation? Answer - TBD ACA is considering installing the signs with volunteers.
9. Jason Volbeda asked what are the responsibilities and what do you do as a Neighborhood Watch volunteer? Basically, attend the meetings and check on your neighbors and participate in the Neighborhood Night out and the Lights on Program with blue lights.
10. Question arose about the various Archdale-related websites. OurArchdale.com is the official website for Archdale Civic Association. Then there are three Archdale Facebook page – ACA Inc for members of ACA; Archdale Community for anyone living in Archdale and Archdale Classified for selling stuff.
11. Would the Archdale Classified help with the Archdale Business & Services page service - OurArchdale.com will be promoting Archdale businesses and Archdale Classified is more about selling items.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm by John Trinkl. The next general meeting will be at TBD on 2/17/22, in the meeting room at NCFD Station 8.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Sweatman / John Trinkl

Approved by: Membership at 02/17/22 General Meeting

