

Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting Minutes

Approved Minutes

February 17, 2022

Opening

The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm on 02/17/2022 at North Charleston Fire Department Station 8 by John Trinkl.

Present

From the sign-in sheets (23 attendees)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 11.18.2021 General Meeting were presented for approval. Motion to accept made by Chuck Lowry, seconded by Jason Volbeda. Passed unanimously.

Introduction: Rita May Ranck, candidate for Dorchester County Council District 3.

Guest Speaker: Fire Chief Gregory Bulanow

1. Addressed the emergency response standard from National Fire Association
2. Fire prevention tips-
 - Teach preschool children that matches and lighters are tools for adults
 - Smoke alarms older than ten years old are not reliable, check date of manufacture on inside of alarm
 - Overcrowding is a fire hazard
 - Free smoke alarm installation is available if not a hard-wired smoke alarm system- call 843-740-2616
3. Questions from the attendees related to fire safety and emergency response addressed.

Treasurer's Report

1. Cindy Varnado presented the month-to-date ACA Financial report.
 - Based on the goal of 55% participation
 - email treasurer@ourarchdale.com for questions
2. Membership Update – We have \$7,550 received from 151 members (19% participation of eligible members, and 34% of the annual budget, with an additional \$335 in donations as of 01/31/2022).
3. ACA FYE 2022 Proposed Budget presented for membership approval.
 - Treasurer took questions on the budget
 - ACA cannot put a lien on the home, but can put a due date on the request and can ask for extra donations
 - Proposed budget presented. Budget approval:
 - First motion to accept by Bob Ticknor seconded by Lara Williams
 - Absent any discussion
 - Motions accepted by John Trinkl and put up for vote; Passed unanimously
4. John Trinkl explains ACA maintenance responsibilities
 - County will not maintain the boulevard adequately, so we do it
 - ACA maintains 2 ACA-owned properties (Archdale Hall, Knightsbridge green area)
 - ACA maintains grass area around privately owned pond property to prevent nuisance property and maintain area property values

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Old Business

1. Administrative Update – John Trinkl
 - A draft revision of the by-laws will be posted on the website and mailed or emailed to all members of record as of 12/31/2021 and any new members for this year. To be discussed at future meetings
2. Communications Update – Krista McCracken
 - Website updates – check www.ourarchdale.com
 - Digital Newsletter – moving to a bi-monthly or quarterly schedule. You are automatically subscribed with online ACA membership payment. We won't spam you!
 - Reader board sign – Wooden sign to be placed on boulevard, 2-sided, solar powered, will be used for improved outreach/communications about community events. Currently in development. Installation tentative for this spring!
3. Volunteer and Events Announcements – Krista McCracken
 - Thank You for supporting our holiday events!
 - Archdale Hall Clean Up – March 5 at 9am (weather permitting...rain date is 3/12)
 - Food Trucks return this spring!
4. Sign Committee Update – Marty Bescancon
 - Thank you to the committee members – John Bowling, Diane Linker, Dale Linker, Rhonda Sweatman, Casandra Volbeda, Helenia Walker, Marty Bescancon, and ACA board.
 - All permissions to replace signs have been received. Cost calculations and price comparisons complete for DOT approved signs only.
 - Sign and post options presented in 2021
 - The sign committee and the board agreed to present to the members a budget of \$9,000 for 6x6 Posts and White Signs with Black Lettering.
 - John Trinkl requests a motion to accept the sign committee's recommendation of a 6x6 post. First motion Chuck Lowry and second motion Bob Ticknor.
 - Open to discussion and questions-
 - i. Are the signs going to be readable in the dark? Yes.
 - ii. Are we changing Baker's Landing signs? No.
 - iii. Archdale Forest? They will have to pay for this new sign
 - iv. Will the signs change any street names? No.
 - v. Are getting rid of the wood posts- Yes.
 - vi. Are we replacing the metal signs in the back of the neighborhood and why? Yes. Making neighborhood sign uniform and up to code throughout.
 - vii. Cost per sign? ~\$150 for post and materials.
 - viii. SUGGESTION: "Adopt a Post" to offset costs.
 - Final presentation of the Board-approved Street Sign selection with a Membership vote to approve. Unanimous approval.

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- Many steps before we are at installation. Stay tuned for next steps....
- 5. Beautification/Maintenance Update – John Trinkl
 - a. See discussion under Treasurer’s Report.
- 6. Neighborhood Watch – See updates on www.ourarchdale.com. Next meeting date will be announced. Takeaway – REMOVE VALUABLES AND WEAPONS FROM VEHICLES.
 - Question regarding website—so many sites, What do we use?
 - www.ourarchdale.com OFFICIAL WEBSITE FOR ARCHDALE
 - Facebook. 2 groups.
 - Archdale Civic Association—members only, more curated.
 - Archdale Community—more active, less moderated.
 - Nextdoor Archdale is NOT associated with ACA or Archdale.

New Business

1. Archdale Business & Services Listing – working to develop this as a service to Archdale community, Archdale businesses, and revenue source for ACA. Stay tuned...
 - Use electronic newsletter and maybe a paper version for additional incentive for businesses to participate.

Public Comments

- Question – Can we get speed monitor equipment on Mansfield?
 - Yes, through Dorchester County
- Question- Can speed humps be installed?
 - Yes, eligibility requirements exist, and applicant must pay for installation.
- Question – Can we install sidewalks on Archdale Blvd?
 - No, this street is owned by Dorchester County and the cost is not reasonable.
- Announcement. New Ashley River Park opens on March 19 off Bacon’s Bridge Road. Park offers kayaking, fishing, dog parks, playgrounds and more.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm by John Trinkl

The next general meeting will be at 7p on 5/19/2022 in the meeting room at NCFD Station 8.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Sweatman

Approved by: Membership at 05/16/22 General Meeting