

# ARNA

AUDUBON RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Minutes

6:30 pm Board Meeting / Zoom

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**Attendees:** Tom Rey, Tori Emmerling, Rob Denny, Jim McCutcheon, Nicole Williamson, Monica Clark, Mary Fanning Horaist, Melisa Rey

When do you take your Christmas decor down? A burning question.

Just board only at this meeting, no guests or general members.

**Website** - who has access. Apparently we all have access but we don't have the login information. Do we want everyone editing the website? Might cause a bit of chaos.

**Minutes** - need to keep everyone updated and posted on the website.

Post them after they are approved and voted on at the meeting. Let Jim know when they are ok to post.

**Website** - Let Jim know when we have things we want posted on the website, whether it be calendar entries or other information.

Various discussions / ideas -

- Tom Idea: Have a tab on the website for when people are getting rid of things. Nothing for sale. Just get a way to get people to engage.
- Rob - might be repetitive with Nextdoor.
- We need to put up our yard signs.
- ARNA signs on poles - public places on borders. Nicole will look into pricing of new signs.
- Replace the signs on the poles, determine the locations around the neighborhood.
- Design a new smaller yard sign, similar in size to the WRAP sign.
- ARNA car stickers - place them above your brake tag (if you have one). We have to make sure new members get their stickers.
- Create a key contacts for neighbors - list who to contact when we have whatever issues. Make it an added feature on our website as a resource for neighbors.
- A selling point to come to our meetings is the opportunity to meet with and discuss issues with City personnel. Elise can invite the various departments to address issues. She has offered that idea, we just need to give her two weeks notice of who we want invited.
- Nicole will make a Google Doc to start a website FAQ / contact list for neighbors.

### Vinteam / Membership

- We need an easy system for membership and our website, everyone is too busy and overwhelmed.
- All of the names/members in Vinteam are expired. No one has renewed. Vinteam does not have an automatic renewal notice.
- Vinteam is not user-friendly for keeping track of members. It was originally designed for something else, not necessarily what we do.
- Vinteam is not doing what we need it to do.
- We want to make sure we can do what we need (i.e. pay dues) without Vinteam as it is \$60 per month to use.
- Trying to remember what we used before.
- There are some people that joined at NOAC, up to about 20 current members. Let them be current January - January. We can make incentives, e.g. you get raffle tickets at NOAC if you join at the event.
- Melisa will ask other neighborhood organizations what services they use. Laurel Street Music uses ConvertKit.

### **Meetings -**

Odd months in person / even months on Zoom. February Zoom since it's so soon after Mardi Gras.

Jim and Tori will add zoning hearings for the calendar as well.

### **Car Wash zoning issues** - there are four 4 moving parts summarized by Tori.

- Demolition request, it was denied, and Car Wash is appealing to Joe. Will be received tomorrow at City Council and up for a vote on January 18. Tori thinks Joe will grant the demolition against the wishes of HDLC.
- Expanding use of Car Wash to the lot where the houses will be demolished. It was stereotyped that there are no residences along this corridor when there are plenty. A bummer that city officials don't see this as a residential area.
- Neighborhood Engagement Meeting - Tori bought up larger issues involved here. The lot the Car Wash occupies will be attractive to a developer if the Car Wash ever leaves. Tori asked Kohke to consider a deed restriction for development for that site. He said the owners might be open to that. They don't have an intent to sell. Tori is going to talk to her friend who is a lawyer on land-use to draft a deed restriction to consider.
- Tom would like us to re-emphasize our opposition to it. One tactic used was to get near neighbors to give approval, at Joe's suggestion. Kohnke has done this, and has 75 neighbors giving approval. Kohnke is currently acting like it's a done deal. that Joe will allow the demolition.
- It's rewarding bad behavior, that is what everyone is opposed to in this situation, not the Car Wash specifically..
- Mary - can we get a copy of what the 75 members signed. Others: it doesn't make sense for us to contact them.
- We should focus on the deed restriction. It will be attached to the land, not the owner.

### **Night Out Against Crime -**

Working document on the Google Drive - what we can do to improve it and add to it.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aVNd7dhGXcYa5sPKzPrL63As4Zs2NQAVJrMwNSVdBFQ/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aVNd7dhGXcYa5sPKzPrL63As4Zs2NQAVJrMwNSVdBFQ/edit?usp=drive_link)

Film projector - have another event separate from NOAC. Cokes, wine, beer.  
Do it correctly, have a permit from the City.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6th / Zoom**

(on Tuesday due to parades on Wednesday)

Mary - would like to talk about group activities to get people together socially, e.g. walks in the park, going for coffee. Some folks did not feel comfortable/included at NOAC. Monica would like to help with that!

**Meetings adjourned: 7:39 pm**