

MINUTES

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association
July 23, 2009, Covenant United Methodist Church

PRESENT: Mike Gibson, Aaron Brundage, Larry Feight, Mike Brewer, Dick Bothwell, Lee Ann Riesen. A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the June board meeting were read and were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS:

Visitors: We had no visitors.

Vice President and Treasurer (Tony Huffman): Tony is away on vacation.

Secretary (empty): Hank Happ has moved away. Lee Ann will take notes of meetings for now and send out minutes. At the September meeting the newly elected board will elect officers, including a secretary.

Neighborhoods: There has been some theft from garages in Carrington. Michelle Garza went door to door in Vineyard Court Estates with a 2009-2010 VENA membership form and a letter telling residents why they should join VENA. Lee Ann will do the same in Ventura Village.

President (Lee Ann Riesen): Hank Happ gave Lee Ann boxes of archives which she went through. We now have two binders which have all the minutes from the first meeting in 1992 when VENA was formed. Feel free to borrow these when you want to learn about our history. Lee Ann created a new membership form for 2009-2010 and will get it added to the web site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike Gibson has obtained a promise from Larry Velasquez, the NM District Engineer for our region 3, that he will try to attend our August meeting to discuss the traffic light at Paseo/Ventura. If he absolutely can not, he will send someone in his place. The meeting is on his calendar.

The traffic flow committee that formed at the May general meeting will be meeting soon with the Nor Este neighborhood association board. We need Nor Este and our city councilor to back our plan for two permanent barricades and the closure of Signal from Carrington to Ventura, in order to keep through traffic out of Vineyards I, II and II and Desert Vista and Carrington.

Lee Ann attended the Zoning Hearing Examiner's hearing on Tuesday 7/21. She presented the VENA board's majority opinion that the "Walgreen's" lettering on the facade of the Walgreen's in Ventura Plaza should remain as originally designed and not be shrunk so that the "W" is 2' tall. Mr. Albertorio will send out his ruling in 15 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed nominations for the new VENA board that will be elected at the August general meeting. Dick Bothwell, Michelle Garza, and Donna Daniello will be starting their second year as board members and do not need to be nominated. We hope and expect they will all continue on the board. Mike Brewer will be retiring from the board and should not be nominated. Lee Ann Riesen, Aaron Brundage, Mike Gibson, and Regina Barela are willing to continue on the board and so may be nominated

by the committee. Tony Huffman indicated previously that he is willing to continue, so he may be nominated. We don't have word from Pat Verrelle

or Duke Winsor on whether they can continue on the board, but we will get that information. Lee Ann will work this month on recruiting board members from Desert Ridge Place, Desert Vista, Tierra Morena, Wilshire Estates, Vineyard IV, and Los Vigils. We also have no representatives from IVA, IVB and V, but these are each only four or five houses, so those will be lower priority. The nominating committee (Mike Brewer, Larry Feight and Donna Daniello) will meet prior to the August meeting to create a slate of candidates. Candidates can also be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

The August meeting will occur on Thursday evening, August 27, at 7 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church. It isn't feasible at this time to plan a picnic. The board discussed electing a social chair at the September meeting, who could plan an annual fun event for the association.

The annual event need not coincide with the August meeting.

Also at the September meeting we will plan a weed attack. Based on the number of memberships we receive in August, we will create a plan of spraying pre-emergent weed killer in early Spring, on our medians, the sidewalks outside our subdivisions, and at the entrances to our subdivisions.

Priority will be given to areas around subdivisions with high participation

as members in the neighborhood association. We will also create a budget for the year that includes printing costs as well as beautification efforts.

We discussed the west exit from Albertson's, and the triangular median that suggests that drivers should only turn right out of and right into the Albertson's parking lot. This suggestion is routinely ignored, because

the median is so low. It was moved and seconded that the neighborhood association will contact our city councilor and the APD northeast area command to get a traffic study of Ventura in the Albertson's/Trader Joes area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Riesen

