

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Tony Huffman, Michelle Garza, Regina Barela, Mike Gibson, Lee Ann Riesen. A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

The minutes of the April board meeting were read and were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the May general meeting were read and were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS:

Visitors: We had no visitors.

Vice President and Treasurer (Tony Huffman): Tony handed out spreadsheets. We have \$5055.89 in our account.

Secretary (Hank Happ): The secretary was not present. Lee Ann Riesen took notes for the minutes.

Neighborhoods: Dog walkers are not cleaning up after their dogs in Vineyard Park. Maybe a sign reminding people of the ordinance and a container of bags would help. The City's Carmel traffic study concluded that there is not enough traffic there to warrant putting in speed bumps. We are asking people who live along Carmel to call 242-COPS when kids are racing along Carmel. The traffic engineer said that this racing is a police matter, not a traffic calming matter. Ventura Village has had some more egging of homes recently. Vineyard Court Estates has some new residents, and the people who live along the east wall pulled the weeds along Holbrook.

President (Lee Ann Riesen): Lee Ann tried to contact the state traffic engineer regarding the new traffic light at Paseo and Ventura. He did not reply to email. I will ask Mike Gibson to follow up with him. We have many complaints about this light and the new lane configuration. A nominating committee was created at the May general meeting. It is composed of Larry Feight, Donna Daniello and Mike Brewer. Michelle knows someone in Desert Ridge Place who might consider serving on the board. Other board members are asked to consider recruiting people from unrepresented subdivisions. They should contact Mike Brewer (mikebrewer03@comcast.net) so that they can be nominated in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regina Barela clarified which board members are responsible for our ten new signs. Everyone has their signs now except for Duke Winsor, Aaron Brundage, and Mike Gibson. Lee Ann Riesen has their signs and will make sure she gets them to them before the August meeting. Your sign is to be put out at the specified location on the Friday before the meeting. And you should pick up your sign on your way home from

the meeting on Thursday. Be sure to let the rest of the board know if you will be away and won't be able to do "sign duty".

The motion was made to purchase a \$60 gift card to Jinja Restaurant for Mike Gibson, in appreciation for his initiative in finding the funding for our new signs, and to present this gift to him at the August general meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A traffic flow committee was created at the May general meeting to address the problem of through traffic in the neighborhoods bounded by Signal, Ventura, Holly, and Barstow. Committee members are from Vineyards I and III, Desert Vista and Carrington. Lee Ann Riesen is the only VENA board member on the committee. After much thought and discussion, after input from the residents at the May general meeting, and after talking to Howie Tischler and Bob Keeran about development north of Signal, the committee has a proposal.

The proposal is to support the closing of Signal from Carrington to Ventura, and the creation of two permanent barricades. One barricade would be on the west side of the intersection of Mendocino and Hampton. The second barricade would be at the sight of the current temporary barricade on Greenarbor. This would prevent through traffic in Vineyards I, II and III and in Desert Vista and Carrington.

The motion was made to support the effort to close Signal from Carrington to Ventura, and to place permanent barricades at the west side Mendocino and Hampton, and on Greenarbor just west of Mendocino. The barricades should be attractive, and should be able to open for emergency vehicles. The motion passed unanimously.

Walgreen's request for a variance to allow letters that are 3' 5" in height was discussed. Looking at the plan, we determined that if the lower case letters in the logo are 2' in height, then the "W", the "l" and "g" in the logo extend to a length of 3' 5". The building signs that they are requesting a variance for, are the building signs that we have seen all along on the plan. The board did not take a vote on this issue. The facilitated meeting will probably be on July 13, and the Zoning Hearing will be on July 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Riesen