

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 May 2009

Location: Covenant United Methodist Church

Chaired by: VENA Board of Directors (BOD) President Lee Ann Riesen

Minutes taken by: BOD Secretary, Hank Happ

Time: Called to order 7:05 PM

Attendance: Present: BOD (Lee Ann Riesen, Mike Brewer, Duke Winsor, Hank Happ, Michelle Garza, Donna Daniello), Residents of Vineyard Estates (~36).

Introduction of Attendees

Lee Ann Riesen welcomed all attendees, and introduced all present board members. Attendees were asked to sign in by writing their address and “going-in” position on whether to make the GreenArbor barricade permanent.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions/deletions by Unanimous Consent (UC).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 2009 General meeting and the April 2009 Board meeting were available for residents. Lee Ann Riesen made a motion to approve the minutes. Residents were encouraged to read the minutes. No corrections were made. (Closed)

Nominating Committee for August Board Elections

Our bylaws require that the VENA Board appoint a nominating committee for the annual Board election. Larry Feight, Mike Brewer and Donna Daniello were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the August meeting. (Closed).

Green Arbor (GA) Barricade Discussions

Demi Hendrickson, a 19-year VENA I resident, spoke in favor of keeping the barricade. She said when Signal Boulevard did not exist, the high-school traffic down GA was extremely bad. With the possibility of Signal going away, she expects the traffic to get much worse than it is.

General points pro and con for the barricade:

PRO:

- Children can walk safely down GA toward the middle school
- Without the barricade, the clear expectation is of greatly increased traffic that will exceed the speed limit

CON:

- There is only one exit. If something happens at that exit, e.g., a sinkhole, there is no way out
- Middle-school parents make U-turns in the middle of GA
- With only one entrance/exit, it is hard to go through GA when the middle school opens and closes
- Safety vehicles, e.g., fire trucks, may not get to their destination in a timely fashion with the barricade

There seemed to be a clear consensus that if Signal goes away, if the barricade stays then traffic will increase along Hampton Ave. to an unacceptable level.

Lee Ann Riesen asked for volunteers to form a group (committee) that will work with the City Council and Traffic Engineering to create a comprehensive plan for traffic in all of VENA. Considerations would include Signal Ave., the barricade, speed bumps, stop signs, etc. She received the names of a number of volunteers: Kaye Lynn Robinson, Lucy Reverse, Elizabeth Meek, Nora Nevera, Bob Campbell, Samuel Smith, Lu Fang, and Lee Ann Riesen. They represent Vineyards I, II and III and Desert Vista and Carrington. (Open)

New Business

Concern was expressed about an apparent shortening of the time of the left turn arrow on eastbound Paseo to Ventura going north. Mike Brewer speculated that with the construction on Paseo, this was a measure to increase the traffic flow along Paseo, and it should go back to the way it was once the construction was finished. (Open)

Adjournment: 7:58 PM

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Next General Membership Meeting: Thursday, 20 Aug 09 at time and location TBD.