

MINUTES

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association
September 24, 2009, Covenant United Methodist Church

PRESENT: Mike Gibson, Aaron Brundage, Dick Bothwell, Michelle Garza, Regina Barela, Elizabeth Meek, Lee Ann Riesen. A quorum was present. Visitors Duke Winsor, Lisa Giering and Paul Giering attended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The minutes of the August annual general membership meeting and of the July board meeting were read and were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS:

Visitors: Our visitors did not have any reports.

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

Secretary (empty): Lee Ann Riesen took minutes for this meeting.

Neighborhoods: Michelle Garza succeeded in getting 12 residents (about 30%!) of Vineyard Court Estates to join VENA.

President (Lee Ann Riesen):

1. The Walgreen's variance (for height of three letters in their building signs) was granted by the zoning hearing examiner, but was overturned on appeal. The letters in the signs must have a maximum 2 foot height.

2. NMEFCU requested an exception for their sign. Although the letters are at most 1 foot high, there are three rows of them and the lamp of learning logo to the left of the letters is equal in height to the stack of three lines. So they are asking for an exception for the size of the logo. At the ZHE meeting, VENA did not oppose the variance.

3. The owner of Tierra Morena will plant trees along Signal. A compromise was reached with the Carrington residents who opposed the administrative amendment removing the trees.

4. D.R. Horton has asked for another 2 year extension for completion of subdivision improvements for Desert Vista. It was moved and seconded that VENA support the Desert Vista residents by sending a letter to the DRB opposing the request for an extension. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Election of officers was held. Lee Ann Riesen was elected President. Mike Gibson was elected Vice President, Tony Huffman was elected Treasurer, and Michelle Garza was elected Secretary.

2. A plan to spray for weeds within the VENA boundaries is being put off until the next board meeting, when the Treasurer will attend. In the interim, all board members are encouraged to drum up memberships, as these will fund the spraying. A discussion concluded

that in addition to weed removal we should consider listing general aesthetic improvements we would like to make and brainstorm on getting these improvements made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A tree on Barstow outside of Tierra Morena blocks view of oncoming traffic. Lee Ann will call 311.
2. The board approved a calendar of meetings for 2009 - 2010. The calendar has been posted to the website.
3. The board elected Mike Gibson to be our representative to the District 4 coalition of neighborhood associations. Regina Barela will be the alternate, and Lee Ann Riesen will be the second alternate.
4. The board discussed having a special general meeting to discuss the status Signal, Hampton and Greenarbor. A motion was made and seconded that the next meeting on this topic should include only Richard Dourte (the City Engineer), Brad Winter (our City Councilor) the VENA board, the traffic committee and a representative from Desert Vista.
The motion passed. So a general meeting on the topic will wait until after the October meeting of this smaller group with the City representatives. A tentative date for the meeting with the City was set for 10/29. Lee Ann will contact the City to make the arrangements.
5. A home in Vineyard III (8809 Mendocino Court NE) may be operating a motorcycle repair business out of the home. This violates the protective covenant and also City ordinance. Lee Ann will call 311 to report this problem.
6. Another home in Vineyard III seems to have a large RV permanently parked in its driveway. Mike Gibson will look into whether this is a violation of the protective covenant or a city ordinance.
6. It was moved and seconded that we wait until October, when the Treasurer will be present, to create a 2009-2010 budget. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Riesen

The next board meeting will be on October 22 at 7 PM