

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: 23 Apr 2009

Location: Covenant UMC church, Fireside Room

Chaired by: President, Lee Ann Riesen

Minutes taken by: Secretary, Hank Happ

Time: Called to order 7:07 PM by Lee Ann Riesen

Present: LeeAnn Riesen, Pat Verrelle, Hank Happ, Regina Barela, Michelle Garza, Duke Winsor, Aaron Brundage, Tony Huffman, Donna Daniello

Absent: Mike Brewer, Mike Gibson, Richard Bothwell

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the 26 Mar 08 board meeting and February General Membership meeting were approved by Unanimous Consent. (Closed)

It was decided to put the VENA meeting calendar on our website (www.venaabq.org) and VENA Talk. (Open)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved by UC (Closed)

Treasurer's Report

Tony Huffman passed around a treasurer's report. We have \$5522.58 in hand.

President's Report / New Business

CARMEL TRAFFIC: Lee Ann reported that a traffic study is being done on Carmel between Ventura to Holbrook. There are speeders there, and there is increased police activity. Speed bumps may be put on Carmel. (Closed)

VENTURA VILLAGE: Lee Ann reported that Ventura Village has started a neighborhood watch program.

MEETING SIGNS: Regina Barela showed the new meeting signs say: "Neighborhood Meeting Thurs 7 PM. See www.venaabq.org for details." The signs were accepted unanimously by the group. Regina will purchase 10 signs. The total cost is \$415.79. Mike Gibson's professional group (Associated Contractors of NM) is paying for the signs. (Closed)

GREENARBOR BARRICADE: The barricade and its permanency status will be the primary discussion topic at the May General Meeting. Lee Ann will put together a list of pros and cons to be discussed. (Open).

TUMBLEWEEDS: There are many tumbleweeds at 9100 Holly (north of Albertsons). VENA members are encouraged to call 311 and comment. (Open)

ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC: Pat Verrelle reports that Albertson's is willing to supply food for our

annual picnic again. If we wish to get a canopy, which is necessary for a band, we should start very soon. We will have to work with the Fire Dept. and the city for permits. (Open)

BERNALILLO COUNTY NOTIFICATION: Lee Ann reported that our boundary to the east is against Bernalillo County property. She has gotten agreement from someone in the county to notify us if there are changes, e.g., construction in the area. (Closed)

WALGREENS UPDATE: Lee Ann reported that Walgreens has agreed to lower their tower to 26 feet. Also, they are asking for some minor changes to signage, and to move some trees, which we are willing to do. But they are also requesting to replace brick pavers with brick-stamped concrete, which does not last as long. They plan to be open in July. (Closed)

CITY CHANGES: Pat Verrelle reports that Mayor Chavez wants to eliminate the Planned Growth Strategy plan, and reduce developer impact fees by 50%. This is proposed ordinance 09-69. We are urged to contact the Mayor's Office and ask him not to proceed. (Open)

Next General Meeting Date/Location: 21 May 09, 7 PM, Covenant United Methodist Church.

Next Board Meeting Date/Location: 25 Jun 09 , 7 PM at CUMC.

Adjournment: 8:23 PM by unanimous consent