

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 28 Feb 2008

Location: Tony Huffman's home, 8912 Corona Ave NE

Chaired by: President, Pat Verrelle

Minutes taken by: Secretary, Hank Happ

Time: Called to order 7:09 PM by Pat Verrelle

Present: Hank Happ, Pat Verrelle, Duke Winsor, Tony Huffman, Mike Brewer, Mike Gibson

Absent: LeAnn Riesen, Regina Barela, Aaron Brundage

Visitors: None

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the 24 Jan 08 board meeting had been disseminated by e-mail. The minutes were amended to show that Regina Barela was present, and Duke Winsor was absent. (Closed)

Letters were drafted concerning barking dogs and weeds. The board has looked them over and approved them. (Closed)

A letter requesting membership in the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union still has to be written. (Open)

Aluminum cans were redeemed 2/23/08. 79.5 lbs @ \$0.51/lb = \$40.55. (Closed)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved by unanimous consent (UC) (Closed)

Treasurer's Report

We have 773 residents within our borders. We have 81 memberships. Tony passed around a Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$4703.28. (Closed)

Tony has looked into weed spraying medians with pre-emergents. As these are petroleum-based herbicides, rising petroleum prices have made these herbicides much more expensive. Estimated cost is around \$2000. Tony has agreed to get bids. (Open)

President's Report / New Business

WATER AUTHORITY BILL 0-07-112. Mike Gibson agreed to go to the city website and check out pages 8 - 12 of this bill. (Open)

2007 AUDIT. Duke Winsor, Mike Gibson, and Tony Huffman will get together to perform the 2007 VENA audit. Jim Verrelle will be the non-board-member participant. (Open)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The March General Membership Meeting has

been moved to April. The meeting will be focused on neighborhood crime. We will schedule the meeting so that Police Chief Ray Schultz, Councilor Winter, and a representative from the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program can be there. Duke Winsor agreed to get more information on setting up a Neighborhood Watch program. (Open)

CRIME STATISTICS. Duke Winsor passed around a set of statistics for Class 1 and 2 crimes (felonies, misdemeanors) for the Vineyard Estates area from 2000 – 2007. They were broken down by type of crime. Of note was that crime jumped significantly (by about 66%) in 2006 over previous years. Larceny (general taking of property) was the area of biggest increase. It was also noteworthy that data for 2007 was not up to date – only one crime was reported through the end of February.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Duke Winsor agreed to get information on what it will take to get a Neighborhood Watch started. (Open)

NOTICES: Pat Verrelle moved, Hank seconded, that notices we receive be included in the minutes. Approved by UC. (Closed)

Old Business

QWEST MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION. Qwest did a poor job of restoring the landscaping on the Ventura median and sidewalks. Lee Ann Riesen contacted Qwest to have them fix what they did. The contractor performing the original work is Del Rio Construction. Landscaping has been redone. The contractor will come out in the Spring, when it is warmer, to redo some broken stucco. (Open)

CONTACT NEW ONC PERSON: Pat asked Lee Ann Riesen to contact the new staff person at the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), and invite the new person to the VENA annual meeting. Stephanie Winklepleck is no longer there. (Open)

INSURANCE: Mike Gibson has checked with the Manuel Lujan Agency to look into insurance for VENA officers. They have not yet given him a quote. (Open)

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS: Pat asked that we place a request on the web site (www.venaabq.org) asking for volunteers to help scan VENA documentation that extends back many years. (Open)

LA CUEVA SECTOR PLAN AMENDMENT: Lee Ann Riesen gave a report on the city council meeting where the amendment to the La Cueva Sector Plan was discussed. The amendment was to close a loophole that allowed developers to include easements (by calling them “proposed”) and other areas when computing acreage to be developed. The amendment passed unanimously. It is not clear whether Bob Keeran will be required to reduce the number of homes in the development planned directly north of Signal. Tony Huffman made a motion that passed by UC to have Mike Gibson and Mike Brewer investigate these issues and bring them before the board in future meetings. In particular, they are to work with Councilor Winter and the city to get the density issue of the Keeran development resolved. (Open)

WEEDS IN VINEYARD PARK: Duke will take pictures of the weeds in Vineyard Park, and send a letter to Jay Hart (City Weeds Dept.) He’ll also ask the city to move the dog poop bag dispenser located in the alley on the south side of the park to a spot within the park. (Open)

VENTURA MEDIAN: Pat will continue the process with the city to get the Ventura median “recognized” so that the city will maintain it. There was a motion, approved and seconded, that we cede the Ventura median to the city. Hank will write a letter to Brad Winter indicating that we will be going forward with the median turnover process. Hank will also research the 2007 minutes for all board activity on the Ventura median. Approved by UC. (Open)

CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSES: Duke will have Lee Kahn add the addresses of City Council members to the web site. (Open)

MONTESSORI SCHOOL POSTCARD: Pat Verrelle suggested that we look at the postcard the Montessori school puts out, and consider emulating it. (Open)

WEEDS ON THE WEBSITE: Pat suggested that Lee Kahn add a section on the Web site (www.venaabq.org) devoted to weeds. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. Lee Ann will work with her. (Open)

Next General Meeting Date/Location: 24 Apr 08, 7 PM, Covenant United Methodist Church.

Next Board Meeting Date/Location: ?? at TBD.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM by unanimous consent