

**Minutes**  
**VINEYARD ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (VENA)**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**May 27, 2010**

**Present:** Lee Ann Riesen, Richard Bothwell, Regina Barela, Aaron Brundage, Elizabeth Meek and Michelle Garza.

**Absent:** Mike Gibson, Tony Huffman, Pat Verrelle, and Donna Daniello.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by VENA president, Lee Ann Riesen at 7:05 PM at the Desert Ridge School Library.

**Introduction:** All board members present were introduced to the public.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Lee Ann Riesen and seconded to approve the VENA Board agenda. Motion passed.

**Guests:** The following guests were introduced:

William Kraemer – Representative from Garcia/Kraemer & Associates hired by Hope Episcopal Church. The firm will hire a traffic engineer to do traffic study.

Victoria Martinez - Represents Martin Heinrich's office. She said she is available to answer any questions regarding social security, Veterans services, the VA hospital and passports.

Kristal Metro – a traffic engineer with the City of Albuquerque

**Reports:**

President's Report – The board sent a letter to the City asking for a comprehensive study of traffic along Ventura between Paseo del Norte and Alameda, partly in response to a vote in a previous meeting that we should attempt to get crosswalk at Ventura and Corona. The reply said that that is the job of a sector plan, and that we should be more specific. The board will send a letter asking for a study of the Ventura/Carmel/Holly intersection because it seems the most dangerous at this point. The board is also trying to get the City bus route along Signal between Ventura and Barstow to be moved to Alameda. The bylaws committee determined that our bylaws should be updated to address use of technology, how to call special meetings, and also that we need to write up our policies and procedures. We learned that the VENA corporate documents filed with the state specify that we should have 7 board members, not the 10 that we currently have. So unless there is a push to disband and create a new corporation, we will be electing a board of 7 members at the August meeting. Construction has been quiet, with the exception of the fact that Hope Episcopal is looking at options for Signal between Carrington and Mendocino. This is the topic of discussion for the second half of our meeting. Our weed spraying effort had disappointing results in some areas. We will speak with Tony Huffman, who has been in communication with the company that did the spraying, to see what can be done.

Secretary Report – None.

Treasurers Report – None. Weeds were sprayed along Holbrook, Holly and Carmel. The company will come and spray any weeds that are still coming up.

Vice Presidents Report – None

Neighborhood Report – VENA meeting sign being knocked down by kids in Vineyard I. They will try to find a better spot for the sign.

Clarice Sanchez still awaiting crosswalk on Ventura and Carmel but was able to get a dog poop dispenser at the dirt road leading to Vineyard Park.

Discussion:

William Kraemer was introduced by Lee Ann Riesen, President. He is representing Hope Episcopal Church. The church is supposed to build a proper road on Signal between Carrington and Mendocino by July 23, 2010. He asked for an extension of the July 23, 2010 deadline in order to have a traffic study done. He is asking for an additional year. This traffic study will help decide whether there is a way to bundle the vacation of this section of Signal with improvements within the neighborhoods that will cut down or prevent cut-through traffic. He said that this stretch of Signal will not be vacated unless there is strong neighborhood support. Possible improvements would be making the Greenarbor barricade permanent, and implementing traffic slowing measures along Hampton, Mendocino and Signal.

Kristal Metro said that the Development Review Board may be able to require a traffic study as a condition of the extension. Mr. Kraemer expressed that it may be possible to have the City move up the priority of the study if it is paid for by the church.

He agreed with others attending the meeting that Alameda needs to be developed. Some residents from Carrington stated that traffic outside the neighborhood is cutting through. Signal is not up to standards for right of way. Mr. Kraemer ensured that he would keep someone on the board inside the loop.

It was moved and seconded that the neighborhood association will not object to the request for the extension. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

It was moved and seconded that Tony Huffman, Ginny Cooper, and Clarice Sanchez will serve as the nominating committee for the August elections, with Tony Huffman as chairperson.

**Adjournment:** With no other business pending, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Lee Ann Riesen, VENA President

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Michelle Garza, Secretary

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