

# **Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: 26 Apr 2007

Location: Pat Verrelle's home, 8415 Vintage Dr NE

Chaired by: President, Pat Verrelle

Minutes taken by: Secretary, Hank Happ

Time: Called to order 7:11 PM by Pat Verrelle

Present: Hank Happ, Keith Coulter, Pat Verrelle, Mike Brewer, Duke Winsor, Regina Barela, LeAnn Riesen, Aaron Brundage, Tony Huffman

Absent: None

Visitors: Audra Dericotte, President, Desert Vista Homeowners Association

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the 26 Jan 07 Board meeting were not available. Approval will be done via e-mail. (Open)

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented, amended to mention the January board meeting rather than the March general meeting for minutes approval, and approved by unanimous consent (UC). (Closed)

### **Comments by Audra Dericotte**

Audra Dericotte, president of the Desert Vista Homeowners Association (DVHA), described a recent meeting with Bob Keeran. Per Bob, the gate access to the hospice area off Signal will just be a crash gate, for emergency purposes only. There was also some discussion of the barricades at the end of Green Arbor.

The big topic of discussion was the closing of Signal east of Carrington. If this is to happen, the DVHA wants a 3-way Stop at the corner of Mendocino and Hampton. The DVHA also were concerned that specifics concerning the cell tower (architecture, etc.) were not known. Audra mentioned that reactions to the possibility of Signal closing were mixed. Those against did not like the inconvenience, nor the almost certainty of increased traffic through the subdivision. Audra also said she thought there was a city ordinance covering a maximum ratio of houses to access points within a subdivision, and that the closing of Signal would exceed that ratio. Those in favor of the closing cited a current crime tactic where burglars are parking along Signal, jumping the fence, burglarizing a house, and then going back over the fence for a getaway. This has happened multiple times. In another crime-related area, 6 cars/trucks were stolen from the subdivision since the first of the year.

### **New Business**

Green Arbor Barricades: It was moved by Tony Huffman, seconded by Mike Brewer, and approved by UC, that the barricades on Green Arbor stay in place until the completion of the extension of Alameda Blvd. all the way to Eubank, as has already

been agreed to by the city. (Closed.)

General Membership Meeting Frequency/Form: It was moved by Mike Brewer, seconded by Tony Huffman, and approved by that the May General Membership and June board meetings be cancelled. In the future, Duke Winsor will construct a postcard notifying residents of the date, time and location of the next General Membership meeting, where to send dues, and that the newsletter is available on the website ([www.venaabq.com](http://www.venaabq.com)). If residents wish a hardcopy of the newsletter, they will get one upon receipt of dues (if they are not already paid up). (Open)

Green Arbor Median: Pat Verrelle moved, Mike Brewer seconded, and approved by UC that we will remove the water meter from the Green Arbor median (after notifying residents that we are doing this), and make efforts to get it xeriscaped in the future. We are looking at getting a committee of Vineyard I residents to take over responsibility for the median. On a side note, it is Pat's name that is on the water bill. (Open)

Ventura Median: Pat Verrelle moved, Hank Happ seconded, approved by UC, that the city of Albuquerque take over responsibility for the Ventura median. (Open)

Ventura Place Shopping Center (VPSC) Update: Pat Verrelle and Lee Ann Riesen attended a hearing before the Zoning Commission concerning the height of the letters on a possible tenant in the VPSC, viz., Bed Bath and Beyond (BB&B). Nothing was decided at the hearing, and another hearing will take place May 15. The initial plan had a 7 foot high set of letters in 2 rows. They (BB&B) have indicated they might consider a reduction to 6 feet, but no lower. The La Cueva Sector Development Plan (LCSDP) specifies a maximum height of 24" for all signs. BB&B contends that the offset distance of the VPSC from Paseo del Norte warrants a larger sign. Tony Huffman moved, Mike Brewer seconded, approved by UC, that the VENA board will accept a sign where the top letters are no more than 30" high, and the bottom letters are no more than 24" high.

Walgreens Update: A Walgreens pharmacy is going in at the southwest corner of Paseo and Ventura. It is requesting a liquor license. There was a little discussion on this, but no motions. There was a clear sense of the board that we would prefer that the store not sell liquor, and that it would also close at 9 PM. There is another Walgreens pharmacy approximately 2 miles away on Paseo that sells liquor and stays open past 9 PM.

City Ordinance Change: There is currently a move to change City Ordinance ???. The changes were passed around at the meeting by Pat Verrelle and discussed. The board moved, seconded, and approved by UC that we are opposed to the change. In particular, we feel the wording relaxes requirements, and could open the door to households with many more people than is appropriate.

Next General Meeting Date/Location: ?? Aug 07, 7 PM, Covenant United Methodist Church.

Next Board Meeting Date/Location: ?? Jul 07 at Pat Verrelle's house.

Adjournment: ?? PM by unanimous consent