

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

Date: 31 Jul 2007

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

Chaired by: President, Pat Verrelle

Minutes taken by: Secretary, Hank Happ

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

Present: Hank Happ, Pat Verrelle, Duke Winsor, Regina Barela, Lee Ann Riesen, Aaron Brundage, Tony Huffman

Absent: Keith Coulter, Mike Brewer, Larry Demos

Visitors: None

Secretary's Report

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

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

Ventura Place Meeting: Pat Verrelle and Lee Ann Riesen attended a meeting with the Ventura Place Shopping Center developer, Chris Richter, and concerned residents. They expressed that the Bed, Bath and Beyond sign was too big, and they were concerned about traffic. Chris Richter owes us a clarification on the 38-inch sign size approved by the ABQ zoning officer. At the last board meeting, we approved a motion that we would not accept letters any larger than 30 inches. (Open)

Mike Brewer's Mother: Mike's mother passed away. We extend our deepest condolences to him and his family. (Closed)

Hope Episcopal Update: Pat V. heard on 30 July that Hope Episcopal got 100% approval for the church, hospice, shopping center and two office buildings. A VENA resident who lives at the SE intersection of Signal and Carrington expressed concern with the 9 small parking slots that will be located near Signal.

The EPC disapproved an amendment to prevent street closings. Per Pat, the city wants high density, and closing streets will increase density. The ABQ City Council will discuss this Monday 6 Aug. Pat, Lee Ann and Duke will attend a meeting with city attorneys and Councilor Brad Winter to discuss this. (Closed)

Ventura Median: Hank moved, Duke seconded, that we request the city to take over maintenance of the median directly east of Ventura. Pat discussed the procedure – a written request must be received by the city by November for consideration in FY08 budget. We will present this request at the 23 August General Membership meeting. Pat will compose the request, and Hank will edit. (Open). (Note – This same motion was approved at the 25 April 07 board meeting.)

Villa Firenze Rock: Pat reports that Villa Firenze installed rock at their cost on Corona, even though the covered strip is the responsibility of the Desert Vista Homeowners Association. (Closed)

Covenant UMC Check: Pat sent Covenant UMC a check for \$200 as a donation for allowing us the use of its facilities for the General Membership meetings. (Closed)

Vineyard Park Weeds: Pat goes to Vineyard Park Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and pulls weeds. The city is not doing its job. Pat will compose a draft letter to send to the city asking them to live up to their responsibility here. Hank and Aaron will edit it. (Open)

Discontinue Newsletter: Hank moved and Tony seconded a motion to discontinue the VENA newsletter. It was approved by unanimous consent. Per the motion at the last meeting, Duke will compose a postcard announcing the 23 August Annual General Membership meeting. Residents who would like to get an idea of what is going on in VENA can send their name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to Lee Ann Riesen to be added to a “VENATalk” mailing list. She will produce an electronic newsletter similar to one produced by the NorEste NA. Pat suggested she work with Joe Yardumian. (Open)

VENA Letterhead: Aaron and Duke will compose a VENA letterhead template to include a list of board members, neighborhoods, and a black-and-white pale watermark map of VENA. (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)

2006 Audit Committee: Duke volunteered to head up the 2006 Audit Committee. Regina will also be on the committee. A VENA resident, non-board member volunteer is still needed. (Open).

Green Arbor Median: Pat reported that the city will not maintain this median. Tony sprayed the median early in the summer, but the vegetation there is flourishing due to the recent rains. Tony has some bids to clean out (xeriscape) the median. The low bid is \$2700 to eliminate all greenery, remove the concrete housing for the valves, put down a weed barrier and cover with Santa Fe brown rock and boulders. (Open)

Truck for Can Recycling: Hank reports that Carl Schulz’ truck will no longer be available beginning Sept. 2007. Regina volunteered the use of her truck, providing there was notice. Duke will mail Hank a map to the recycling center off of San Antonio and Jefferson (Closed).

Walgreens Update: A Walgreens pharmacy is going in at the southwest corner of Paseo and Ventura. Duke attended a Walgreens Facilities meeting held at Sandia Presbyterian Church. He reports that about 60 people attended, mostly from Heritage Hills. 95% of the discussion concerned traffic. Drainage was also a concern. He says that liquor will not be sold at the Walgreens, that the building will be approximately 14,000 square feet, and it while it will look “like a Walgreens”, it will be surfaced with brown stucco. (Closed)

Treasurer’s Report.

Tony passed out a report. We have 4 new members who paid for 2008. As of the end of July our account balance is \$3976.60. Recent expenses include a \$200 donation to Covenant UMC for facilities use, \$50 to Carla Irwin for the Vineyard 4 block party, and a \$25 donation to Stephanie Winklepleck,(from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, and a big supporter) whose mother passed away recently.

Next General Meeting Date/Location: 23 Aug 07, 7 PM, Covenant United Methodist Church.

Next Board Meeting Date/Location: ?? ??? 07at TBD.

Adjournment:9:06 PM by unanimous consent