

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 6 Sep 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 7:10 PM by Pat Verrelle

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

Absent: Larry Demos

Visitors: None

Secretary's Report

The minutes for the 31 Jul 07 Board Meeting and the 23 Aug 2007 Annual General Meeting were passed around. Minutes were approved by Unanimous Consent (UC). (Closed)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved by unanimous consent (UC), with the addition of discussing future meeting dates. (Closed)

Election of Officers

The following are VENA board officers for the 2007 – 2008 year:

- President: Pat Verrelle
- Vice-President: Lee Ann Riesen
- Treasurer: Tony Huffman
- Secretary: Hank Happ

All were voted for by UC.

In addition, Lee Ann Riesen and Aaron Brundage are designated alternates for District 4 coalition meetings, and will attend alternate meetings. Mike Gibson will be a backup for Lee Ann and Aaron, should they not be able to attend. Aaron is the designated backup for the current District 4 representative, Walt Miller.

Pat mentioned that she will have surgery in November, and will need board support. (Closed)

President's Report / New Business

VENATALK: Lee Ann Riesen has set up an e-mail list: venatalk@topica.com. It is not moderated currently. About 90 VENA residents are on it so far. Lee Ann is passing around information of interest to residents using this. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. (Closed)

DR HORTON AT DRB D.R. Horton will attend the Development Review Board (DRB) meeting scheduled for September 12 at 9 AM. They do not want to spent money on

sidewalk improvements, in anticipation of Signal being closed. DRB requires them to hold that money in escrow. At present, there are just rock piles south of Signal, and an incredible amount of mud and trash collects there after a rain. (Open)

INSURANCE. Mike Gibson suggested that the board obtain directors/officers' insurance. He said that most insurers will also provide legal counsel. He volunteered to look into this. (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)

WALGREENS MEETING. There will be a meeting concerning the development of Walgreens on 24 Sep. Lee Ann, Aaron and Duke attended the last one, and will also attend this one. (Closed)

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)

REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER: Larry Demos has only attended one board meeting (26 Jan 07). Per the bylaws, a vote was taken to remove him from the board, which passed by UC. (Closed)

Keith Coulter asked to be removed from the board, although he indicated that he will continue to be involved. (Closed)

VENTURA MEDIAN: Pat will continue the process with the city to get the Ventura median "recognized" so that the city will maintain it. (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)

LETTERS: Hank will draft template letters to send to residents concerning barking dogs and weeds. Relevant city ordinances will be quoted. Hank will also draft a thank-you letter to Councilor Winter for his support of the La Cueva Sector Plan Amendment, and a letter to all the other councilors thanking them for their support. (Open)

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

GREENARBOR MEDIAN: There was discussion concerning the water and electricity at the Greenarbor median entrance. Pat mentioned that the city has refused to take responsibility for the median. Tony mentioned that he had 2 bids for re-landscaping,

one for \$2700 and one for \$4700. It was agreed that we did not want to pay this. Mike Gibson mentioned that there might be a company willing to landscape in exchange for signage. Mike Brewer moved that we have the water and electricity services terminated. Mike Gibson seconded. Passed by UC. (Open)

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

Treasurer's Report.

We now have 773 residents within our borders, and we have 3 commercial members of VENA.

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

Next Board Meeting Date/Location: 25 Oct 07at TBD.

Adjournment:9:44 PM by unanimous consent