

Board Meeting Minutes
<http://mediterraniahoa.com>
June 14, 2023 @ 7:00pm
Location: Susan Cyr's Residence, 3672 Cliffside Drive

In attendance: Craig Whited, Patty Ott, Bob Wright, Dominique Lam, George Crudge, Kamal Keroles, Anton Dontscheff, Susan Cyr, Betty Riedman, Lois Karp, present via phone were Pam Andresen and Jim Hevener.

Absent: Samaan Bakar

Called to order at: 7:12 pm. A quorum for meeting was noted by the President

1. Approval of the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:

The April meeting minutes were approved by all present.

Motion made without objection – Patty moved that we approve the minutes, seconded by Craig.

2. Officers' Reports :

A. President -

-increase in crime in our area recently

-Craig and Lois have been in contact with city manager to voice concerns and ask questions. Raised some concerns, such as; under reporting of crime on the peninsula, possible use of the city social media accounts to alert residents if there is an increase in crime, the posting of information on crime rates on the city's website, and an increase in the number of flock cameras around the city's arterial roads.

-City manager was informed that 99% of the usage of our flock camera footage is by the sheriff's department. The hope is that the city and sheriff would be onboard with funding the installation of more flock cameras throughout the city, which could reduce crime.

B. Vice President -

-Lois requested information about the number of patrols, and time spent, on the peninsula by the sheriff's department.

-on May 2nd, city council approved the creation of a community safety service program as a 2 year pilot project. They will be following a USC public administration program, doing a comparison between RPV and other cities. The community safety program will include analyzing Flock camera use, street lights, and speed bumps. This program may include civilians taking on certain work the sheriff's department is currently doing. This may free up time for deputies to address more serious needs. Lois mentioned that the city is currently spending 27% of the city budget on the sheriff's department.

-Lois is also trying to get an update on the new UCLA campus (on the site of the former Maymount campus).

C. Secretary -

-The April meeting minutes were approved by all members. Dominique will send the approved minutes to Betty for publication on web site. Dominique has now taken over the duties of updating the membership roster whenever Craig receives membership payments.

D. Treasurer –

-Available balance is \$7,513.36 with 101 Members as of 06/04/2023. Some of these funds

are earmarked for the landscaping and improvement of the area by the old Mediterrania sign along PV Drive East. Craig had reimbursement checks for Patty and Tony, for items they bought for the summer BBQ.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Landscaping –**
-Jim is working with Tim Valot to begin work on the upper entrance area. The work should begin within about 4 weeks. Tim met with Jim and Tony at Armstrong Garden Center to go over plants and the planting plan. There was discussion about getting the city to contribute funds to replant an area that the city had planted which subsequently died. Jim, Tony, Lois, and Pam are to meet with Tim and get a detailed estimate of cost for plants and labor. They will meet within the next 2 weeks and get that done.
- **Wireless Facility –**
-Craig has been in contact with the city manager and the department of public works. The city will not approve any plan over the previously set height.
- **Handover of membership list and newsletter distribution –**
-Dominique is now maintaining the membership roster, and Kamal has taken over newsletter distribution.
- **Summer BBQ Event Report –**
-The cost of the summer event was \$1,046.09, with approximately 30 guests (not including board members and their families). A larger turnout than that was expected, but cold, windy weather likely put people off. There was discussion of whether there will be future events in the summertime. Summer may not be a good time for a bigger event.
-Future events will be simpler to avoid higher costs. The fall wine and cheese generally has a larger turnout, as does the AGM. The idea of restarting the Halloween event for neighborhood children was discussed. Perhaps that could be an event planned by board members with school age children, or community volunteers. The wine and cheese will take place in September or October, and the AGM takes place in February. It was discussed that the next AGM could take place at the new Ladera Linda Park meeting room. George has a contact in parks and recreation who he will talk to about securing a date.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Suggestions made at the June 4th event –**
-Suggestions that were made by members present at the June event were to get more flock cameras for the other end of Ganado, to increase membership dues, and to have members speak with neighbors who are non-members to encourage them to become members and to discuss benefits to the neighborhood when there are more members.
- **Articles for August Newsletter and distribution date –**
-Dominique and Suzy will write an article on the benefits of HOA membership. Lois will write a tribute to Tom Redfield. The social committee will write an article about upcoming events. Craig will write the President's message and an article with an update on the UCLA campus. Articles are due by Aug.6th.
-The newsletter will go out for distribution in mid to late August, aiming for the weekend of Aug.12th/13th or 19th/20th. *All board members please take note that all articles are to be sent to Craig, in docx form, and he will send all the articles on to Betty.*
- **George –**

-George brought up the idea of having decal stickers for all members of the HOA. Something small and attractive that could be put on a car window or bumper. It could serve as a reminder to non-members. He also suggested looking into revitalizing the neighborhood watch.

Next Board Meeting: 08/30/23, TIME - 7:00 pm, LOCATION – Lois Karp's Residence.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:47 p.m. Motion by: Suzy to adjourn, seconded by Dominique. Vote: unanimous