

Board Meeting Minutes

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November 14, 2024

Location: Zoom

In attendance: Craig Whited, Betty Riedman, George Crudge, Lois Karp, Suzy Cyr, Samaan Bakar, Dominique Lam, Jim Hevener, Kamal Keroles

Absent: Patty Ott, Tony Dontscheff, Bob Wright, Brent Schirripa

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. Quorum for meeting noted by the President.

1. Approval of the minutes for August 28, 2024 meeting. *Motion made, seconded and approved without objection to approve the prior meeting minutes.*

2. Officers' Reports

- a. **President – Craig Whited:** Flock will forgive the old bill that went to the wrong address, which is a \$4,000 forgiveness, they have also agreed to give the HOA a \$500 discount. The Crown Castle antenna for the cell phone tower is going according to plan.
- b. **Vice President – Lois Karp:** The contractor hired by Crown Castle never got city approval to tap into the existing city water line so that they can install the new irrigation line to the shrubs that will be put in around the power box. They will now apply for it.
- c. **Secretary – Dominique Lam:** Approved minutes to be forwarded to Betty for publication on the MHOA website.
- d. **Treasurer – George Crudge:** Available Funds are \$2,134.63. Current number of members is 129, with distribution of 139 stickers. Available funds will increase when the HOA receives \$2,000 from the city to help cover costs of the Flock cameras. Absent action by City Council, the city will not be contributing any further funds in the future. ***Motion made, seconded and approved without objection*** –the HOA car stickers be used again in 2025, at the same budget as this year.

3. Old Business

- a. **Website Updates:** Betty and Dominique reported that the update is complete and online. All board members are asked to visit the website and read over all sections.
- b. **Map of MHOA:** Betty has posted the map of the Mediterranean neighborhood with boundaries of the HOA on the website. There was discussion about whether we should consider expanding the boundaries of the HOA so that others can pay membership dues and attend HOA events. This could increase funds for cameras etc. It would need to be discussed at the annual meeting with the membership.
- c. **Social Committee:** The wine and cheese event went well and came in slightly under budget. Samaan brought up that 2 purely social events a year might bring community members closer together. He offered his home for a second wine and cheese/social function. Timing was discussed, and it was thought that May might be a good time.
- d. **Installation of Pole and Activation of ATT and Verizon service from pole:** Things hopefully are moving along as planned (except continued delays as reported by Lois).

4. New Business

- a. **Next Newsletter** – Articles will be due Jan. 3rd, 2025 for distribution of newsletter the weekend of Jan. 11th-12th.
 - i. Newsletter articles/writers:
 1. Craig will write the president’s address.
 2. Craig and Lois will write an article summarizing the traffic meeting regarding PVD East /Ganado, if the meeting has taken place.
 3. Brent and George will write a safety and security article.
 4. The social committee will write up the details of the upcoming annual meeting, as well as put up the banners.
 5. George will write a membership article outlining all the benefits of being a member and what we will lose if we do not have enough members (e.g. Flock, landscaping).

- b. **Annual Meeting** – Scheduled for Feb. 2nd, 2025 at UCLA. The social committee will organize food, beverages, and set up.

Motion made, seconded and approved without objection – the budget for the annual meeting be set as last year’s budget with up to a 10% increase.

- c. **Safety and Security Update** – There are currently no blatant safety and security issues. Residents are asked to contact the city regarding traffic, parking, and code violations.

- d. **Raising of Dues**

The President reported the possibility of raising dues was brought up at the October Wine and Cheese Social event, and a straw poll showed there was substantial interest in raising the dues so that our community can continue to enjoy the benefits of the HOA, including the Flock security cameras even if the City does not continue to contribute 50% or more of the rental fees. Residents in attendance supported an increase of at least \$25 (from \$50 to \$75 per year) and some supported an even larger increase.

During the Meeting, the Bylaws were reviewed and it was noted that setting of the dues is a power vested exclusively in the Board, and not the Membership.

Motion made, seconded and approved without objection – that the annual dues of the Mediterrania HOA for 2025 forward will increase from \$50 to \$75 per year.

Motion made, seconded, and approved without objection – (a) Members who paid their 2025 dues early have the option, but are not required, to pay the \$25 increase, (c) all Board members will pay the new dues amount, (d) to avoid people taking advantage of the option of paying the 2024 rate, no announcement would be made until the newsletter goes out (to avoid gaming).

Motion made but defeated: that the matter of the dues increase be brought to the attention of HOA members at the annual meeting, and that members be allowed to

provide an advisory vote on the dues increase. The motion was defeated with one yay, 1 abstention, and 4 nays.

George volunteered to include an explanation of the dues increase in his membership article for the newsletter. He will emphasize what benefits are provided by the HOA, and what we stood to potentially lose if the dues did not increase.

- e. **RPV Traffic Safety Committee Meeting** – There is a city traffic committee meeting coming up that will include discussion of the traffic report on the PVD East/Ganado intersection traffic study. It is important that we have a good turnout to make our feelings known. Craig and Lois have been in contact with the city and are supposed to get a copy of the report before the traffic committee meeting, so we have time to consider the recommendations.
5. **Next Board Meeting:** No date was set for the next meeting as a number of Board members had left the zoom meeting before it came to an end. Craig will contact members in regards to the date.
 6. **Adjournment:** *Motion made, seconded and approved without objection* –Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.