

Board Meeting Minutes
<http://mediterraniahoa.com>
August 28th @ 7:00pm
Location: Zoom meeting

In attendance: Brent Scherripa, Craig Whited, Dominique Lam, George Crudge, Jim Hevener, Kamal Keroles, Lois Karp, Tony Dontscheff, Betty Riedman. Joining later was Bob Wright.

Absent: Samaan Bakar, Suzy Cyr

Call to order at: 7:04 pm. A quorum for meeting was noted by the President

1. Approval of the May 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion made without objection – Tony moved that we approve the amended minutes, seconded by Brent.

2. Officers 'Reports :

- A. President** - Craig informed the board that there was an attempt by Crown Castle to reactivate an old AT&T cell tower, with no permits and no notification. Craig called the city and an inspector came by and stopped the unpermitted work. If a company reactivates an old tower and isn't caught in the act, it can be next to impossible to have it removed after the fact. Crown Castle still has electrical work to be done at the Ganado//Floweridge site. Flock continues to demand payment for a 2022 bill that was sent to an incorrect address. We are refusing to pay the bill that went to a random address not even located in Mediterranean. As the bill was not received, we did not submit the bill to the City. Once Flock realized the error, it was too late to ask for funds from the city as the budget for that year had already been closed. There continue to be issues with being able to pay for the Flock cameras. If memberships increase there will be more funds to provide this safety measure that benefits the entire neighborhood.
- B. Vice President** - Lois brought forth some ideas for updating the website. Dominique and Lois will meet to go over the website and Dominique will type up the updates and send them to Betty. The rest of the board will then be invited to check out the updates and give feedback.
- C. Secretary** - Minutes were approved without any changes, Betty will post them on the website.
- D. Treasurer** – Available funds are \$6,513.97 with 115 Members, 188 stickers have been distributed. It has come to George's attention that some stickers are falling apart. He will provide replacement stickers if desired. He will look into getting sturdier stickers for next year.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Jim's letter to city re contribution to Flock camera payment**– Jim's letter has not been answered. What is our next move? Craig can contact Ara to see if the reply to our letter was delegated, and then missed, as there have been staffing changes recently. We discussed sending the letter again and add in that payment is being demanded so it is more pressing now. We all agree the city should contribute to

the cost of the cameras as more than 99% of use is by the sheriff's department. Jim will send an email and the same letter, and will ask who will be following up.

- **Landscaping project completed** – Lois will write a thank you letter to Tim Valot in the next newsletter, thanking him for his help with the landscaping project.
- **Next Newsletter** – The articles will be due by Sept. 6th, as Betty has guests coming and will need to format the newsletter before their arrival.
- **Website Update** – Lois found a number of things on the website that are out of date or unnecessary. Dominique will review the website and meet with Lois to discuss changes. Dominique will write the updates and send those to Betty, along with info about which sections can be deleted. The board discussed removing the names of members from the website, as the list is already on the back of the newsletter. There is no need to make it available online. The board decided there should be a Safety and Security tab, this section can be updated by George and Brent as needed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Map of Mediterrania for website** – Betty will work on a new map for the website, as the current one is not very clear. The goal is to make it clear which houses are, and are not, located in Mediterrania.
- **Confirmation of newsletter articles** – Craig will write the President's message. Lois will write a thank you to Tim Valot for his landscaping help. Brent and George will write a safety and security article. The social committee will write an article about the upcoming wine and cheese event.
- **Annual meeting** – There was a discussion on where to hold the next annual meeting in February 2025. The new Ladera Linda community center was discussed. George has been in contact with Alexia regarding Ladera Linda, to see if we can use it for free. A previous deposit to the community center for an event that could not take place was never returned. George is looking into it being refunded. UCLA South Bay was used last year, at no cost, and is conveniently close. If Ladera Linda will cost money to use, we will use the UCLA cafe again. In terms of speakers, we discussed asking Steve Yu of UCLA again, and it was put forward that we invite whomever the new mayor is.
- **Wine and Cheese Event** – Being held on Oct. 6th, 2024. Social committee to confirm with the Bakars that their house can be used for the event. The banners need to go up asap, and the menu needs to be decided. We discussed speakers and decided that a mix and mingle format would be better, rather than having many speeches. All those running for city council will be invited.

Motion made without objection – Dominique brought forth a motion to approve a budget of up to \$1,100 for the wine and cheese, seconded by Jim.

- **Installation of pole and activation of AT&T and Verizon service from the pole** – The installation of the new light pole with fitting for wireless transmitter has been completed. Most of the work is completed, they are just waiting on electrical parts. The box has not been installed yet.
- **Safety and Security update from Brent and George** – The house on Seaclaire has now gotten a permit for work and someone has moved in. The large storage container has been removed. Now there is only

a trailer present. There was a house on Hightide that had a U-Haul truck parked for an extended time, the truck has now been moved. A house on Coolheights that seemed to be under construction has now gotten permits for interior work, earthquake updates, and remediation work. Another house on Coolheights has been vacant for a while, there are currently no permits for work, and no activity. It does have yard work done monthly, but is still obviously vacant. If there are no violations nothing can be done. There are concerns as it did have foundation issues in the past and there seem to have been foundation repairs, but the work was not permitted, and neighbors have concerns about the stability. A house on Cliffside previously had a stop work order as there weren't the necessary permits. It sat for quite a while, but there are now some permits and a construction crew is present.

- **Update on City proposals for PV Dr. East** – Craig and Lois have had 2 meetings with Ramsey, the head of public Works. There have been some traffic consultants on weekday mornings, but none have been noted on weekends, when there can be heavier traffic. There was discussion of: trimming bushes and trees on PVDE, red curb painting on some parts of PVDE within Mediterranean, re-painting the lane lines, having a bike lane, having speed warning signs higher up PVDE before the switch backs, having right lane must turn right sign at the beginning of the turning lane rather than at the end, and having intersection ahead warnings on PVDE before the turn down from UCLA. Craig and Lois will continue to discuss with the city. All board members should go to the next traffic commission meeting so our voices can be heard.

Next Board Meeting: 11/14/2024, TIME - 7:00 pm, LOCATION – Zoom

Motion made without objection – Betty brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:57 p.m.