

MVHA Meeting Minutes

Mission Viejo Library

December 15, 2009

Guests: Elisabeth Fernandez, Lois Kiefer, Mary Ayers, Christy McMullen(Seville Townhome Assoc.), Kathy Selles, Nancy Miani, Palma Tedeski, Dick and Dee Klaus, Kris Lamens, Hugh Munoz, Darin Payne, Dave Goss, Carol Tobiassen.

Meeting called to order at 6:40. All board members present.

Open Members Forum: Question about breakins. One on Helena Way that Ed Lewis camera captured. White pickup-spoke wheels-no tailgate.

Question about snow removal around inner circle-maybe HOA could pay for.

Minutes: Tricia made a motion to accept. Ron seconded. All approved.

Financial Report: The library fund will be kept in a separate account. Receiving money from residents and neighboring HOA's. Seville gave \$1,000, \$500 for library and \$500 for right of way. Presently the account has \$215 in the bank. Add in \$1160 from donations and \$500 from Seville. Total: \$1875.

Pro Disposal amounts for last 2 months: September-805 residents October-849 residents Total for 2 months is \$3,613.00.

Beginning balance in HOA account- \$3,205.63. Ending balance: \$5,282.10. Took in \$13,686.00 this year.

Todd made the motion to accept the financial report. Troy seconded the motion. All approved.

Committees: Welcome committee report by Tricia. There were 7 new residents in November.

Newsletter Committee: Elaine said that one newsletter deliverer quit, so we need another volunteer.

Library Closing Update:

Thanks to the people who attended City Council meetings. There was a good representation from MV.

Bob Broom proposed the keep the library open. It lost by a 7-3 vote by City Council.

Mr. Hoban, Todd, Bob Broom and the City Attorney and another attorney had a short meeting. The city offered nothing, so it was decided to go ahead with the lawsuit. All board members agreed. Mr. Hoban is charging us a flat fee of \$5,000. Mr. Hoban prepared the legal documents this weekend. The primary action will be regarding the fact that the city signed a document in which they agreed to keep the library open for 50 years. It is hard to know what the city defense will be. They say that the restrictions/covenant part expired in 35 years. That may be true, but the main document did not. The city may say that agreements can only be valid for 35 years, but that law was passed after the agreement between MV and city was signed. The court decided to hear the case on an expedited basis.

The court date is set for December 22, 9:00 am in Room 401 at the Arapahoe City Justice Center at 7325 South Potomac, Centennial. This is just off Arapahoe Road and Potomac. Nine people present at the meeting said that they would attend the court proceedings. Todd and Dena Appleton will be testifying. Also Sandy Roberts, PTO president or Sandy Zimmerman, Community Liaison for the school may testify. There will also be a former MV employee who will speak about the agreement.

The annual budget for the library is \$680,000, but it has been revised to be \$636,000. The state has standards for how many hours a library should be open. It needs to be open at least 20 hours per week. Elaine asked if that would be decided or would that be left up to the city. Todd is going to present the information at the annual meeting. Perhaps the leftover money that is collected can be used to form "Friends of Mission Viejo library" committee. This committee could explore grants and sources of financial help.

Another thing to explore is if Arapahoe County Library District would be willing to take MV library into the Arapahoe Library district. The Arapahoe Library District would have to be expanded to include Mission Viejo. There is also a private company that runs libraries.

Regarding the 4A initiative, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee said it was like blackmail for the voters. The city does have some other money in reserves, e.g. The Green Fund has \$300,000 in reserve. Until the economy turns around we need Aurora GID or Arapahoe County GID.

Based upon the contract, the framing and timing has been bad. City Council looks at it totally as an election issue. In August or September Todd asked Bob Broom to find the agreement. Bob responded that the reverter clause had expired in 35 years. After the election, Todd was upset and someone wanted to know how the MV library was started, so Todd went to the City Records. He would have done it before if it had not been for Bob Broom's statement.

Alan made a motion to spend 50 to 100 dollars to understand the demographics of the 4A election. Tricia seconded the motion. All approved.

Walgreens Update: This is still going on. HOA provided comments about the structure. Walgreens has taken these suggestions into consideration. We are not sure when it will go to the Planning Commission, but probably in January or February. It will probably begin to be built in late summer or fall.

Annual Meeting: Meeting will be held on January 19 at Mission Viejo School in the lunchroom at 6:30. Elaine asked if we had a list of residents who use the trash service. Last year Elaine called members and there was a good turnout at the meeting. The list is not in order, so it is questionable if we are able to do that. Elaine suggested that we try to get a volunteer group to go door to door in the neighborhood and see if we can boost the residents using the trash service. Also Elaine suggested that we try to get a list of volunteers for the library at the annual meeting.

Todd stated that we will be amending the by-laws at the meeting. Proxy postcards will be mailed to the members. Alan will use the trash service members as a list of people to mail postcards to. Also all of the volunteers will receive a postcard. Alan can get the list of volunteers from the January newsletter. There

is a vacancy on the HOA board. There is supposed to be a minimum of 7 board members. Perhaps we can recruit another board member at the meeting. Alan brought up the budget for next year. Todd wants to put new signs at the corners of Mission Viejo at a cost of approximately \$4500. Elaine brought up the fact that there was not much money in the budget for improving the exterior perimeter. Alan said that this budget was not set in stone and more money could be added throughout the year.

People that will be speaking at the meeting are: Tom Tobiassen for Neighborhood Watch, Bob Broom, and a Pro Disposal representative. Todd mentioned that perhaps we should give an award for outstanding neighborhood service. Elaine said the award should go to Todd for his efforts on the library issue and also on the exterior perimeter issue. Then Troy suggested that we have a pizza party for the volunteers at the Dry Dock Brewing Company. Alan made the motion to spend \$500 for pizza and soda. No date was set for this.

Elaine asked if volunteers were needed for the meeting. It was decided that we need 2 volunteers for set-up, 3 volunteers for checking- in residents, 3 volunteers to count votes. The setup will begin around 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 6:30.

Community Hayride: Elaine said that the hayride was being held on December 20 meeting at Holy Love. Dave Broussard is driving the hayrack and he has insurance. Alan gave Elaine a \$50 donation check to give to Dave. Holy Love is graciously letting us use their Fellowship Hall at no charge and Elaine will be picking up the key and will have full use of the hall and the kitchen. There are approximately 90 people signed up for the hayride. Elaine mentioned that she would need money for drinks. Troy said that he had cider mix and hot chocolate mix. So all Elaine would need to get were cups, stir sticks and milk. Alan suggested that we allot \$50 for the drinks. Elaine seconded and all approved.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40.