

MVHA Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2009

Mission Viejo Library

Guests: Dawn and Marty Magers, Karen Wilson, Carol Tobiassen, Elaine Forkes, Cindy Acree, RJ Foos.

Meeting called to order: Board members present: Ron Costa, Alan Engels, Tricia Roush, Todd McMahon, Elaine Lay. Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:40.

Pro Disposal Update: RJ Foos updated what is happening with our new trash service. PD has been in business for 10 years. RJ had a business with his dad for 11 years. They operated BFI. When his dad retired, BFI was sold and RJ went to work with Waste Management. After one year, he and another employee decided if they were working this hard, they might as well work for themselves. Thus Pro Disposal came into being 10 years ago. Presently there are 713 customers in Mission Viejo. There is no distinction between previous customers and new customers and HOA customers. All are grouped together and when there are 775 customers in the neighborhood, PD will begin paying the HOA \$2 per customer monthly. RJ spoke briefly about recycling. PD has to pay to take the recycling to Alpine Waste. There are 3 companies that take recycling material. No longer do trash companies get paid for recycling material, but we are fortunate in Colorado to have land available. If we lived on the east or west coast, the cost would be much higher because of the scarcity of land.

After RJ spoke there was a brief discussion about the inclusion of homes in Quincy Creek area. The homes in this area are included in the count and any new customers will also be included. This necessitates information disseminated to the residents in Quincy Creek. Discussion on this topic follows later on in the meeting.

RJ said to call any time with questions. He loves to "talk trash".

Open Members Forum: Carol Tobiassen noted that the Neighborhood Watch meeting is on March 31 at the library and the PAR officer will be there. There was a question about Heartwood and Todd said that would be addressed later on in the meeting, but he did mention that the YMCA is seriously looking at the property.

4th of July: Elaine Forkes introduced herself as a neighborhood resident since 2001. She and her daughter have a home based business doing event planning. She is volunteering as a resident to chair the 4th of July celebration. She plans to continue what has been happening at the celebrations. She just received the information from Lori Underwood about past celebrations and plans to be ready to present plans for this year at the next HOA meeting. Volunteers for this year's celebration will have 2 hour blocks of time to volunteer. She only had a few volunteers show up at the first meeting. Alan advised her to put an article in this month's newsletter requesting volunteers and community sponsors. Todd advised her that if there were any major changes in the celebration to let him at least a few weeks ahead of time so that he can notify our insurance company.

Minutes: Alan suggested a couple of changes to the minutes from last meeting. In #2 add Tricia Roush as present at the meeting as a board member. In # 11, the Tax preparation lady's name is Liz, not Dawn. Todd made a motion to accept the minutes with these changes. Ron seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Alan gave the treasurer's report. Presently the balance is \$4,170. We have spent \$2,136.32 less during the first 3 months than we budgeted. This is due mainly to bills for postage etc. for the annual meeting coming out of the December budget rather than January and also due to the residents delivering the newsletter. Todd made a motion to accept the report and Tricia seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Tax preparation report: Alan prepared and sent it in. It was due March 15. Even though we are a state non profit organization in Colorado, federally we still are a taxable entity. Each year we need to show a balanced budget. This year we are spending less than we are taking in, but the past two years we spent more than we took in. By mail to file the report with the state, the cost is \$100 to file. If you file online the cost is \$10. Alan did file online in a timely manner. If we purchase things commercially, we do have a tax exempt form that allows us to pay no tax on our purchases.

Unexpected Expenses: New Plexiglass for the signs. Expected cost- \$60 to \$75.

Insurance Costs: Renewal costs need to be paid soon. Presently our bill is \$2500 for the year, but it may be more because of the increase in membership. Our insurance covers the HOA for community events and also insures board members from incurring any financial liabilities. Todd is looking into Fidelity insurance, which we may need if we have substantial funds coming into the HOA. It will cover the financial assets of the HOA.

Brief recap of Board elections: Todd handed out a copy of the board members, spouses, phone numbers. He asked that board members check for errors. Todd directed that board members review policies on the website and directed board members to have all decisions made at the HOA meetings.

Trash Changes: These were addressed when RJ was speaking. For the most part residents in the neighborhood are very happy with the decision to have Pro Disposal as our trash service provider. Quincy Creek will be included in our numbers. Todd is going to check with Colorado Lasertype to see if they would be willing to print enough newsletters to distribute to the residents of Quincy Creek. If so, Elaine is going to write a letter of explanation to these residents to be included with the first newsletter.

Right of Way Issues: Todd has contacted the City Attorney several times with no results. Even though we feel that the city is responsible for the exterior perimeter and for the areas along Mission and Alicia Parkways, the city does not concur with that opinion. Todd is trying to establish some sort of agreement, whereby the city will help with the maintenance of said areas. Elaine reported that she had talked to Marsha Osborn about a neighborhood cleanup. Marsha stated that the city would not pay the costs of street closures, but perhaps they could provide manpower to help with trimming and removal of bushes along Chambers and Hampden. Elaine then went on to request that the HOA sponsor a neighborhood cleanup in May since that is stated as one of the main purposes of the HOA and we have not had a cleanup since September, 2007. The cost of the cleanup would be mostly the street closures and some discussion followed about the ability of the HOA to pay for those costs in May. It was decided to follow up this discussion at the next meeting. Elaine is to continue discussion with Marsha about the possibility of the city helping with the trimming and removal of bushes. Also Elaine will check on the cost of the street closure of Chambers. It may be \$400 instead of \$800. Todd is going to check with Pro Disposal about providing a trash rolloff for the cleanup. The cleanup day is tentatively set for May 16.

State of Colorado House Bill 1235- Todd and Alan both testified in favor of the bill, but the bill died in committee.

New Business:

Neighborhood Events: Todd proposed these events for 2009: Cleanup in May, Community Garage Sale-June 26 and 27th, Music in the Park- Labor Day. There is still the possibility of adding events at a later date. Todd made the motion to sponsor these events. Elaine seconded. Motion approved.

Aurora Parks and Recreation Task Force Report: Todd attended a neighborhood roundtable meeting. The meeting was held to address the lack of recreation centers in Aurora, not parks and pools, but recreation centers. There is a

task force of 50 residents. They are trying to discern how much residents are willing to pay to build some centers. Todd stated that Mission Viejo has an empty building that could be used for that purpose. He was told that the YMCA is seriously looking at the purchase of the property and is presently trying to secure the funds needed to purchase and renovate the property. It will take 3 to 4 million to renovate. Todd, Ron and Tricia are going to jointly serve on the YMCA Task Force.

Newsletter Report: Elaine reported that there are presently 24 residents helping with the distribution of the newsletter. When the newsletters are ready for distribution in April, Elaine would like to have all of the carriers come to her house to pick up their newsletters and make this a social gathering for residents to get to know other MV residents. Alan made a motion to expend \$40 on refreshments for this gathering. Todd seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Newsletters: All articles for the April newsletter are due to Todd by March 20.

Todd made a motion to adjourn at 8:40. Alan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.