

## MVHA MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2008

Mission Viejo Library

**Guests:** Annette and Lee Brown, C. Fuhrer, Cathy Roger, Jackie Jensen, Joyce Durant, Jim and Janice Dittmar, Lori Underwood, Michael Nance, Michael Martin.

**6:00 Questions from audience:** Can we do anything about lawn problems?

Alan's answer: Call Access Aurora. If we go to court, it costs \$1,000. Person doesn't have to pay. City code states 6" in grass height. It also addresses no trailers, no cars parked on street for long periods of time and other things. In Mission Viejo, 17% of the homes are in foreclosure, nearing 400 homes. The bank is required to take care of the property. The lady stated that there is no watering of the lawn because the utilities are turned off. Alan said that the bank will not invest any money in the property. Other HOA's fine homeowners 4 or \$500. A friend was assessed \$250, \$25 a day. We used to have a management company, which we paid \$45,000 a year for. This is no longer the case. The property in Mission Viejo seems to be improving. Someone took care of most of the weeds on Hampden and Chambers the last couple of days.

**6:47 A Quorum** was established with Alan Engels, Elaine Lay and Ron Costa. The meeting was called to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron made a motion to accept the minutes from June 17. Alan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** Elaine made a motion to accept the report. Ron seconded the motion. The financial report was approved.

**Trash Program Update:** On July 10 the HOA board met with Chris Blascoe of Waste Advantage. Waste Advantage and Mission Viejo decided to go ahead with the Trash Service in Mission Viejo. This was a huge accomplishment.

There was a change in the contract. The price of \$16 a year for WA service is now guaranteed from August 1, 2008 to August 1, 2009. Previously it was stated that the price was guaranteed for each customer for a one year period, but the logistics of that are too difficult to carry out.

The HOA needs 650 homes participating in the Trash Service program before we can discontinue asking for voluntary dues. A few years ago the suggested voluntary dues was \$80 a year. Presently it is \$50 a year.

Friday is the day of the week that WA picks up the trash and it will be that day unless we grow the business to the point that there needs to be more than one day for WA to pick up the trash. There is an extra charge for picking up furniture, etc. , but it is a reasonable charge. The information about recycling will be in the August newsletter. The recycling calendar is on the website and can be printed out by individuals. Also the calendar for recycling is in the August newsletter.

Waste Advantage has agreed to reimburse us \$150 a month for the cost of the newsletter delivery until the end of the year, since much of the newsletter is dedicated to the promotion of the trash service.

Alan made the proposal to get \$200 to run off the materials to distribute to the remaining homes in Mission Viejo in the door to door campaign for the trash service. There is a possibility that Ron can run them off. Elaine made a motion to accept the proposal. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Community Garage Sale:** Alan recapped the sale on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There were lots of signs in the neighborhood and it seemed to be an overwhelming success!

**Fourth of July celebration:** Lori Underwood gave a brief report. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence Day celebration. Our event is the largest in the city of Aurora and among the top 3 in Colorado. Between 12:00 and 1:00 there were around 400 people present. The time of the celebration from 10:00 to 1:00 is good because it gives people an opportunity to do other things later on in the day. This was the best celebration ever. There were repeat winners in the parade. Congratulations to Lori for her time and efforts!!! An Easter Egg hunt was suggested as a possibility for next year, in addition to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. It was also suggested that the celebration could be moved to a time later on in the summer when more people would be in town.

#### **New Business:**

**Continuation of Newsletter:** We were committed to the newsletter for 3 months. The newsletter is an excellent way to advertise events. The Printer and Editor are on vacation so the deadline for articles for the August newsletter is July 21<sup>st</sup>. The board will be looking at advertising on the web site to cut down costs. Alan made a proposal to continue the newsletter at least until January. Elaine seconded the motion and it was approved.

**End of Summer Picnic:** The Aurora Symphony Quartet Jazz Ensemble will be playing in the park on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Alan suggested that we contact the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to sell food at the event and keep the profits for their troops. He also suggested that we have this once a month in the summer next year. The time of the event was not set at this time. Elaine suggested presenting the bench for Mary Ann Lewis at the event. A motion was made by Alan to present the bench at the concert. It was seconded by Ron and approved.

**Heartwood Property:** Nothing final has been decided yet. Starfish and Michael Ruffin are still two interested buyers.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elaine seconded the motion and it was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.