

## MVHA MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2008

Mission Viejo Library

**Guests:** Mark Saumur, Tricia Roush, Donna Koepfel

**Open Forum:** Questions about Neighborhood Watch and how closely does HOA work with this program? Neighborhood Watch is on the HOA Website under the heading of **Committees**. Tom Tobiassen is our neighborhood representative and he is now also a member of the RTD Board. The new PAR officer will be at the HOA Annual meeting on January 20. There was a brief discussion about numerous neighborhood break-ins during the last couple of months.

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

**Welcome Committee Report:** Tricia visited 3 homes this past month. She got the names from Cheri Long.

**Minutes:** Alan made the motion to accept the minutes. Todd seconded the motion and all approved the minutes.

**Financial Report:** As of December 6, there was \$2825 in the account. There have been several hundred dollars in donations since 12/6. In November we changed from monthly legal fee to "pay as you go." We should be good financially until May/June. The newsletter is \$3500 a year, which is a major expense. Alan wants to have the final draft of the budget sent out to the board by 1/15 so that we can see it before the annual Meeting on 1/20.

Expense to produce the annual meeting notice request was maintained and under the budgeted amount of \$400 to complete the notification. The expenses reported were \$210.78 - \$30.35 refunded from Kinko's for a total expense of \$180.43

Ron motioned to accept the financial report, Elaine seconded and all approved the financial report as given.

**Trash Program Update:** On the day before Thanksgiving, we were notified that Waste Management (WM) was buying Waste Advantage (WA). We were asked to sign a statement recognizing that we were aware of the transaction. On December 12 Todd and Alan met with Jack Cella, the WM sales manager. He reassured Todd and Alan that the contract would be honored in full with the same rates; same containers and they very much want to continue the program.

Current WM customers that are not participating in the HOA trash program do not automatically roll into the program. These WM customers must call and say that they want to be a part of the program. They can request to keep Tuesday as their trash pick up day. Their rate will be \$16 a month and \$2 will go to the HOA as soon as we reach 500 customers. A list of present WM customers was requested so that we can send them a letter asking them to switch their service to the HOA program.

If customers send their payment to WA, Tom and Nick are still there working for the next 6 months and they will forward the payment to WM. WM said that there will be a representative from WM at our annual meeting. The recycling truck and trash truck look very similar. They have asked that trash and recycling be placed on opposite sides of the driveway. All of WA drivers are now employed by WM. Call WM for customer service.

Alan made a motion for a limit of \$400 in costs needed to send a letter to the current WM customers explaining that they need to switch their service to the HOA service, if they want to benefit the neighborhood. Todd seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Alan suggested that we leave the signs up where they are, and the number on the signs needs to be changed.

**Walgreens Update:** The meeting with Walgreens' representative was supposed to be held on December 12, but was postponed until January 12. So there is no new information. New update on the Hampden/Chambers corner. Walgreens is on hold, Starfish is leaving this week. There is a new owner, but we are not sure who that owner is. Bob Broom is monitoring the situation.

**Right of Way areas and City Ownership:** On December 12 there was an informal meeting with Bob Broom regarding city ownership. The information regarding this situation is on the web site in the NEWS section. There will be a meeting on January 5 with Bob Broom, members of Parks and Recreation and representatives from the other HOA's in Mission Viejo regarding this matter. Bob Broom stated that if there is a legal reason, he will try to make it happen. Bob will be at the annual meeting, as will Ryan Frazier and Brad Pearce. There may be a vote taken at the annual meeting as to whether or not the HOA wants to put pressure on the city to take care of these areas. Mission Viejo has a unique situation that differs from other HOA's. We may be looking at hiring legal counsel to resolve the matter.

**Annual Meeting Plans:**

1. Tom Tobiassen will be responsible for the PA system

2. Elaine will be responsible for the volunteers needed: 2 volunteers needed for the sign in table, 2 volunteers needed for the set up and tear down—6 o'clock setup and meeting will be over by 9 o'clock, and 2 more volunteers needed to count votes.
3. Todd will be sending out the notices regarding the meeting. The only people that are allowed to vote are those that pay dues, subscribe to the trash service or volunteer. It used to be that anyone living in Mission Viejo was allowed to vote, but the by laws were changed so that only participating members in the HOA are allowed to vote. Members of the trash program that are renting property are also not allowed to vote.
4. Anyone that can find homeowners in Mission Viejo that are willing to serve on the board is encouraged to recruit those people to attend the meeting on January 20.
5. Alan made a motion to send proxy voting notices to all active HOA members. Elaine seconded the motion. All were in favor. Todd will send out the notices.
6. An award will be made to an outstanding volunteer at the meeting within the expense as provided for in the 2008 budget for awards. Todd made the motion and Elaine seconded the motion. All approved.

**City of Aurora Budget Problems:** Members present filled out a questionnaire for the city regarding the budget problems. Todd will submit the questionnaire to the city.

Meetings in 2009: All will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the library, except for the September meeting, which will probably be held at Mission Viejo Elementary School.

**Archival Material:** Todd will take the material from 2008 to the Denver Public Library, where it will be added to the existing materials.

Todd made a motion to adjourn at 8:45. Ron seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.