

Mediterrania Homeowners Association



Rancho Palos Verdes
Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Board Meeting

1. In Attendance:

Mort Bauchman, Pat Carroll, Joyce Kochanowski, Carol Morris, Viviana Pichler, Alice Snyder, Amy Sulkowski. **Absent:** Don Ott **Host/ess:** Kochanowski.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Ms. Kochanowski and seconded by Mr. Bauchman, the Minutes of March 11, 2014 were unanimously approved.

3. President's Report:

- a. Viviana Pichler advised of her conversation with Mr. Walston regarding a technicality precluding him from Directorship inasmuch as his status is that of a resident, not a homeowner.
- b. She then introduced Amy Sulkowski, candidate for Directorship, who in turn told the Board of her 26-year residency/homeownership and her prior employment in the field of Employee Benefits Management.
- c. The Board was cautioned about petty thefts occurring due to autos being unattended and not locked. All residents should be aware of any suspicious individuals on our streets.
- d. A list of Block Captains was passed out, courtesy of Betty Riedman, Neighborhood Watch representative. It was noted that some info needed to be updated.
- e. The RPV Earthquake Preparedness contact is Tracy Bozano.
- f. At the recent RPVCC meeting, several requests were made of Marymount in the areas of: noise study, additional parking lot trash bins, fencing along the north & east perimeters of the East Parking Lot, reduced parking permitted hours, requiring shields be placed on certain light fixtures, and requiring that graduation ceremonies with amplified sound be held in the East Parking Lot until an athletic field is constructed on site.

4. Vice President's Report: nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Mort Bauchman stated that an additional \$780 was brought in and that 71 homeowners are now members. Normal for this time of year is around 117-124. Another request will be included in a subsequent Newsletter. Some already paid for their 2015 dues. Balance Y-T-D is: \$5,519.96.

6. Arts Jury:

a. Carol Morris advised that Sgt. Rozas (L.A. Sheriff, 310-539-1661) is aware of the noise and traffic caused by the weekend motorcyclists speeding along PVDE at/near Ganado, and that Officer Knox has written some citations. Police presence may be seen at the top and bottom of that stretch.

b. Skateboarders continue to be of concern, and are usually not from here. A woman has been seen on Sunday mornings dropping off skateboarders at Via Colinita.

c. Residents should attempt to get license numbers of cars that look foreign to our community.

7. Streets & Landscaping: (Don Ott being absent, a report was given by Viviana Pichler)

a. The entry area has been planted with blooming flowers, and some pruning needs to be done on various shrubbery and trees.

b. Bennett Landscaping made a bid of well over \$400 to do pruning and clean up, a price considered by the Board to be excessive.

c. No suggestions have yet to be submitted to Don re: changing the entry signage.

d. Pat Carroll stated that, rather than a major overhaul, what if we merely painted the lettering a different color? He handed out three versions of the signage lettering: black (current), green, and blue. Most opted to keep the entry as is, or in other words: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

8. CHOA:

Alice Snyder stated that there are 60 CHOA members and that many are condos. She will be attending the next meeting and have more CHOA news for us.

9. Newsletter:

a. Pat Carroll advised that he'd contacted those involved with RPV's Newsletter to determine how/when they produce their copy. It's anticipated that if we do a quarterly issue we'll try to have it out before RPV's so as to appear more current, not just copying their info. Also, he'll determine the price of theirs vs. ours.

b. The question of doing a quarterly newsletter was raised and seems doable, if there's enough news to fill an issue. There likely will be, even if in fewer pages, perhaps 4 vs. 8. The intent is to a) keep the MHOA members abreast of community happenings, and b) remind all homeowners that the MHOA is working on their behalf.

10. New Business:

a. President Pichler requested that the Board consider her nomination of Amy Sulkowski to fill the vacancy of Jack Walston as a Director. There was some discussion of the MHOA's By-Laws and Articles of Association and how they applied to filling vacancies on the Board.

At that point President Pichler made a formal nomination of Ms. Sulkowski and, upon a motion by Mr. Bauchman, seconded by Alice Snyder and unanimously carried, Ms. Sulkowski was elected to the Board of Directors.

b. There was discussion of the MHOA website and it's need for updating. Mr. Carroll showed the Directors pictures of the opening pages of the eight HOA's with a web presence. He said he's has been in contact with Betty Riedman about the matter and they'll meet soon. All suggestions will be submitted to the Board first.

c. President Pichler asked is it would be feasible for MHOA to have a Facebook page. Most agreed that inasmuch as there isn't much we could do to make the page newsworthy, it probably wouldn't work.

11. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Mr. Bauchman, seconded by Mr. Carroll, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.