

Mediterrania Homeowners Association



Rancho Palos Verdes Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Board Meeting Called to Order: 7:36pm

1. In Attendance

Pat Carroll, Mort Bauchman Lois Karp, Carol Morris, Viviana Pichler, Alice Snyder, Amy Sulkowski.

Absent: Joyce Kochanowski, Don Ott **Host/ess:** Mort Bauchman.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes, having been proofed and corrected via email by all shortly after the June meeting, were moved as approved by Alice Snyder and unanimously carried

3. Officers' Reports

President: Viviana Pichler

a. The City has authorized the Mayor to sign a letter to the California Coastal Commission, expressing the Council's support for the Trump National flagpole at its current height and location.

b. On July 15th, the City Council will discuss whether to call a Special Election (November 4, 2014) regarding the reduction of the 3% rate and modernization of the City's Utility Users Tax.

Vice President: Alice Snyder

a. Carolyn Petru is currently the Acting City Manager, and will serve in that capacity until the search for a new CM is completed.

b. RPV has 3 LACSD patrol cars, plus 1 shared car with the RH & RHE, plus 2 traffic cars and 1 motorcycle. According to the RPV City Manager, the "*fully burdened cost*" of a police officer, which includes salary, benefits, car, overhead, and supervision, amounts to around \$360,000. Some questioned the accuracy of that amount and asked if we could obtain a detailed breakdown. Mrs. Snyder said that she would pursue that.

Treasurer: Mort Bauchman

a. At the June Board meeting we had 83 paid members, and as of this July Board meeting the number is 97.

b. The cost of the Summer newsletter was \$168.

c. Our revenue surplus continues to remain slightly above the \$5000 level

4. Guest: Lois Karp

a. Marymount cannot request or ask the the City to process any permits until they have completed all items that the city council mandated to be complete by June 15, 2014. The letter deemed them in non-compliance with their CUP. This would include their Special Use Permit for amplified sound that is applied for once a year in the summer. August 19, 2014 is the date that the Permit for the athletic field will expire if no work is done between now and that date.

b. Neighborhood committees continue to try for a Loyola Marymount style of community forum but Marymount California is not welcome to that more-open style of meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

CHOA: Alice Snyder

- a. Superintendent Walker Williams presented an update on the continuing success of PV schools and students. He also addressed the implementation of Common Core standards
- b. The matter of trying to expand police presence on The Hill will be addressed in earnest at the next CHOA meeting in September. The more HOA's expressing interest, perhaps the better chance of getting action.

Newsletter:

- a. Pat Carroll was advised that Phantom Drive is not a MHOA street, as was listed on page 3 of the Summer Newsletter.
- b. The cost of printing was roughly half the Spring issue inasmuch as it was half the size and not in color. Mrs. Karp stated that we could go back to the pink paper on the smaller issues so that the Newsletter doesn't look like a throwaway on the doorstep. Mr. Carroll suggested we do color on all issues since 1) it looks classier than either of the two foregoing options, and 2) there are sufficient funds, and it's worth the cost.
- c. A Fall issue would be created for distribution on the last weekend of September, and details would be discussed and finalized at the September Board meeting.
- d. A few members indicated a desire to receive e-alerts on time-sensitive matters. It is hoped this list can grow.

Old Business:

All joined in continuing a discussion on the annual membership meeting in January, to wit:

- a. Mrs. Morris advised that Terranea's quote is too expensive.
- b. Most agreed that Ladera Linda is a good fit due to facilities and location.
- c. Mrs. Karp stated that it would cost an additional \$80 in permits & insurance if we allowed alcohol at the event, whether served or BYO. Mr. Carroll thought that option could bring more attendees and thus easily negate the extra fee.
- d. Food need not be from one source. There could be something from various vendors, including any MHOA residents who might be in the food business.
- e. We were reminded that this is a general membership meeting. Voting on items will be taken, including new Directors, therefore, dues must be paid at the door, and there must be a quorum of dues payers present.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Amy Sulkowski and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.

Next Meeting:

September 9, 7:30p.m., at the home of Lois Karp, 31115 Ganado Dr., RPV. (Alice Snyder – Hostess)