

Mediterrania Homeowners Association



Rancho Palos Verdes
Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting
Called to Order: 7:34pm

1. In Attendance

Pat Carroll, Lois Karp, Joyce Kochanowski, Carol Morris, Viviana Pichler, Alice Snyder, Amy Sulkowski.
Absent: Mort Bauchman, Don Ott **Host/ess:** Alice Snyder (at Lois Karp's house).

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were distributed by email to all prior to the meeting. Upon a motion by Joyce Kochanowski and seconded by Alice Snyder, the Minutes were approved

3. Guest Speakers

President Pichler introduced Capt. Blaine Bolin and Sgt. Dave Rozas of the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., Lomita Station. Capt. Bolin advised, and reaffirmed, the Lomita station's role as chief police presence in the cities of RPV, RH, RHE, and Lomita, with over 90 officers, 25 clerical staff, and 60 volunteers. He further related the overall crime status of the Peninsula, that of being relatively safe, with incidents showing a decline over prior years.

He cautioned that thieves are finding it harder to rob businesses due to surveillance cameras in abundance, whereas the average home isn't so equipped, thus easier to hit. Items taken from homes are usually taken to various pawn brokers or "middlemen" who peddle the goods for cash. Some may even try using CraigsList.

The Board was treated to a few fascinating stories of individuals engaged in prolonged criminal activities who were eventually apprehended by the LACSD and are currently facing trial and jail time. He addressed the importance of the homeowners' responsibility in seeing to it that RPV remain relatively safe by taking simple steps for home security.

Sgt. Rozas related how the effort to curb speeding motorcyclists is starting to pay off by the occasional use of radar enforcement and citations.

Others joined in for a round table discussion of speeding, additional officer presence, skateboarders, burglary, theft from automobiles. With respect to the speeding issue, the idea of speed bumps on Ganado has been floated. Capt. Bolin added that the fire dept. would have more information on the subject of response times to and from a scene with emergency vehicles. Additionally, there was discussion about response times to and from scenes, and that the bumps would affect ALL traffic instead of just targeting speed violators, and would also create additional noise pollution. Based on these factors, the Board's position is against speed bumps, and a unanimous vote was entered. The bottom line is for residents to obey the 25MPH speed limit.

4. Officers' Reports

President: Viviana Pichler

a. Most of her report was already addressed in the round table discussion mentioned above.

Vice President: Alice Snyder

a. The next CHOA meeting is on September 17, 2014.

Treasurer: Mort Bauchman (report given by Mrs. Pichler in Mr. Bauchman's absence)

- a. We gained 17 renewals in August, bringing the overall to 109 members.
- b. Financial status continues to remain above \$5,000 in the bank.

5. Guest: Lois Karp

a. The City has removed the sandbags from alongside PVDE on Marymount's property, however, since no other blockage has been constructed there's nothing to prevent dirt from falling into the storm drain, thereby becoming a block on any eventual rainfall. In such a case, RPV Code Enforcement would ordinarily cite the property owner, but that has not been done as of this date. Authorization for Marymount's upcoming "amplified sound events" may be a factor.

6. Committee Reports:

Traffic/Construction: Amy Sulkowski

- a. PVDE construction is slated to be concluded in October and appears to be on schedule.
- b. The San Ramon Canyon project reminds homeowners to clear their swales of debris, etc. that may hamper rain runoff. The property owner is potentially liable in the event of damage done to others' property due to neglect in taking this precaution.

Newsletter: Pat Carroll

- a. The Fall issue would be distributed the weekend of 9/27/28/14, meaning printing would be earlier that week and articles submitted no later that the 24th. There's enough to fill perhaps two pages and more material is needed. Our Newsletter will include some timely updates taken from the recent RPV Newsletter. Mrs. Morris suggested acknowledging the Garden of the Season recipient on PVDE. All agreed that a picture of the house and brief text would be appropriate, member or not.
- b. We need to advise the members that Board vacancies (officers and committee heads) will be occurring in January, and to please consider volunteering one's name for possible election to the Board.
- c. We also need to start promoting the Annual Members' Dinner, as waiting til the December (Winter) issue is too late. Also, free recognition should be given any restaurants or other food providers so as to 1) pique member interest in the food that'll be served, and to 2) give the providers free advertising.

Old Business:

- a. Letter to City Council about crime and traffic control. This matter is pending, depending on what CHOA may decide to do at their next meeting.
- b. Info on law enforcement cost to city. *This item postponed in the interest of time.*
- c. Annual meeting; Assign duties. It was agreed that Sunday, January 25, 2015, would be the date, barring unforeseen problems. It was agreed that it would be okay to serve wine at the dinner and pay for the extra liability insurance. Mr. Carroll stated that Kamal Keroles (Babouch Moroccan Restaurant) would be happy to provide food in a "buffet-style" setting.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by everyone present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7:30p.m., at the home of Don Ott, 3540 Hightide 902