

# Mediterrania Homeowners Association

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Rancho Palos Verdes  
Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Board Meeting  
Called to Order: 6:38pm

## 1. In Attendance

Pat Carroll, Sue Estes, Jerry Hashimoto, Ela Heyn, Joyce Kochanowski, Chris Wilson. **Guest:** Lois Karp (Marymount and By-Laws/Procedures Consultant)

## 2. Approval of August 11, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes were distributed by email to all prior to the meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Heyn, the Minutes were approved.

## 3. Officers Reports:

**Treasurer:** Ms. Kochanowski reported \$4851.37 in the MHOA account (compared to \$5626.15 as of August 11, 2015). Records show 127 members, 2 new. Last year the MHOA had 135 members.

**Vice President:** Mr. Hashimoto discussed the CHOA meeting, which included discussion of 1) candidates for City Council, 2) skateboard park idea and congestion concerns, 3) Del Cierro Park with social media outreach leading to parking problems.

## 4. Committee Reports:

**Streets and Landscaping:** Juan Reyes has not responded to a request for pricing for periodic maintenance of landscaping and possible replacement of grass with drought-resistant plants/hardscape in the lower Mediterrania sign area. Mr. Wilson met with him, walked the areas to be landscaped, then received no proposal.

**Newsletter:** New printer is PVPUSD at \$.70 per Newsletter. January 31, 2016 to be annual meeting date, to avoid conflicts with NFL playoff games. Next newsletter is planned for 12/15. Need articles, such as about why to be a paying MHOA member, why to consider work on the Board, 311 for non-emergency Sheriff help, photos desired for MHOA web pages, status of landscaping efforts, ideas/suggestions desired for drought resistant landscaping around lower sign, suggestions for arts jury attention, suggestions for things to discuss in newsletter, suggestions for places to plant

replacement City trees (as and when funds are available and water resource conditions look good), ideas/suggestions for traffic control on switchbacks and Ganado, ideas/suggestions for best use of available police and police volunteer resources (eg Neighborhood Watch) to protect property and people.

**Arts Jury:** Residents should be encouraged to clean out swales, making sure heavy rains will drain without erosion/water damages. Also, use of drought resistant plants should be encouraged. Issues with dead trees or concerns about cell towers may be brought to MHOA Board attention.

## 5. Guest

Lois Karp discussed history of issues with Marymount, including Measure P for dormitories (which was defeated), a soccer field permit (which has expired). Ms. Karp will meet with the new head of Marymount to discuss the on-going concerns of the community. A “best solution” for all concerned might be to have Marymount sell its PVDE property and relocate its teaching facility to some larger parcel (or parcels) of land.

## 6. Old Business:

- a. **Newsletter Mailing versus Hand-Delivery.** Post office red-tape makes hand delivery seem most advisable. Ideally, Board members will walk different streets for each Newsletter delivery, to become familiar with the territory (and possibly meet residents, potential MHOA and MHOA Board members).
- b. **Emailing News to Residents.** Emailing news to residents seems to be appreciated and not considered spam. Looking for 30% of MHOA opting to receive news emails.

## 7. New or Future Business:

- a. **Board Positions Profile/Synopsis.** Job descriptions to be prepared by year end for inclusion on the web site, including (perhaps) 3 things the incumbent sought to accomplish (or maintain, or avoid fouling-up).
- b. **MHOA Website Update.** Mr. Carroll updating. New server provider – GoDaddy. Board supports ideas of updating photos, having Minutes accessible, possible improvements to look. Site address is <http://palosverdes.com/mha/> - will be shown on Minutes and on each Newsletter.
- c. **By-Laws Update.** Update would be in order to (1) increase dues, (2) provide for voting (and standing for office) by proxy at annual meetings (or in person), (3) provide for pre-payment of dues if desired (so, not just at or after Annual meeting). Other HOAs allow proxies. Number and frequency of Board positions also needs attention. Ideally, members will vote at annual meeting to raise dues, allow proxies, and allow pre-payment of dues.
- d. **Annual Dinner.** January 31, 2016 at Ladera Linda Community Center. Be there early. Board Members need to support the effort, logistics, etc.

**8. Next Board Meeting:** December 8, 2015, hosted by Ms. Heyn.

**9. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mr. Hashimoto and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.