

# Mediterrania Homeowners Association

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Rancho Palos Verdes  
Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Board Meeting  
Called to Order: 6:35pm

## 1. In Attendance

Pat Carroll, Jerry Hashimoto, Ela Heyn, Joyce Kochanowski, John Mathews, Chris Wilson.  
Absent: Sue Estes, Craig Whited.

## 2. Approval of December 8, 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:** 73 members have paid so far. 136-137 members paid in 2015. Total members asked to pay dues: 249.

## 4. Committee Reports:

**Streets and Landscaping:** Trees now trimmed by Mr. Mattingly (thanks!) around Ganado/PVDE sign. Should help in sorting out best next steps re low-water landscaping/rock garden, possible security camera, possible signage upgrade. Landscape designer Philip Steinman to be asked to share drawing with new Committee Chairman, along with cost information. The chief value added to the community by the MHOA seems to be landscaping, along with annual meeting, and newsletter. Primary spending of dues should be for landscaping (primarily), plus copying of newsletter, and annual meeting. Sorry to say the costs of low-water landscaping, signage upgrade, and possible security camera are large compared to the current funds available to the Board, so multi-year thinking may be needed, along with soliciting help from volunteers and available City resources.

**Newsletter:** New printer is PVPUSD at \$.70 per Newsletter. Next newsletter is planned for 3/15. Articles are needed (community members can submit suggested notes), such as about why to be a paying MHOA member, why to consider work on the Board, dialing 311 for non-emergency Sheriff help, photos that could help make the MHOA web pages better, low-water landscaping/signage/security camera ideas and efforts, 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. Newsletter writing/editing services are to be provided by Mr. Carroll on a volunteer basis going forward. The newsletter in March (with envelopes for dues) should help bring membership up to (or beyond) the 2015 level. A Board goal is to add 10% more paid members in 2016 (say, 13-14 new paid members).

**Newsletter Distribution:** Volunteers (other than Board members) to distribute newsletters are always appreciated. It is nice to walk different parts of the neighborhood say 5 times a years to appreciate the community and what landscaping improvements might make sense.

**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.

## 6. Old Business:

- a. **Newsletter Mailing versus Hand-Delivery.** Post office cost and red-tape makes continued hand delivery of newsletters most advisable. Ideally, delivery volunteers and Board members will walk different streets for each Newsletter delivery, to become familiar with the territory (and possibly meet residents, potential new MHOA members, and potential new MHOA Board members).
- b. **Emailing News to Residents.** Emailing news to residents seems to be appreciated and not considered spam. Opting to receive news emails does not require anyone to give up deliveries of hard-copies of Newsletters.

## 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). Well-drafted profile/synopsis information could help in recruiting new Board members. A Board goal is to have 4-5 new Board members ready to serve by Annual Meeting in 2017. If not enough new Board members are found by then, the MHOA may need to disband.

## 8. Officer Assignments

**President:** Chris Wilson  
**Secretary:** Jerry Hashimoto

**Vice President:** Sue Estes  
**Treasurer:** Craig Whited

## 9. Committee Assignments:

**Streets & Landscaping:** John Mathews  
**Newsletter:** Pat Carroll (not as Board Member)

**Arts Jury:** Sue Estes  
**Newsletter Distribution:** Ela Heyn

**CHOA Representative:** Sue Estes

**10. Next Board Meeting:** April 6, 2016, hosted by Ms. Estes.

**11. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mr. Hashimoto and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher F. Wilson, Outgoing Secretary  
Dated: March 4, 2016