

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, April 21, 2014 @ 1:00 PM
Minutes

Attendees: Bill Hansen, President
Merlyn Carlson, Vice President
Mike Trent, Secretary
Susan Lewis, Treasurer

Dave Poling
Al Gervenack
Bob Gooltz
Jim Swanson

Connie Scott, Executive Director

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| 1. Call to order, pledge to flag | | Bill Hansen |
| 2. Establish a quorum | | Bill Hansen |
| 3. Welcome to PORA members, guests, and press | | Bill Hansen |
| 4. Minutes of March 17, 2014, were approved. | | Bill Hansen |
| 5. PORA membership July 31, 2013 | 12,231 | |
| PORA membership for March 31, 2014 | <u>12,281</u> | |
| PORA membership in fiscal year - net gain | 50 | |
| PORA membership one year ago March 31, 2013 | <u>12,161</u> | |
| PORA membership one year ago – net gain | 120 | |
| 6. President's report - attached | | Bill Hansen |
| 7. Executive Director's report – attached | | Connie Scott |

A11 Other Activity

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| 8. Financial reports – attached | Susan Lewis |
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Motion: by Merlyn to approve the financial report was seconded and passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 9. <u>Bingo</u> - report attached | Mike Trent |
| 10. <u>Governmental Affairs/Utility Rates</u> - report attached | Bill Hansen |
| 11. <u>PORA Adult Learning</u> - Summer session starts May 1 st . | Dave Poling |
| 12. <u>Luke Air Force Base</u> - no report | Mike Trent |
| 13. <u>Marketing</u> - no report | Bob Gooltz |
| 14. <u>Membership - Interim</u> - report attached | Bill Hansen |
| 15. <u>Northwest Valley Liaison</u> – report attached | Al Gervenack |
| 16. <u>Transportation & Water</u> – report attached | Merlyn Carlson |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 17. The PORA Board to accept the PORA Insider Committee's recommendation to establish and proceed with the publication of the PORA Insider magazine. | Dave Poling |
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Motion: by Dave Poling - The PORA Board gives total support to the production of the Insider magazine was seconded and passed unanimously.

18. Discuss final M.O.U. on CC&Rs (problem with Hazelwood handling finances.) Bill Hansen

Motion: by Jim Swanson - To affirm the original M.O.U. and to clarify how the two organizations will work together to enforce the CC&Rs, was seconded and motion carried with one no vote by Dave Poling.

19. Discuss Realtors Program at the Visitors Center Jim Swanson
Robbie, Visitor Center Coordinator, as of April has started having her volunteers track the number of referrals going to the realtors in the Visitors Center.

20. Discuss future maintenance person. New tables quote for meeting/class rooms Susan/Connie was also discussed.

Motion: by Dave Poling - To purchase new tables as represented in the quote of \$1,573.70 was seconded and passed unanimously.

21. The Metal Shop's vacant lot asphalt is a work in progress - Bill Hansen
discuss limitation on future PORA education building.
22. Membership program – Colby cost reduction and back-up volunteers Bill Hansen
23. Next meeting May 19, 2014
24. Comments from Board of Directors
25. Comments from PORA members, press or visitors
26. Adjournment at 2:47 p.m.

By: _____

Mike Trent, Secretary

Date: _____

5/19/14

PORA - Property Owners and Residents Association

Executive Director's Report April, 2014

Administration

- We received many compliments on the food and the service, presented by Grandview Terrace, for our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon.
- The annual corporation report has been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- Team Logic changed the primary location of the Wi-Fi access point to an improved location for the wireless service, but the problem has not been resolved We will need one more connection in Camino room #2. George will contact Cox Cable for their recommendation on the speed of the Cox Cable connection after the new connection has been installed.
- The Posse and I had to work closely with Bill Lewis, President of Kiwanis, to coordinate Kiwanis volunteers to assist with traffic at the shredding/electronic waste event. The Kiwanis volunteers did a sensational job and I sent a thank you card to Bill Lewis. Walt Patterson from Sun City Environmental Committee also worked hard unloading recycle material from cars. We collected 20,000 pounds of paper and 32,117 pounds of electronic waste.
- Linda held a Lunch and Learn for the membership volunteers to reinforce job duties.
- Approximately 100 people visited the Newcomers Coffee, sponsored by the Rec Centers. One new member joined PORA, but quite a few responses were that they were currently a member of PORA.
- The windows of our building have been cleaned inside and outside.
- We called a bee company because of bees in the tree outside of the Visitors Center. We were told that the hive was in the highest point of the cell tower. I called Verizon and they are currently taking care of the problem.

An engineer, Doug Smith, working with ADOT and the Federal Highway Commission dropped off a draft of an Environmental Assessment for the Grand Avenue and Bell Road project for viewing by the general public. ADOT will hold a public meeting on April 30th, on Remington Drive, in Sun City Grand, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This information is posted in our e-newsletter,

- We received the second payment of \$5,740.00 from Sun Cities Publishing.
- CC&Rs
- The CC&R Department is still swamped with weed complaints. They received 181 new complaints in March; 64 more new complaints than last month.
- The department made 285 field visits in March.

Membership

- Front office greeted 1,796 calls and walk-ins in March; 189 more than last month.
- We received \$882.00 in donations for the month of March.

Consumer Services

- Consumer Services logged 1,298 calls and walk-ins in March; 265 more than last month.
- The department received 43 compliments on vendors and has no unresolved complaints.

Visitors Center

- There were 1,628 visitors through the Visitors Center in March; 481 were from out of state and 65 from foreign countries.
- 140 Homes were sold in March.

Marketing

- The Marketing Department met with the Rec Centers maintenance staff and have developed some general plans for the next vendor expo that should have a much better lay-out.

PORA Adult Learning

- Tamie Jones has resigned from Adult Learning due to personal reasons.
- Coleen will be off April 28th through May 2nd.
- See attached report for further information.
- A full report will be given by Director Poling.

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PORA Financials
March 2014

The numbers below reflect year to date totals from July 1 – March 31, 2014. Below is a snapshot of the top sources of income, total expense and net income vs. 2014 numbers.

<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Actual Income</u>	<u>2013 Actual Income</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>
<i>Revenue:</i>			
Bingo	\$169,351	\$169,914	- 0.3%
Membership	\$109,981	\$107,570	+ 2.2%
Business Services	\$ 88,581	\$ 72,395	+22.4%
Adult Learning	\$ 34,600	\$ 25,834	+34.0%
Total Revenue	\$511,132	\$531,850	- 3.9%

The Total Revenue reflects the revenue stream from all sources. Above are the top 4 sources only. The negative variance reflected above is a direct result of losing the phone book income of \$62,500; that being said, PORA is having a good year in Membership, Business Services and Adult Learning.

	<u>2014 Actual Expense</u>	<u>2013 Actual Expense</u>	<u>% Increase/Decrease</u>
Total Expense	\$459,486	\$430,655	+ 6.7%
Net Income	\$51,645	\$101,195	

YTD numbers reflect PORA is operating within the planned budget with a positive variance in income of \$34,259 and under expense budget by \$25,632.

Cash Assets:

BMO Harris Operating Account	\$ 64,064.55
BMO Harris Money Market Sav's	74,158.88
Mutual of Omaha Sav's	35,235.22
BMO Harris CD's (3)	142,041.90
US Bank CD	32,180.10
Mutual of Omaha CD	88,574.51
BMO Harris Bingo Account	23,668.22
Mutual of Omaha CD's (2)	100,000.00

Total Cash Assets \$ 559,923.38 2012 Cash Assets \$ 515,277.17

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Bingo Report March-14

Number of Weeks Played	3		
Number of Players	1223	Avg: ~	408
Total in Checking Account as of:	2/28/2014		\$ 23,203.96
Income:			17048.00
Total Card Sales	16860.00		
Total Supply Sales	188.00		
Expenses:			16583.74
Total Prizes Awarded	10512.00		
Inducements Paid Out	740.00		
Other Expenses			
Repairs & Maintenance	75.00		
Rent	675.00		
Supplies	3132.50		
Volunteer Lunch	1436.81		
Bank Charge	12.43		

Total in Checking Account as of: 3/31/2014 \$23,668.22

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Trent, Director
Bingo Proceeds Coordinator

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT

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April 21, 2014

As the current legislature is drawing to a close, budget settlement is biggest item at this time. A \$9.2 Billion budget was passed, from which the Governor stripped \$4.7 million:

1. A \$1.3 million from counties intended to make up sales-tax revenue lost for new energy tx credit cut
2. \$1 million for trade school, largely in rural areas cut
3. \$500,000. to Dept. of Educ., to train teachers in low-income communities cut
4. \$500,000. to Attorney General Office for enforcement in Colorado City- the polygamist enclave in NW Az.
5. ? amount of money reduction for caseworker in Child Abuse...to be adjusted in a Special Session later

Concern: advances over delinquent attention to Adult Abuse where there has been a 27% increase in cases in last 2 year, leaving 8,800 open cases. Most common is white female, 85 yrs. or older.

Solar taxes idle: one to tax solar, one to provide relief. According to Board Member Gervenack, Legislative leaders are siding with APS' loss of the Corporation Comm. last fall on an issue we promoted. Senate leaders sitting on abolition of tax credit.

Rep Lesko's bill to create more incentives for Private tuition schools failed to pass the House...presumed dead for session.

Tighter limits place on any person assisting in suicide actions with a person inflicted with terminal conditions. HB 2565 passed House & defined such actions as 2nd. degree murder.

Fire Dept. problems continue with Senate refusing to hear Sun City Fire Dept.'s bill to lift the tax cap from \$3.25 per \$100. assessed value to \$3.50. Sun City in dire fiscal shape, unable to pay raises, cutting staff. Mean while, SCWest Dalton keeps chattering about our entering in to Joint Power Agreement with Sun City to reduce administrative staff. Begs the questions, why join with a fiscally stripped community and loose more local autonomy. Sun City is in desparate shape: no pay increases for 4 years, chopped 23 positions on force. What the attraction in joining them?

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Concern grows over Sun City West water rates, as rated as 2nd. highest in immediate area. See Az. Republic chart below

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RATE COMPARISON

Water rates throughout the Valley based on 9,000 gallons used per month.

El Mirage	\$66.57
Epcor	\$53.23
Mesa	\$44.13
Buckeye	\$36.73
Scottsdale	\$35.31
Peoria	\$33.79
Surprise	\$33.79
Glendale	\$33.18
Tempe	\$32.68
Phoenix	\$30.99
Goodyear	\$26.84
Chandler	\$24.51
Gilbert	\$24.35
Avondale	\$23.51

Source: Surprise and Republic research

Check your local tax burden, also as published in Az/ Republic.

STATE AND LOCAL TAX BURDENS

This shows the percentage of income paid out by residents for state and local taxes, including property and sales taxes. Figures for 2011 are the most recent. Arizona ranks 34th in this measure.

Year	U.S. average	Arizona average
1980	9.6 percent	9.5 percent
1990	10 percent	10.2 percent
2000	9.5 percent	8.8 percent
2010	10.2 percent	9 percent
2011	9.8 percent	8.9 percent

Source: Tax Foundation

TAX FREEDOM DAY

Tax Freedom Day is an illustration of how long it takes each year for people to pay off all federal, state and local taxes, assuming they would pay all taxes before spending for food, clothing, transportation, housing and so on. It arrives relatively early in Arizona, attesting to a light combined tax burden here. These figures are for 2014:

- March 30** Arrives first in Louisiana.
- April 11** Comes fairly soon in Arizona, but later than in 2013.
- April 21** The U.S. average is three days later than last year.

MEMBERSHIP

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As the chart shows:

Renewal rate of 83.5% on Regular members

1,994 drop thru year

New Member nearly offset...1,951

Net loss on Regular of 43 for the year

Renewal rate of only 69% on Associates

58 drops

But 117 new members

So Assoc. Members has increased by 59

COMBINED

Renewal rate of 83.3%

Loss of 2,052

Gain of 2,068

Net Combined Membership of 12,281

Increase of less than 1%

We're holding our own, but still suffering from HIGH RENEWAL LOSS!

UNTIL WE ADDRESS SERIOUSLY THE RENEWAL PROBLEM, WE'LL BE STYMIED!!!!

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To: President Hanson

From: Al Gervenack

CC: PORA Board Members

Subject: Monthly Report

Date: 04.21.14

Please accept the following summary of activities and updates for the month of March/April.

- 03.18.14
 - HB2407 is a property tax exemption bill for leased and owned rooftop solar.
I attended the Legislative Hearing before the Senate Elections Committee. The Bill passed; 5 yes, 1 no, 1 absent
The no vote explained that she did not believe the bill should have been before their committee.
Electrical association and tax/business association were against the Bill but the committee chairperson (sponsor of the Bill) made it very clear to the other committee members that this Bill was only a fairness Bill for leased and owned systems. Her statements were confirmed by the Dept. of Revenue spokesperson.
 - 04.18.14 held in Rules committee, dough full to reach a vote out of committee.
- 03.29.14
 - Attended the 35th Anniversary of the SCW Posse. Well attended with building tours, Sheriff's Office equipment, helicopter, dog demonstration, Sheriff Joe, and Supervisor Clint Hickman.
- 03.31.14
 - Attended SCW Citizens Corp Council.
 - Update on Posse insurance being by the County, which shut down the Posse work.
 - Discussion on promoting National Preparedness month in September 2014. Sept. is also falls prevention month.
 - Ham club has established emergency communications between Banner hospital and Wickenburg hospital.
 - Thanked PORA for use of facilities/building for the 1st session, Falls Prevention Program.
 - Discussion around grant submission for NOAA weather radios for SCW (6,000).
 - I distributed copies of PORA revised PORA Connections Policy

- 04.09.14
 - Leisure World
 - Sat on panel discussion of solar in retirement community
 - Overview of SCW Solar
 - Interviewed solar owners about their reason for installing solar and outcome.
- 04.11.14
 - Attended RCSCW Budget Workshop for capital projects (over \$100,000)
 - Transfer of funds
 - Stardust golf greens irrigation
 - New building extension for computer server room (estimate too low)
 - Replace seats at Stardust Theater
 - Replace parking lot lights to LED's Johnson
 - Replace walking track Johnson
 - Replace signage, landscaping at Johnson
 - Study solar for Johnson center
 - \$1M place holder for well replacement
 - \$1.3M place holder for Auto Restoration Building
- 04.21.14
 - Spoke at the SCW Lions Club
 - General overview of PORA
 - Handouts
 - Current issues

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TRAFFIC & WATER REPORT FOR

PORA BOARD MEETING 4/21/14

ROADS, SAFETY & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

- Applied for Electronic Speed Monitor grant through Mt. McDowell-Yavapai Reservation
- Presented MOU to POSSEE for cooperation and coordination, however was denied.
- Checking with Clint Hickman's office for advice and ascertain if MCDOT might be approached for operation
- Have asked for greater participation from MCSO Deputies for speed enforcement
- MCDOT reported all overlay and sealing completed for this year.
- Asked MCDOT for traffic studies on corner of Deer Valley/151st., corner of Heritage/151st, corner of Beardsley/Stardust & corner of Greystone/147th.
- Sun City asking if we would furnish more traffic brochures.
- Work on turn lanes and stop light on RH Johnson, in progress
- Accelerating completion of Bell/El Mirage intersection

WATER COMMITTEE

- Continues replacement of AMR digital meters
- Main line valves being updated
- SCW avoided any water and waste increase for this year
- Proposed 53 ac. Expansion needs for water and waste now postponed for approximately one year.