

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Monday, May 17, 2010 @ 1 pm
Minutes

Attendees: Dusty Bowenkamp, President
 Bill Hansen, Vice President
 Susan Lewis, Treasurer
 Mary Mc Grath, Secretary

Doug Rhodes
Bob Jones
Larry Woods
Lou Annacone

Connie Scott, Executive Director

Absent: Merlyn Carlson
 Mike Trent
 Lu Gay, Parliamentarian

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance. Establish quorum. Dusty Bowenkamp
2. Welcome to residents, guests and press. Dusty Bowenkamp
3. Minutes of May 17, 2010 approved as written. Dusty Bowenkamp

4. **President's Report** Dusty Bowenkamp
We have a meeting scheduled with the Rec Center office to discuss the collection of fines and assessments to property owners that refuse to clean up their yards at the request of the CC&R Dept.

Rec Center is having the Metal Shop make a sign to welcome people into Sun City West. The sign will be placed on the corner of Bell Rd. & El Mirage Rd. That property is owned by the water district and we will need to get their approval. We will get the details together for Bob Jones to take to the next Water Meeting on May 26th.

PORA & Rec Center joint Public Affairs meeting on May 8, 2010, was well attended. Attorney General Terry Goddard spoke on "Senior Scams".

5. **Executive Director's Report** Connie Scott

Administration

Visitors Center, Marketing, and I set up the PORA table at the Newcomers meeting on April 15th. The event was well attended. The new board photographs were taken in April. The group photo is on the bulletin board in the hallway, in front of the Consumers Services office. Each Board member photos has been updated on the PORA website. Many thanks to Don Loseke for his generous donation and professional support. Two flag poles should be installed this week in front of PORA. One pole for the American flag and the second pole for the Arizona State flag and the new Sun City West flag. Two 70 watt metal halide light fixtures will be installed at flagpole location.

CC&R's focus has been on weed complaints. The Prides are working with CC&R Dept. furnishing a list of homeowners with plants, trees, etc., hanging over the walls on

RH Johnson Blvd. This is the home owner's responsibility to trim their plants & trees. 215 Incidents were reported in April, weeds & landscaping top the list. 139 incidents were closed, giving them a 65% closure rate. 262 field visits were done and 48 plans were reviewed.

As a "Special Project", with community health and safety in mind, PORA contacted a general exterminator to remove a bee and rat infestation at 17822 N. 130th Ave. PORA also hired a landscape contractor to remove a cactus at that same vacant property to prevent re-infestation.

Membership gained 88 new members in April. \$170 in donations and there were 1428 calls and walk-ins.

Consumer Services signed up 13 new vendors: received 25 compliments and 1 complaint.

Visitors Center had a slower month with 1,015 visitors, 7 tours and 37 videos shown.

Marketing attended the Rec Center PR committee meeting and Newcomers meeting this month. Banner ads in our newsletter are going well, they should pick up in the fall. Capture rate for new business has slowed down as businesses are being careful.

Lifelong Learning 2010 spring semester ended April 17th. Total of 27 courses were offered and 161 students registered. Fall semester is tentatively scheduled for October 18th through December 17th.

6. **Financials** Susan Lewis
Financials will continue to show a negative variance throughout the year because of 2010 monies being deposited in 2009. Revenue stream is on target for this point in time. Expenditures are well within budget guidelines, being under budget by \$32,000 YTD.
7. **Bingo** Dusty Bowenkamp
Income for April was \$18,542.00. Expenses were \$22,574.82 with total prizes awarded. Traffic Logix- Radar sign, and Arizona Taxes all due in April. Checking Account as of 4/30/10 was \$18,404.36 balance.
With winter visitors gone it is even more important we advertise in PORA newsletter to encourage attendance.

8. **Government Affairs**

Bill Hansen

The major thrust of our legislative activity revolved around blocking the passage of the parking bill authority, H.B. 2153. Had we not defeated this legislation in the Senate, we would have lost our control to regulate parking, so this represents our third year victory for citizens of Sun City West.

It is important for our community members to realize that we have 4,000 R.V. & boat trailers stored in a mutual lot with Sun City in order to preserve the natural beauty of our residential neighborhoods.

We have never been able to stop the bill in the Arizona House, the Senate has been our fail-safe harbor. Our success is due in large part to the over 600 e-mails that flooded the Arizona Senate chambers. A special thanks to all of our folks who so graciously responded to our pleas for support. Without them, we never could have won the war on the tortured trail this bill traveled this year.

The Legislative Committee has decided to expand our governmental activity by implementing candidate survey forms which will be mailed to persons running for the Corporation Commission & Legislative posts. It will reflect issues in each field that are of vital interest to the residents of Sun City West. We will print the candidate responses, and our preferred stances, and let the residents draw their own conclusions. It is the intent of our committee to develop a closer working relationship with both of the Utility Commissioners and Legislators, as well as the prospective Legislative leaders. We will continue to maintain a closer liaison with Sun City in both utility and legislative areas.

Wastewater Utility battle, on April 7th we filed testimony to RUCO (Residential Utility Consumers' Office) consisting of 9 pages of argument with 15 pages of exhibit documents on the rate case, which centered on the following general areas:

1. Unchallenged Management Fee Expenditures.
2. Expenditure includes a list of 12 sub-categories, but none are itemized for the hearings.
3. The formula for assessment of these charges to individual districts varies by as much as 2 to 1.
4. Rate payers are still assessed 70% of the pension costs of officers, and it has been contended by one witness for RUCO that incentive bonuses are included in this expenditure.
5. Utility costs in Arizona put us at a competitive disadvantage for new business And industry.
6. Neither commission staff nor PORA has expressly examined this expenditure item.

The one way that you can cut utility rates or stop them from going up is by really digging in on expenditures the utility company makes. That is what we have done. A charge that has really bothered me is the charge from last fall and this year called Management Fee Expenditures which is a transfer that the local company makes to the parent company. Over \$790,000, in this case.

May 18th meeting will concentrate on the potential consolidation plans. Both Larry Woods & I will act as Individual Interveners in this case. That hearing is tonight.

9. **Health & Environment**

Mary McGrath

No report on Valley Fever.

The new phonebooks are here. Please recycle old phonebooks with ether Parks & Sons, Lions recycling or behind Safeway.

The Environment Task Force held the second meeting at Vantana Lakes on April 29th. The Environment Task Force tried to explain that they wanted cumulative modeling for this cluster of 28 mine in an 8 mile area and all clusters in the valley. The Task Force explained what the California Resource Board has done with cumulative modeling in hopes that Arizona could use this as a guide for the future. The Arizona Department presented their mantra about not being able to do much, again. More work needs to be done.

10. **Water/Traffic**

Bob Jones

Ian Crooks, Arizona- American:

Reminded the members of the committee that the hearing on the consolidation of water rates will be held on May 18 at the ACC. It stated that at this time neither the ACC staff nor the Az. American Water Company is in favor of consolidation. It will be up to the ACC to decide.

The Rec Center report noted plans this year to convert some grassy areas to desert landscaping, they will start on Grandview golf course at the 11th tee. This should save 400,000 gallons of water a year.

The concerns in the community regarding the striping on Heritage Dr. was addressed by giving a brief history for the striping. On April 2009 Traffic meeting, concerns for resident's safety on Heritage Dr. had been expressed. The lack of striping and the size of the street confused several drivers and residents (Del Webb did not build that road all at one time; the road size is wider in some areas and it narrows in other areas.) McDOT reviewed the request and at Sept. 2009, Traffic meeting it was announced striping would be done by McDOT in 2010.

Harold Abramowski a Traffic Engineer, with the Posse, has been researching how the traffic calming speed sign will be moved from area to area. Mr. Abramowski noted possible extra costs in poles that maybe needed. Putting the traffic sign on wheels or a trailer to move it may not work as hoped, and McDOT will not help move the sign. It would be an extra \$3500 for the poles needed, and an estimated \$500 cost each time the sign is moved. The cost of the solar panel sign will be \$6000. It was decided to get more research before proceeding.

John Counts-McDOT:

The right turn lane has been removed at Trail Ridge and R.H. Johnson. To improve safety the word "STOP" will be stenciled in the road and two more "Stop Ahead" signs will be added. Since the last committee meeting, the intersection has been checked again and it does warrant a signal. Design will be done in 2011; the signal should be installed in 2010. Camino del Sol from R.H. Johnson to Beardsley is in the process of being striped. The striping at the curve on Heritage at 142nd has been removed, and the street will be restriped.

11. **Public Relations** Doug (Dusty) Rhodes

The Rec Center and PORA Board Members enjoyed an opportunity to meet together socially in April. Plans are being made for a Join Board Christmas dinner.

The PORA and Rec Center joint program went well. The guest speaker, Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, gave a talk on "Senior Scams and How to Protect Yourself". The meeting was held at Palm Ridge on May 8th and was well attended.

On May 23rd the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) will having an Awards Dinner At the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. We plan to set up a PORA table at the event to pass out brochures and answer questions.

12. Next meeting: Monday, June 21, 2010 @ 1 pm

13. **Comments from PORA members.**

Q: Robert Baron and Jim Swanson both expressed concern about the street striping on Camino del Sol and Heritage Dr. Robert Baron also had a petition signed by concerned residents. Jim Swanson asked for more information to be given out possibly in the PORA newsletter or website regarding minutes from both Traffic and Water Meetings. This might help inform those in the community that are not able to attend the meetings.

A: Bob Jones encouraged him to take the petition and concerned neighbors to the Traffic Meeting on May 26th at 1:30 pm at the PORA building. At that time a McDOT Representative will be available to talk with. The roads are owned by the county.

Q: Tiffany Coleman: Gave a thank you to PORA for their help at 17822 N. 130th Ave. That home was cleaned up as PORA's "Special Project" due to health and safety issues to area residents. Ms. Coleman was joined by Burch Pickett with questions regarding the vacant & empty homes in their area. They are not maintained and who is paying Rec Center dues?

A: Dusty Bowenkamp said she has a planed meeting with the Rec Center next week to address this very problem. Some homes owners already have liens upon liens on their property.

14. Adjournment at 2:15 pm

Mary McGrath, Secretary

Date