

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011 @ 1:00 PM

Minutes

Attendees: Bill Hansen, President
Dusty Bowenkamp, Vice President
Susan Lewis, Treasurer
Mike Trent

Merlyn Carlson
Doug Rhodes
Paul Piper

Absent: Connie Scott, Executive Director
Mary McGrath, Secretary
Larry Woods

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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 October 17, 2011 approved as written. | Bill Hansen |
| 5. Presidents Report: | Bill Hansen |
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| 6. Executive Director's Report (Attached) | Connie Scott |

PORA Membership last month July 1, 2011-	<u>12,514</u>
PORA Membership for November 1, 2011 -	<u>12,321</u>
PORA Membership One year ago November 1, 2010 -	<u>12,118</u>

All Other Activity

Administration

The permit for the electronic sign was finally approved and the sign has been ordered; delivery 6-8 weeks. Robbie's Lunch & Learn went well. Jerry Overton passed out information on the Community Fund and gave a small presentation. The 990 forms for 2010 and six months of 2011 have been filed with the IRS. Both reviews should be ready for the board by the end of this month. I met with Paul Piper and his Membership Committee to discuss the membership drive. I acquired four quotes on our heating/air conditioning for a yearly maintenance contract. Sun City Mechanical's quote was the most economical by saving us \$300 annually. I attended the Master Gardner's dinner as they wanted to thank me for hiring a handyman to paint their office and arranging to have the carpeting cleaned.

CC&R's

135 Field visits for October, versus 142 in September. There were 58 new issues, versus 50 last month. Terry attended a seminar with Cathy from the Rec Centers for extra information on enforcement of CC&R's.

Membership

96 New members for October, versus 63 in September; 18 of the new members were generated from LEL. There were 1,702 calls and walk-ins for October, along with \$125 in donations. The front office is continuously contacting residents that have not renewed.

Consumer Services

Consumer Services assisted 983 residents in October, versus 781 in September. There were 14 compliments in October, versus 25 in September. There were no formal complaints.

Visitors Center

45 Volunteers attended Robbie's Lunch & Learn. Thanks to The Heritage Tradition and Adultcare Assistance Homecare for their generous donation of a delicious meal. 38-Friends/relatives visited for October, up from 6 last month. 4 visitors found us on the Visitors Center website, 1 more from last month. 5 Heard about us from others, versus 4 in September. 365 Mailings went out, compared to 154 last month, in response to Where to Retire Magazine. There were 680 local visitors in October versus, 560 in September. 331 Non-locals visited, compared to 107 last month. 385 Videos were given out and 47 were shown in house. \$275 has been collected for donations from non-profit organizations for display of their brochures in slots within the Visitors Center. Robbie continues to meet once a month with the Centennial Committee at the Rec Centers.

Marketing

Marketing ordered and received a new display banner sign with stand. Marketing also took over the data entry from Marie because of Marie's heavy work load with LEL. They collected \$13,525 in October from Business and Professional Supporters, versus \$7,475 in September. Marketing continues to work on the Vendor Expo.

Life Expanding Lessons/Print Shop

Courses started October 16th. Enrollment is over 500 and there are 40 new PORA memberships. The Spring Course Catalog went to the printer on November 15th. The new Microsoft software was installed on Saturday, November 6th and employees were trained that same afternoon. George is looking into the feasibility of using Linux on the volunteer computers, not only for security, but it will be a low cost option for those machines.

7. Financial Reports:

Susan Lewis

Revenues: Revenue stream is down \$10,968 from projected budget, primarily because of membership totals being down \$11,586. As we roll into the final months of the year and into the New Year, totals should spike up for a more favorable variance. The LEL revenue is at 197% of projected totals, which is relative to the success of the new program. Business Services continues to be a good source of revenue, averaging \$8,700 per month.

Expenditures: The Statement of Operations reflects an overall positive variance, being under budget by \$26,496. The main contributors to the variance are in the following categories: Accounting Fees, Repair and Maintenance, Wages and Utilities. Overall PORA is currently operating within its established budget being at a positive overall variance of \$15,528.

Cash Assets:

M & I Operating Account	\$ 48,035
M & I Money Market Sav	100,364
M&ICD's (3)	130,414
Mutual Omaha CD	36,612
USBank CD	31,357
Total	\$ 346,782

Motion by Merlyn Carlson: to approve the financials as written was seconded by Dusty Bowenkamp and passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>8. Bingo</u>	Action Required/Motion		Dusty Bowenkamp
Total in Checking Account as of 9/30/11		\$29,619.21	
Income:	\$19,014.00		
Total Card Sales	18,830.00		
Total Supply Sales	184.00		
Expenses:		23,718.77	
Total Prizes Awarded	13,206.00		
Inducements Paid Out	980.00		
Rec Center — October Rent	900.00		
Office Supplies — checks	88.45		
Bingo Tax Q3	833.91		
PORA Expense – Insurance	6768.00		

Bingo Advertising	942.41	
Total in Checking Account as of 10/31/11		\$24,914.44

Donations List for PORA Bingo Funds 2011

Community Fund of Sun City West	\$4000.00
Prides	\$3000.00
Posse	\$3000.00
SCW Meals on Wheels	\$2500.00
RH Johnson Library	\$2000.00
Sun City West Foundation	\$1500.00
St. Mary's Food Bank	\$1000.00
I Valley View Food Bank	\$1000.00
Handicapables	\$1000.00
Benevilla	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$20,000

Motion: by Susan Lewis to approve the Bingo Donations was seconded by Dusty Rhodes and passed unanimously.

9. Governmental Affairs

Bill Hansen

Arizona State District #4 Representative, Jack Harper, has accepted Sun City West & Sun City's viewpoint on separate redistricting. We have been working on keeping both L.D. #4 and L.D #9 districts in separate districts as they have been giving the two senior retirement communities two voices in elections. Redistricting is still an ongoing issue before the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

10. Health & Environment (Report attached)

Mary McGrath

11. Life Expanding Lessons

Bill Hansen

The New Spring semester catalog has gone to the printer and will be available in the middle of December.

12. Luke Air Force Base

Mike Trent

I attended the Luke West Valley Council Meeting on November 17th. At the meeting we discussed two items; the environment impact study being delayed, and the plan to move two F16 squadrons from Luke to Holloman Base in New Mexico. The summer of 2012 there should be an announcement of the location of the new primary training base for the F35. Luke is currently in the process of cutting some civilian job.

13. Membership

Paul Piper

At the Valley Fever Walk at Beardsley Rec Center, PORA had a membership sign up table. The event had a very low attendance. We did sign up one new member that day. PORA has also emailed the Boomer Club President a copy of the new PORA brochure and the club president will get the brochure to the 750 club members.

14. N.W. Valley Liaison

Bill Hansen

Westmarc, Western Maricopa Coalition, was founded in 1990 and has long been the promoters of a positive image for Western Maricopa County. Westmarc is currently taking a new direction and planning cut backs in its organization and plans on combining committees. PORA has been a part of Westmarc since 1999; we will be looking at these new changes and our relationship very closely.

15. Public Relations

Doug Rhodes

I will be giving a PORA presentation to the Kiwanis in January. We have ordered the new banners for the Saturday March 3rd vendor fair. The new banners will have two parts, the top with PORA and the lower part is removable with the date and times. This way we can use the banners yearly and replace the smaller area with different date and times. There will be one on Meeker and one on RH Johnson. No Bingo on Friday March 2nd to help with the setup of the vendor fair.

16. **Traffic Safety & Water**

Merlyn Carlson

Roads, Safety and Traffic Meeting held October 26th

- Resurfacing and adding crack seal on many side streets. Shoulder striping added by mistake is now removed. Following 30 day curing of milled and resurfaced arterial streets, a permanent thermoplastic striping will be affixed and also detection devices will be added back to intersections with stop lights.
- New street signs almost completed 6” caps and 4” lower case white on green with clear view fonts - easier to read.
- Another stop light due on corner Meeker and Wilson as soon as ROW attained.
- Several cross walks to be added, corners of RH Johnson & 138th and Camino del Sol & 138th new device (Hawk)
- Several Sheriff Deputies assigned to help traffic enforcement one or two days a week.
- Street light outage at 135th & Echo Mesa, problem is an underground wiring. APS is working on it.
- I was told that the 1st phase noise wall due to be started right away. Second phase looks OK. Noise readings will be taken on the 2nd phase. Next Meeting 11/30/11.

Water Committee Meeting November 10th

- Reported no water rate increase in near future. Merger with EPCOR on schedule by-end-of year.
- Meters: Old Neptune meters to be phased out and new Digital meters installed hopefully by year end.
- Water pressure surges causing problem (as high as 150 psi).
- Those with problems need to add pressure regulators and make sure that they get the digital meters
- Tom Cook, one of our members, will contact Arizona American Water with: pressure surge problem, erroneous billing problems, and timeline for installing all digital meters. Next meeting 12/8/11.

SPECIAL/AD HOC COMMITTEES

17. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. None

NEW BUSINESS

19. Discuss Nominating Committee

Bill Hansen

In December we will appoint a nominating committee. Board of Director Application for people interested in being on the board can be submitted up to December 31st.

20. We would like to plan a breakfast meeting with RCSCW, Sun City Rec Center, SHOA and SC Grand Boards. It should be helpful for all communities to get together.

Bill Hansen

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21. Realtor room rental and Visitors Center workshop meeting last week had 25 realtors. There is another meeting scheduled for Dec. 1st.

Bill Hansen

22. PORA will be renting the U.S.S. Arizona model for Centennial parade in SCW in February.

Bill Hansen

23. New brochure design that will be used in the Visitors Center and also given out with the Rec Center’s new resident packets. This is designed to promote PORA.

Bill Hansen

24. Discuss attorney letter on golf cart brochure with potential legal liability which the board will discuss further in the executive session following this meeting.

Bill Hansen

25. Approval of policy on Map publications

MOTION by Dusty Bowenkamp: we continue to support the distribution of the "The Sun Cities" maps seconded by Susan Lewis and was passed unanimously.

26. Discussed ad in Fighter County Partnership newspaper changes

Bill Hansen

MOTION by Dusty Rhodes: to approve the new ad change and payment of \$400 dues to continue with the ad in the Fighter County paper, seconded by Merlyn Carlson and was passed unanimously.

27. Next Meeting December 19, 2011

28. Comments from Board of Directors

29. Comments from PORA members, press or visitors

Q: Marshall expressed some concerned with the membership numbers and lost members.

A: Bill Hansen - We are working on several different membership promotional ideas.

30. Adjournment at 2:04pm

Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss legal opinion.

By: Mary McGrath
Mary McGrath, Secretary

Date: 12-19-11

November 4, 2011

To: Independent Redistricting Commission

Re: Important Misrepresentation to the Commissioners

I am writing on behalf of the Sun City West PORA Board of Directors and its Governmental Affairs Committee, as well as the Republican Club Board of Directors. We take exception to several statements made by our LD #4 Representative Jack Harper in a presentation he made to your Commissioners on August 3, 2011, in Glendale. While he may be the elected Representative in the Legislature, and entitled to his own point of view, we want to make it crystal clear that it is contrary to the official boards of those communities. He did not consult with us or visit with us on this subject matter at any time. We take umbrage to his following statements:

1. Line 6, Representative Harper, "I would like to keep retirement communities together." This is contrary to our point of view inasmuch as this would minimize the elderly representation in the Arizona Legislature. The current LD #4 and # 9 composition reflects a satisfactory "Community of interest" that allows retirement communities to interact with neighboring commercial interests upon whom they depend on for their human needs in a most satisfactory manner.
2. Line 9/10, "...I would hope the people I would lose would be in the working communities rather than the retirement communities so these people could stay together." Again a contradiction of our position.
3. Line 12, "...I am talking about Northwest Phoenix, Glendale, and North Peoria, being split off from L.D. #4 so that retirement communities can be kept together." Another contradiction to our stated position with undesirable consequences listed below.
4. Line 13-15 ... An incomplete rambling about how the Commission might consolidate Sun City in with Sun City West, Sun City Grand, Festival, and retirement communities in Wickenburg. Each of these retirement communities is not imprisoned behind locked gates as anyone who lives there knows. Rather, they interact with commercial interest in contiguous areas formulating their individual "community of interest." Totally ignored by Rep Harpers contention, whether unwittingly or not, is his proposal diminishes elderly representation and mutes their voice in the halls of the Arizona Legislature.

In closing, we support the latest map drawing wherein Sun City is in district # 21 & Sun City West is in district # 22.

Testimony of Representative Jack Harper

August 3, 2011

Glendale City Council Chambers

Thank you, Madame Chairwoman.

(Hands the chairwoman a map)

1. State Representative Jack Harper. I am here today to make a pitch. Let me start with saying I believe
2. fully under federal law that the voting Rights Act would be upheld in a federal court as the number one
3. priority of the redistricting commission, despite what the state supreme court might have interpreted of
4. the priority of the goals of independent redistricting commission. After the voting rights act is a priority,
5. I would like to make a pitch for communities of interest to be respected as much as possible, especially in
6. the Northwest valley. I would like to keep retirement communities together. Under reapportionment, the
7. legislative district I represent would have to lose, I don't know, somewhere around 81,000 over 100,000 people
8. I forgot the total. Assuming that the districts would stay close to what they look like now, but be
9. reapportioned and then a priority being keeping priorities of Interests together, I would hope that
10. the amount of people I would lose would be in the working communities rather than the retirement
11. communities so that they can stay together. So specifically, I am talking about northwest Phoenix.
12. Glendale, north Peoria being split off from Legislative District 4 so that retirement communities can be
13. kept together. If for some reason the commission also decided to put Sun City in with Sun City West,
14. Sun City Grand, Sun City Festival and all the retirement communities in Wickenburg and north Surprise,
15. then probably also split off the two thirds you have by county that's also in that district. I am trying to
16. make the pitch first to respect the Voting Rights Act and then to protect communities of interest, and I
17. appreciate having the opportunity to address the council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Hansen
P.O.R.A., President

P.O.R.A. Board

By: _____
Bill Hansen, President

Date: _____

By: _____
Republican Club Board of Sun City West

Date: _____

August 3, 2011

Statement on Reapportionment by: Willard R. Hansen
12302 Swallow Dr.
Sun City West., Az. 85375
623-556-9873

The citizens of Sun City West vigorously oppose any contemplation of merging our community with Sun City, Az. into one legislative district. It would be a major travesty of injustice to attempt to muffle the voice of the elderly retired folks in these two separate areas who currently are split between LD 4 & LD 9. Arizona has long touted its appeal to the retirement generation and they have played a significant role in the diversified demographics as well as having had a measureable impact on our state's economy. Leaders of the state's reapportionment process would be ill-advised to stifle their role in our state & nation's political process, especially since they reflect one of the highest voter turnouts among the citizenry.

While both engage in self-governance within unincorporated communities, there exists pronounced differences relating to the legal Title field under which they are incorporated under the state code. Sun City's homeowners association (SHOA) and its Recreation Facility Board are both incorporated under Title 10, whereas in Sun City West, its homeowner association is under Title 10 whereas the Recreation Facility Board is under Title 33.

Sun City is 46% larger than Sun City West and has been in existence for 51 years versus Sun City West has only been going for 32 years.

Each Community is served by a separate water system and a separate waste water system. Their battles with the Corporation Commission tend to focus on differing issues. We did agree on a recent issue in which we both fought consolidation of the two communities under a single rate, and we were successful. The Corporation Commission acknowledged appropriateness of keeping the two separate.

Sun City would have an ideal compactness issue by adding their needed population to the east in Peoria where part of their district already exists. Sun City West must lose population, but can retain compactness by remaining with the City of Surprise, with whom we identify for many of our commercial needs. The remaining 60,000 reduction can come from the vast area of our district toward the northwest.

I thank you for consideration of the views of Sun City West.

Willard R. Hansen



**Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (AIRC)
Public Input Form**

Date: August 3, 2011 Meeting Location: Glendales City Council Chambers

Name: W.R. Bassett
Address: 12302 S. Camelback Rd.

Contact information is optional – We may contact you to confirm/clarify your comment(s)

Email: Phone number(s):
Job: Financial Analyst

Please tell us if you are commenting on one of the six criteria or about other issues – please check the appropriate box(es):

Voting Rights Act	Equal Population	Compactness or contiguous	Communities of Interest (Please see backside)	Geographic Features/Political Boundaries	Competitiveness	Other
		X	X	X		

Please provide us with more details of your thoughts:
(Note: maps may be included as separate attachments, drawn or described below)

RE: L.D. #4 & L.D. 9 statements in opposition to being merged are included on page 2. The Two cities are in agreement opposing the placement of the two communities in one legislative district contrary to the present placement in two different legislative districts. Numerous arguments are made on page 2.

AIRC use only: Map type: Electronic Paper
Map submitted: File reference: Digitalize #:

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Public Input Form

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Tell us about your community of interest. To those who might advocate the combining the two Sun Cities, one (Sun City) in LD 9, & the other (Sun City West) in L.D. 4 allow me to voice my objection, and one shared by Sun City, as to why it would be inappropriate to combine them in one district. #1. It would be a travesty of injustice to combine them since it would muffle the voice of the elderly from Arizona's 2 largest retirement communities, Sun City being approximately 44,000 and Sun City West 30,000. #2. S. City has both its HOA and Rec Board incorporated under Title 10, whereas Sun City has its HOA incorporated under Title 10 whereas the Rec Board is incorporated under Title 33. The styles of governance are incompatible with each other.

Define geography that you are referring to above (for example: city, county, legislative district, neighborhood, etc.) and/or describe the area (for example: Our community of interest is surrounded by Main Street to the east, Fox River to the north, Hwy 201 to the west and the county boarder to the south).

Sun City is L.D. # 9, whereas Sun City West is LD # 4. Sun City tends to commercially associate with Peoria, (Part of their current LD) while Sun City West migrates to the west to association with the City of Surprise. Sun City lies within the Peoria School District, while Sun City West lies within the Dysart School District which serves Surprise.

Each of the two cities has its own water & waste water district, with differing rates due to the fact that Sun City West is newer and also has arsenic in it water system, causing a higher rate basis.

Describe why this is a community of interest.

For all the obvious reasons stated above, there is very little compatibility in terms of: 1) governance, 2) incorporation 3) school districts, 4) utility districts, 5) commercial trade areas. Each has a unique set of circumstances which creates an indivisible community of interest. On the other hand, Sun City's interaction with Peoria and Sun City West's interaction with Surprise currently meets the test of a community of interest and should not be changed.

Describe why surrounding areas don't belong to this community of interest.

I have very specifically set forth above that the interests of Sun City, LD # 9, all migrate and are incapsulated within Peoria, whereas Sun City West's commercial & recreational social interests tend toward Surprise. While these 2 communities are separated, it should be noted that Sun City is contiguous with Peoria, while Sun City West is contiguous with Surprise. It would be inappropriate to destroy the community of interest that currently exist (Sun City with Peoria and SUN City West with Surprise) in an attempt to place the two Sun Cities in the same district when they fact do not have the community of interest that each has currently.

Are your comments in reference to a particular map? No Yes Map Reference



PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
The Voice of Sun City West for Good Government
while offering special benefits for Members

November 10, 2011

The Honorable Jack Harper

Re: Redistricting/Position of Sun Cities

Dear Representative Harper:

There appears to be division in the ranks as to the prevailing opinion on redistricting. The Governmental Committees of the two Sun Cities have held joint meetings and we jointly resolved to fight for continued separate districts for each of the two Sun Cities, consistent with present arrangements, to maximize our legislative representation. Further, we feel any effort to combine the two cities into a single legislative district muffles the voices of some of Arizona's largest retirement areas.

Obviously, this puts us at odds with Representative Harper's position in testimony to the Commission at its meeting in Glendale on August 3, 2011. We have notified the Commission of our difference in opinion on this matter while stating that Representative Harper is entitled to his personal opinion but it does not reflect the view of the Governmental Affairs Committees, nor the Republican Club of Sun City West.

I apologize for not forwarding my statement of testimony which I gave to the Commission on August 3, 2011 (Enclosed). Inasmuch as Representative Harper's position appeared in a Daily News Sun letter to the editor on September 29, 2011, we felt compelled to clearly state our official position.

Sincerely,

Bill Hansen,
Chair, Sun City West Governmental Affairs Committee

CC: Representative Rick Gray
Senator Bundgaard
Representative Burgess

ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH/RECYCLING

HEALTH:

Have you had your flu shot? It is highly recommend that you should. The next three months have the greatest number of cases.

Valley Fever cases for 2011 have reached 10,419.

RECYCLING:

Please note that during a Holiday if it lands on your day, pickup will be the next day.

Working on an Electronic Recycling day for next year.

ENVIROMENT:

Joint Environmental group is working on two permits for Cemex #970350 and 0550090.

There is a hearing scheduled for December 1st 2011 at 1:00 pm at 12975 w. Bell road.

These are very big plants and we will try to stop these permits. The modeling they used for these is questionable.

SUN CITY WEST CITIZENS CORPS COUNCIL:

The classes that are held for Emergency Preparedness and CPR should be attended by all our citizens so we can help others in a time of need. A schedule is published in the paper each month for the time of classes.

Blood drive is January 17th At Station #1.

Mary McGrath

Pora Board Secretary

ROADS, SAFETY AND TRAFFIC REPORT FOR PORA MEETING

(Committee meeting held October 26th)

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