

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 @ 1:00 PM

1. Call to order, pledge to flag
2. Establish a Quorum

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ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 - QUORUM

A minimum of 100 Resident Members shall constitute a quorum at any General Membership Meeting. In the absence of a quorum, matters proposed for action may be discussed by the Resident Members present, but in lieu of Membership action, will be referred to the Board of Directors for their sole determination and resolution at a subsequent publicized open meeting of the Board.

Motion: by Bill Hansen – I move to suspend the rules and declare a quorum present seconded by Dusty Bowenkamp and passed unanimously.

3. Welcome to PORA members, guests, and press

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4. President's six month report of PORA

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The PORA organization has made banner achievements in the first six months of this fiscal year, attributable to the robust activity of the entire nine members of the Board of Directors, our small paid staff, and huge volunteer contingency. I commend all of them and the PORA membership owes them our deepest appreciation for their dedication and success. Allow me to highlight major events in bullet-point fashion by the various committee levels.

- **BINGO Director Dusty Bowenkamp:** Participation level remains high, allowing them to provide \$20,000 in grants to over 10 organizations-located in or serving the Sun City West area.
- **GOVERNMENTAL Affair Director Hansen:** Five major achievements in this arena:
 1. For the fifth consecutive year, defeated a Legislative proposal to strip away PORA's right to administer parking privileges in accordance with our C.C.&Rs.
 2. Supported Representative Lesko's legislation to ban charter schools within the confines of either Sun City.
 3. Fought for and won the privilege of maintaining the two separate legislative districts among the Sun Cities so as to maximize our current six member legislative representation level.
 4. Defeated efforts before the Corporation Commission to consolidate water rates, which would have adversely impacted both Sun Cities since we are in the lower rate level tiers now and would have been averaged with some communities where rates are 3 to 4 times higher.
 5. Hosted the annual pre-session Legislative Breakfast for our legislators, Supervisor Wilson, Corporation Commissioner Burns. Besides the two Sun Cities, we invited both Sun City Grand and Corte Bella.
- **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT Mary McGrath:** Provided assistance for Youngtown in their battle for El Mirage's effort to rezone over 240 acres for new quarry activity. Sponsored the pickup for "Green for Electronic Litter" and will sponsor a Vendors Fair in March.

- **LIFE EXPANDING LESSONS Mike Trent:** Progress in our Adult Education program reflects our banner achievement thus far under the direction of Dave Poling and his executive committee. Course offerings have grown from 23 last spring to 51 this fall, and this spring will number 64. Class attendees for the same period have jumped from 214 to 560 and are climbing higher this spring.
- **LUKE AIR FORCE BASE Mike Trent:** We are fortunate that Mike is a former pilot at Luke and has established a strong liaison with them. Two tours this spring have already been sold out.
- **MEMBERSHIP Paul Piper:** We have done a lot of foundational work, had three straight months of gain this fall...developed a new brochure for prospective members, we are currently working with the Rec Boards for new member coordination, contemplating possible breakfast meetings with new members, and speaking to clubs.
- **NW VALLEY LAISON Larry Woods:** We continue to work cooperatively with adjacent communities and organizations, where we share a mutual interest. Larry has also been most active before the Corporation Commission in fighting the new concept of "decoupling" (trade name for rate compensation for lost revenue attributable to conservation). Lost one war on a very close vote of 3 to 2 for SW Gas but won a stronger victory with a settlement pending with APS that will initially offer a 1% drop the first year with other details still pending.
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS Doug Rhodes:** Busy providing material inserts for the Rec Bulletin about PORA, currently working on the Vendor Fair in March and making presentations to various service clubs and the RCSCW Newcomers meetings.
- **TRAFFIC & WATER Merlyn Carlson:**
 1. Golf cart issue still pending due to possible legislation requests to clarify current statute language. Remains a current focus due to four accidents in four months.
 2. County just completed about \$30 million in street improvements
 3. No water rate increases pending, no electric rate increases pending
 4. Noise barrier north of expansion area scheduled, second barrier in application stage.
- **GENERAL ACTIVITY:**
 - Enhancing a closer working relationship with the Rec Board via quarterly meetings of Presidents and Vice Presidents.
 - Secured replica of USS Arizona ship for Centennial parade in SCW
 - Providing classes for Realtors on CC&R highlights
 - Providing new home buyers with a property pre-inspection for CC&R compliance
 - Established a Realtor office space in Visitors Center for potential home buyers
 - New outdoor electric revolving sign in front of PORA Building.
 - CC&R's cleaned up a deserted property
 - PORA continues to provide local area phone books with comprehensive information, including residents by former state, resident's former occupation.
 - Staffers continue to enhance each of their respective areas of operation

SECOND 6 MONTHS

1. Finalize minor details on committee activity
2. Full throttle on membership drive involving new residents while fine-tuning our renewal process

5. Report from the Nominating Committee:

Merlyn Carlson

Introduction of candidates running for the March election:

1. Flora Capps
2. Bill Hansen
3. David Poling

MOTION by Merlyn Carlson : to adopt that report and place the names in for nomination was seconded by Dusty Bowenkamp and passed unanimously.

Open for Nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor.

Choose numbers drawn from a hat to determine the order of candidates that will be listed on the ballot.

Publicity pictures to be taken.

6. Adjournment

Regular Board of Directors Meeting following the adjournment of the General Membership meeting.

By: _____
Mary McGrath, Secretary

Date: _____