

# **Minutes of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association**

## **Regular Meeting – February 3, 2009 – Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. The following board members were present:

Randall Pierce  
Cindy Copley  
Gordon Robinson  
Sylvia Katvala  
Chip Ellis  
Karina Trumbull

A Quorum was noted for the record.

Andy Squire representing Ward 4 was present.

## **Minutes of October 2008 Meeting**

Minutes of the last regular MRNA meeting in October 2008 were not available. Approval was deferred to the March 2009 meeting.

## **Call to Audience**

A resident stated that barriers erected at the center wash needed to be improved, as ATVs were traveling through the adjacent park in order to bypass the barriers. Concerns over safety of children were raised. The board agreed to bring this concern to the HOA for discussion.

A resident asked about stains appearing on her block wall and how to resolve the problem. It was explained that this was likely calcium deposits due to irrigation from the adjacent property leaching through the wall. The resident was told to contact the neighbor if irrigation seemed excessive, and to utilize one of several cleaners available at the hardware store to remove the stains.

A resident noted that speeding on Bilby was becoming a concern. The resident also asked about the possibility of a 4-way stop at Bilby and Metropolitan to help reduce the danger. Andy Squire stated that the intersection does not currently meet the standards for a 4-way stop, but that Ward 4's position was that a 4-way stop was needed and that they would continue to pursue this.

A resident asked who had responsibility for weeds growing east of the Metropolitan/Bilby intersection, north of the Mesquite Ranch property walls. This area is more exposed due to roadwork clearing for the school and has not been maintained. The board expressed that the clearing had created a common area that should be addressed by the HOA. Another resident expressed concern that the roadwork had created a potential erosion issue in this area. It was agreed that this would be brought up to the HOA at the next meeting. Andy Squire suggested that if rain washes dirt over the sidewalk, the City should be notified to correct the situation.

A resident asked why solicitors were still selling door to door in Mesquite Ranch, despite the signs posted by the HOA stating that no soliciting is allowed. It was explained that the City statute quoted on the signs cannot be enforced as a neighborhood-wide ban on soliciting. It was suggested that homeowners post signs on their property if they do not want solicitors.

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### **Committee Reports**

Community Service – Chip Ellis reported that the Spring Community Yard Sale and Cleanup will be held in April. Residents were asked to suggest desired dates by emailing Chip or the MRNA.

Plans & Development – Randy reported that the Westcor planning project had been temporarily suspended due to the current economic situation. Retail development at Drexel and Houghton including Civano Shops and the Valero gas station are on hold, although intersection improvements were already underway and would be completed.

Traffic & Safety – Sylvia Katvala reported that the City replaced reflectors on Poorman, as well as damaged no-parking signs on Poorman and E. Rose Hill. The City also swept Poorman and the entire neighborhood. A damaged no-parking sign on Woodland Hills has been reported.

Newsletter – Randy Pierce reported that a newsletter was in the works for distribution in April.

Neighborhood Watch – Randy Pierce stated that Mesquite Ranch's only neighborhood watch remains active on the west end of Ravenswood Street. Residents interested in forming a watch are encouraged to contact Randy or TPD.

Social Committee – Karina Trumbull reported on the success of the Western Night and Holiday Party for the Kids events. The social committee has come to the conclusion that social events should be limited to two events per year. Events being considered this year include a barbecue in May/June and a Halloween party in October.

Treasurer – Sylvia Katvala reported a balance of \$292.74 in the account with P.O. Box rental fees outstanding.

### **Meeting Closure**

Motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made by Karina Trumbull and seconded by Cindy Copley. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:08 p.m.

In subsequent discussion among the board, Gordon Robinson agreed to take over the Traffic and Safety committee from Sylvia Katvala.