

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

## **Regular Meeting – April 1, 2008 – Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. The following board members were present:

Randall Pierce  
Sylvia Katvala  
Chip Ellis  
Keith Miller

A Quorum was noted for the record.

## **Overview of March 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting**

Randy Pierce presented a brief overview of the MRNA special meeting, held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, to inform residents of possible changed plans for the gated entrance to Senita Valley Elementary School on Marquette Street. The meeting was proposed at the March 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, due to concerns raised during a presentation by Mr. John Carruth, Assistant Superintendent of Vail School District, where a shift in the district's plans for the Marquette Street gated entrance was proposed. In summary, Mr. Carruth suggested that due to changes in flood plain designation for the school property which impacted the total buildable property area, revised traffic flow on the property could make the use of the Marquette Street entrance for one-way entry onto school property a necessary option. As this position differed from that approved by majority vote of the MRNA at an earlier meeting, the special meeting was called to discuss the issue and possibly re-vote on the newly proposed suggestion.

Randy explained that several community residents and the MRNA board met with Mr. John Carruth, at the special meeting of MRNA on March 25<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion between Mr. Carruth, the board, and concerned residents, Mr. Carruth reiterated the school district's strong desire to adhere to residents' desires for the Marquette entrance, as was declared by majority vote at the previous meeting. Mr. Carruth stated that the entrance was primarily for residents' use, and that while he felt many residents would find the use of the Marquette entrance beneficial, the previous position of MRNA regarding the entrance would be respected.

Given the District's reiterated support of MRNA's previous position, it was decided that no revote was required and that any new vote regarding the Marquette Street entrance would occur only if a majority of the community voted to hold such a vote.

## **Call to Audience**

A resident of Marquette Street reiterated concerns over the use of Marquette as an entrance to the school, stating that it directly contradicted the Arizona Mandate for the Safety of Children by exposing students to undue traffic congestion and safety risk.

A resident requested information about submitting requests for home improvement design approvals. The resident was directed to the MRHOA website for information about the submittal process and the proper form.

A resident expressed concern over the disregard by some residents of city ordinances regarding dog waste pickup and the use of leashes to restrain pets. Chip Ellis suggested that residents take the initiative to inform violators of these laws, and if feasible, to ascertain addresses of offending residents so that letters could be sent.

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## **Committee Reports**

Community Service - Chip Ellis reported that the semi-annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm. For the Community Cleanup event, four rollofs for brush and bulky debris disposal will be in place at the usual locations from April 25<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>. Details for both events will be posted on the MRNA website.

Newsletter – Randy Pierce stated a final deadline of April 4<sup>th</sup> for newsletter articles, as the newsletter will be submitted for publication on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Plans and Development – Randy Pierce reported that a Florida-T intersection similar to that proposed for Poorman & Houghton was also under consideration for Drexel & Houghton. The development at Drexel and Houghton appears to be for retail development, but details of specific retailers is not known and will be investigated.

Traffic and Safety – Sylvia Katvala reported that sweeping of Bilby had been requested and that sidewalk repair on Poorman had been completed. Randy Pierce reported that graffiti on walls and bridges had been reported to the City and for the most part had been removed. He encouraged residents to send photos of graffiti to MRNA with specific locations, and requested that pictures include a full view of the graffiti to assist police in tracing down the persons responsible.

Treasury – Sylvia Katvala reported that \$104.61 is in the MRNA fund, reflecting expenses for mailbox rental and graffiti abatement supplies that are pending approval.

Social – A barbecue was suggested for a Saturday evening in mid-may. A decision will be made in time to include an announcement in the newsletter.

## **Minutes of March Meeting**

Randy Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Katvala. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## **Expenses**

Randy Pierce moved to approve expenditures payable from the Treasury in the amount of \$67.32 for mailbox rental and \$16.19 for graffiti abatement supplies. The motion was seconded by Chip Ellis. The expenses were approved by unanimous vote.

## **Meeting Closure**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Pierce and seconded by Sylvia Katvala. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:00 p.m.