

Minutes of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting – August 5, 2008 – Call to Order

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

Randall Pierce
Keith Miller
Karina Trumbull
Sylvia Katvala
Chip Ellis

A Quorum was noted for the record.

Minutes of July Meeting

It was noted that the minutes of the July regular meeting had been approved during a special board meeting held on Saturday, August 2.

Welcome and General Discussion

Randy Pierce welcomed the residents attending the meeting and began a general discussion of the agenda for the Annual Meeting. He stated that the primary purpose of the Annual Meeting was to nominate persons and vote for the open positions on the MRNA board. Randy explained that board members Keith Miller and Chip Ellis had both completed their 2-year terms and that their board positions were up for election. Both members had previously consented to run for re-election, and their names were pre-printed on the ballots distributed to all residents attending the meeting. Since a total of 9 board members are permitted under MRNA bylaws, 6 open board positions were available for nomination and election. Randy followed on to say that, due to the time required for the nomination and election process, the Call to Audience and follow-on discussion typically permitted at regular meetings were not included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

President's Report

Randy Pierce entered into a discussion of the role of the MRNA in the community and provided an overview of the various events organized and accomplishments made over the last year.

Randy announced that MRNA would once again participate in the annual Back to School Bash, sponsored by Ward 4, to be held Saturday, August 9th. Volunteers were solicited and requested to sign up for the event.

Randy stated that a MRNA newsletter would be distributed next month.

Treasurer's Report

Sylvia Katvala reported total income of \$1024.00 and total expenditures of \$619.39 for the period of August 2007 to date, resulting in an ending balance of \$404.61.

A resident asked about funding sources for the MRNA treasury. Sylvia stated that the MRNA does not collect dues, but generates a small amount of revenue from "good will" donations from residents collected via donation boxes at community events. This income is then used to fund MRNA general expenses, future community events, graffiti abatement efforts, and other projects.

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Nomination and Voting

The floor was opened to self-nomination for the 6 available board positions. 5 residents, including the 2 incumbent board members whose terms had expired, nominated themselves for consideration:

Gordon Robinson
Jon Aitken
Lorraine Faoro
Keith Miller (incumbent)
Chip Ellis (incumbent)

All nominees provided a brief synopsis of their backgrounds, their history with the Mesquite Ranch community, and their reasons for wanting to be elected to the board. Residents were asked to write in the names of the 3 nominees not already printed on the ballot.

Voting by secret ballot commenced and votes were collected and counted by Karina Trumbull, Sylvia Katvala, and a resident volunteer. The resulting votes were tallied as follows for the record:

Keith Miller – 23 votes
Chip Ellis – 23 votes
Gordon Robinson – 21 votes
Jon Aitken – 22 votes
Lorraine Faoro – 24 votes

Randy Pierce welcomed all newly- and re-elected board members.

Adjournment and Final Discussion

Motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made by Keith Miller and seconded by Sylvia Katvala.

An opportunity for discussion was provided, at which time a resident asked whether the previous MRNA decision to restrict the Marquette Street access to Senita Valley Elementary School to non-motorized vehicles could be re-opened for discussion. Randy Pierce explained that MRNA bylaws allow that a majority of residents in attendance at a meeting may request a special meeting be held to discuss any issue. Resident Fred Grantham moved that discussion of the Marquette Street access be held at the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Jon Aitken. The vote carried by a majority of the residents in attendance. Randy Pierce agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the September meeting.

Adjournment of the Annual Meeting was carried by unanimous vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Executive Session

The board continued in executive session to select officers for the upcoming term.

Nomination of Jon Aitken for Vice President was made by Lorraine Faoro and seconded by Gordon Robinson. Mr. Aitken was appointed to this position by unanimous vote of the board.

Nomination of Chip Ellis for Secretary was made by Lorraine Faoro and seconded by John Aitken. Mr. Ellis was appointed to this position by unanimous vote of the board.

Discussion of committee leadership commenced. Gordon Robinson agreed to join the Traffic & Safety committee. Lorraine Faoro agreed to head the Newsletter committee.

Motion to approve payment of three expenditures from the MRNA treasury was made by Randy Pierce and seconded by Karina Trumbull:

\$31.19 – Quiznos Subs lunch for board members at special meeting held August 2

\$6.75 – Gas City drinks for board members at special meeting held August 2.

\$69.36 – UPS Store for rental of P.O. Box.

Payment of these expenses was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Randy Pierce requested that the new board members provide a photo and brief bio for posting on the MRNA website.

Motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Randy Pierce and seconded by Karina Trumbull. The session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:33 p.m.