

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

## **ANNUAL MEETING - Aug 7, 2007 – Call to Order**

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

Randall Pierce  
Sylvia Katvala  
Bill Hughes  
Chip Ellis  
Karina Trumbull

A Quorum was noted for the record.

## **Special Presentation – Sgt Solis & Officer The, TPD**

Sergeant Solis and Officer The of the TPD were present to discuss a shooting incident that occurred in Mesquite Ranch at a residence on the SW corner of Haymarket and Wheaton on the night of July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Officer The explained that a party held by the renters of the residence apparently grew in size as the evening progressed, with some persons arriving that were not known to the renters. Some persons in attendance were thought to have had gang affiliations, and there is indication that posturing between rival gang members occurred. A group of people left the party in a vehicle, then returned and fired two weapons from the vehicle into a group of persons in the front yard of the residence. Two males, both age 17, were struck. One victim had life-threatening injuries, but both victims survived the shooting.

Officer The indicated that TPD's investigation had turned up some leads, but that no arrests have been made. The incident is believed to be isolated, and there is no evidence that the residents of the home had gang affiliations or any connection to the persons involved in the shooting. The occupants of the home were cited by TPD for holding an "unruly gathering". There was no evidence that illegal drugs were involved.

While records show that residents had called police earlier in the evening to report noise and parking issues due to the party, TPD was not dispatched to the scene until reports of the shooting came in. Officer The explained that noise and parking calls are "level 5" which receive low priority, particularly on weekends when officers are busy responding to more critical calls. Nonetheless, he encouraged residents to call TPD (911) whenever a gather appears to be unruly or noisy, and TPD will make every effort to respond to help prevent a serious incident as occurred in this case.

## **Senita Elementary Update – Al Flores, Vail School District**

Al Flores of the Vail School District provided an update on construction progress for Senita Elementary School, being built immediately east of Mesquite Ranch. Mr. Flores reported that all pads have been poured and block walls are being erected. Completion is currently scheduled for April '08. Despite the housing slowdown, the school district continues to see growth, and plans for additional classrooms have been add to the south side so that the school can support grades K-8 upon opening. Completion of the middle school to the south of Senita is at least 3 years

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away. Ultimately, the elementary and middle schools will support 600 and 650 students, respectively.

A color scheme was shown, which indicates that earth-tone colors will be used that should blend well in the desert landscape. A site resident will live on the property to provide additional security. Safe walking planning will begin soon, with MRNA involvement, to determine where walking paths will be constructed from Mesquite Ranch to the school property.

Randall Pierce mentioned that the 5 foot area between resident's view fence and the barbed wire fence belongs to Vail School District and will need to be maintained. Al Flores mentioned that Vail will maintain the area according to the desires of the MRNA (within reason). MRNA will hold a special meeting with those whose backyards face east and provide the Vail School District with a recommended maintenance for the area.

### **Nomination and Voting for MRNA Board Open Positions**

The terms of board members Randall Pierce, Sylvia Katvala, Bill Hughes, and Sam Hagadorn Jr., were up for election. Randall Pierce and Sylvia Katvala both decided to seek re-election to new terms. The floor was opened to nominations for other new members to the board. There were no other nominations received.

Ballots were distributed to all attendees and voting commenced by secret ballot. Ballots were tallied by Bill Hughes and Karina Trumbull. 23 ballots were submitted. Both Randall Pierce and Sylvia Katvala received 23 votes, and were re-elected to new terms.

### **Social Events Discussion**

Karina Trumbull presented plans for a Fall Luau and asked for volunteers. A date of October 13<sup>th</sup> was proposed for the Luau, and a sign-up sheet made available for persons wishing to assist in planning the event.

A Halloween Event was proposed. Discussions ensued on the best time for such an event, with the majority thought being that an event at 5:00 pm at the East Pool would be best for all.

### **Review of Bylaws**

Copies of the present MRNA Bylaws were distributed to all attendees. A discussion of proposed changes was lead by Randall Pierce. Randy explained that a vote to approve the amended bylaws would be held at the September monthly meeting.

### **Meeting Closure**

Motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made by Karina Trumbull and seconded by Chip Ellis. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:15 pm.

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## **Executive Session**

The meeting continued in Executive Session in order to establish the newly-elected board members to board positions. Randall Pierce was nominated for the position of President by Karina Trumbull and seconded by Chip Ellis. Randall was elected to the position of President by unanimous vote. Sylvia Katvala was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Chip Ellis and seconded by Karina Trumbull. Sylvia was elected to the position of Treasurer by unanimous vote.

The 2007-2008 Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association Board of Directors are as follows:

President - Randall Pierce

Vice President – Keith Miller

Secretary – Charles (Chip) Ellis

Treasurer – Sylvia Katvala

Director 1 – Karina Trumbull

Director 2 – Vacant

Director 3 – Vacant

Director 4 – Vacant

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session was made by Chip Ellis and seconded by Karina Trumbull. Karina made a final announcement that a meeting of the social committee would be held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote to adjourn was unanimous and the session adjourned at 8:30 pm.