

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
November 7, 2006

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, AZ. Residents present: 14

I. Call to Order

- Secretary Sam Hagadorn called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
- Secretary Sam Hagadorn conducted a roll call. Randall Pierce was absent. A quorum was noted for the record.

II. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

- A quorum was not reached for the October, 2006 meeting, so there were no minutes. Minutes from the September, 2006 Annual Meeting were approved.

III. Call to Audience

- Bill Hughes spoke about items discussed at last month's meeting, including:
 - Incinerator Project: On hold.
 - A Citizens' Committee representative for Senita Valley Elementary School was at the meeting to discuss a delay in the school building project. There are financial issues between the school district and state that must be settled. Progress may be expected after the elections.
- A resident would like to be able to park in the cutout because the garage is full of belongings and the resident own four vehicles. Resident parking in cutouts is prohibited by MR CC&Rs. Residents were reminded that MR CC&Rs require vehicles to be vehicles parked in the garages and driveways. CC&Rs also require garages to be kept free of belongings that would prevent parking a vehicle inside of the garage. Finally, residents were reminded that parking issues may be addressed to the Homeowners' Association.

IV. Officer or Committee Reports

- **Community Service:** Chip Ellis reminded reported that over 20 homes participated in the community yard sale on October 28. He also mentioned that the roll-off trash bins were put in place on October 27, and will remain in place for our use until October 13. Although he had placed signs at all neighborhood exits notifying residents of the upcoming yard sale on the prior Wednesday, he will put them in place even earlier the next time we have such an event. An ad was also placed in the newspaper, but due to administrative error, did not appear in the paper until the day of the event.
- **Newsletter:** Chip Ellis welcomes inputs for the newsletter. The next edition will be published in December.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Neighborhood watch works! Does one operate on your street? If not, contact Sam Hagadorn at mrnasecretary@mesquiteranch.org for assistance in getting yours started.

- **Plans and Development:** Keith Miller briefed that there are plans for a new development near Empire High School and Old Vail Road.

- **Traffic and Safety**

- Sylvia Katvala has submitted the following work orders to the city:

- Replace the reflective coverings on marker poles at the intersection of Houghton and Poorman.
- Sweep the neighborhood, including Bilby and Poorman
- Repaint the intersection at Houghton and Poorman

- Bike Lane signs will be requested where appropriate.

- The reflective pole in the median at the intersection of Houghton and Bilby is reported down again. It is believed that large trucks associated with construction projects knock the pole over while negotiating turns at the intersection.

- **Graffiti Abatement**

- Sylvia Katvala reported that she has been doing graffiti checks in the neighborhood, but has seen none. She currently has 20 gallons of white paint on hand for graffiti abatement, however it requires tinting. It was suggested that the HOA be asked to cover cost of tinting. Sylvia informed residents that while some walls belong to residents, a new city ordinance no longer requires graffiti abatement painters to secure wall owners' permission before painting over graffiti.

- **Social**

- A MRNA meeting in the spring is planned for the pool
- A resident suggested an ice cream social
- A resident suggested a neighborhood Easter egg hunt, and suggested asking the HOA for support.

V. Old Business

- None.

VI. New Business

- **Neighborhood Clean-Up:** Chip Ellis reminded residents of the upcoming Neighborhood Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, November 11. Teens and adults are asked to meet at the west Pool, from where volunteers will disburse to pick up trash in MR common areas.

- **Community Vandalism:**

- A resident mentioned that her car was stolen from her driveway recently.
- Sam Hagadorn briefed that several weeks ago, a resident reported teenage boys lighting fireworks in the wash. Fireworks are illegal in Arizona.
- Another teen was observed removing a package from the front patio of a home just minutes after delivery.
- Recently, resident vandals tossed the pool furniture and trash cans into the pools again. This time, they also defecated and urinated on bathroom floors and damaged bathroom fixtures. Thanks to a few residents who are tired of their homeowners' dues being wasted on such cleanups and repairs, TPD was called and the resident teen vandals were arrested.

- A resident reported that there are now holes in four of the glass block windows at the east pool. These are expensive to replace. A resident suggest placing Plexiglas covers over the glass blocks.
- Most residents agree that TPD work hard and does s good job, but at times seem unresponsive to calls.
- Being vigilant and involved can save us all some money, and curb the vandalism that appears to be caused by a very few residents. Consider neighborhood watch!
- **Illegal Dumping:** Sam Hagadorn briefed that illegal dumping has been going on east of the cattle crossing on Poorman Road. At least once, a resident observed another MR resident committing the offence. Dumping on public or another's private property is illegal. If observed, suggest getting a license plate, if possible, and call 911.
- **Bylaw Change to Adjust Board Member Term Length and Term of Service.** A proposal was made to increase all board member terms to two years, and stagger terms of service to overlap terms in order to preserve continuity. Under this plan, the President and secretary's terms would have been considered started August, 2005, and the Vice president and Secretary's terms would have been considered started August, 2006. Each will serve a two-tear term from their start date. The proposal was made by Sam Hagadorn, and seconded by Bill Hughes. It passed unanimously.
- **Bylaw Annual Review and Approval.** The bylaws were presented for annual review and approval. A proposal was made by Keith Miller to approve the bylaws, and seconded by Sylvia Katvala. The bylaws, with the above change, were approved unanimously.
- **MRNA Secretary Position to Become Vacant.** Sam Hagadorn announced that he will depart in January due to military orders. This will create a vacancy in the secretary position. Our bylaws allow for nine board members, with a minimum of three. Only six positions are currently filled. With Sam leaving, there will be four vacancies. If anybody is interested in becoming a board member, they may self-nominate or be nominated by another resident. Once accepted by the members, the board will decide which position the member will fill.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Sam Hagadorn
 MRNA Secretary