

## **SMPOA Annual Meeting Minutes June 14, 2020**

President Ed Weitzer called the 56th Annual Meeting of the Sunset Mesa Property Owners Association to order at 2:09pm on a Zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus Safer at Home Initiative.

In attendance were the following members of the SMPOA Board: Ed Weitzer, Martin Legowiecki, Howard Gould, Paulette Silver, Teresa LeGrove, Josh Epstein, and Albert Chang.

Also, in attendance was Parliamentarian Rick Silver.

### **1. President's Welcome Message (Ed Weitzer)**

- a. Welcomed all members to the meeting
- b. Reviewed key accomplishments over the past year, including:
  - i. Lobbying and working with County officials to establish overnight parking restrictions on PCH after a three-year effort
  - ii. Holding multiple sign up events with ADT security patrol to continue to maintain level of patrol (all members are encouraged to sign up for \$60/month service to increase coverage and have ADT come onto your property if needed)
  - iii. Creating a new website
  - iv. Working with LA County Public Works to arrange for parkway tree trimming
  - v. Efforts to establish Sunset Mesa as Tactical Zone 10 for emergency responders to improve coordination and span of patrol during a disaster
  - vi. Encouraged the Mesa-Momma's new social group for young families
  - vii. Distributed annual Getty Museum pass
  - viii. Publication and distribution of the Sunset Mesa-ge newsletter

### **2. Treasurer's Report (Teresa LeGrove)**

- a. Converted SMPOA bookkeeping to Quickbooks
- b. This allows for email invoicing and electronic payment of dues
- c. Explained the structural change for dues for this year that enable us to align dues with Getty pass going forward at the start of the year

- d. New checking account established with Banc of California which has reduced our banking fees
  - e. In March 2020 we moved our money market into a short-term bond ladder yielding a higher return
  - f. Treasurer's report
    - i. Total Income for 2019/2020 = \$54,930.22
    - ii. Total Expenses for 2019/2020 = \$43,547.85
    - iii. Estimated Expenses for 2020/2021 = \$40,250
3. Vice-President Message (Howard Gould)
- a. Reviewed the remainder of the meeting agenda
  - b. Thanked Ed and Renee Weitzer for hosting the board meetings over the past year
  - c. Discussed the importance of homeowners paying their SMPOA dues which are needed to continue to fund the AC for all of its activities including storage facility for all documents, insurance, taxes, legal, accounting fees, communicating with the community via the Sunset Mesa-ge and the Annual Meeting among other items
4. AC Committee (Martin Legowiecki)
- a. Thanked current A/C Members: Sarah Doering, Philip Cohen, Len Ovsowitz, Abbas Satrap, Arnold Christiansen, and Glen Beer as secretary.
  - b. 54 site visits were conducted in the past year
  - c. Reminded residents pursuing construction that story poles need to be up for a site visit. If they are not up, the site visit will be postponed until the next month
  - d. Encouraged all interested homeowners to apply to serve on the AC
5. Emergency Preparedness Committee (Howard Gould)
- a. Thanked Dr Albert Chang for chairing the Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - b. Grant Graves has worked with County agencies to coordinate a disaster response plan specific to our neighborhood and has identified grant opportunities to receive funding for our neighborhood for preparations
  - c. Several emergency training meetings were held in Sunset Mesa earlier in the year, but have been put on hold due to shelter in place
6. PCH Parking Status (Rick Silver)

- a. The Board and the independent Sunset Mesa Safety Group worked together to re-establish No Parking on PCH between Coastline and PCH.
- b. The approval was no parking from 12am-2am on the land side of PCH and no parking from 2am-4am on the beach side.
- c. Several Board members and residents attended and spoke at multiple hearings with the County Board of Supervisors. It was approved by the County on July 30, 2019.
- d. The Board then hired an attorney to attend the subsequent Coastal Commission meeting to represent the community in case of an appeal. The Coastal Commission approved this on October 17, 2019.
- e. All homeowners are encouraged to help monitor and report those that are in violation. To report a violation call:
  - i. CHP Dispatch Center at 323-259-3200, or
  - ii. West Valley CHP at 818-888-0980
- f. Rick noticed that some of the No Parking signs have been taken down. He called the County Supervisor's office who notified Public Works and CalTrans who will work to replace them.

#### 7. Website (Imad Bitar)

- a. Imad is volunteering as the new webmaster for sunsetmesa.org
- b. Reviewed updates that have been made so far:
  - i. A banner page has been added to alert visitors to the new bulletins that have been posted for quickly communicating to homeowners
  - ii. You can now pay dues online
  - iii. A new Emergency Preparedness section has been added
- c. Discussed future enhancements under consideration
  - i. Password protected portal for sharing sensitive information
  - ii. Maintain a resident's email list
  - iii. Add the ADT incidents report
  - iv. Create a new resident's section
  - v. Add community activities (ie Block parties, Mesa Momma's)
  - vi. Add aggregate sales information
  - vii. Add ability for online voting
  - viii. Add a suggestion box

#### 8. Sunset Mesa-ge (Paulette Silver)

- a. Confirmed that the Mesa-ge will continue to be printed and distributed monthly as per the By-Laws
- b. Announced that prior Sunset Mesa-ge editions will be published and archived on our website at sunsetmesa.org
- c. Thanked the Street Representative Committee for serving for the past year and distributing the Mesa-ge:
  - i. Corinne Karr, Glenn Lieberman, Cheri Bitar, Dorothy Reinhold, Gabe Sokoloff, Gail Greendale, Marie Aguila, Ann Child, Sandra Chapman, Susan Lowenstam, Nancy Perman, Marta Samulon, Colleen O'Beirne Brydon, Jon and Teresa Cherkas, Teri and Steve Carcano, Karen Clark, Norm Dupont, Amedeo Ferraro
- d. Thanked the contributors and sponsors of the Sunset Mesa-ge

9. 2020-2021 Board (Howard Gould)

- a. All current board members have agreed to serve again
- b. No write in candidates were received

10. Voting for 2020-2021 Board (Paulette Silver)

- a. Voting normally occurs in person, however given the Annual Meeting is virtual this year, ballots will be mailed to members in good standing
- b. All ballots should be returned immediately using the self-addressed and stamped envelope provided
- c. All ballots will be sent to and securely held by the SMPOA Secretary (Josh Epstein)
- d. The secretary will then transfer the ballots to the Inspector for the Election (Norm DuPont) who will tally the votes and verify the member is in good standing
- e. On July 6<sup>th</sup>, as mandated by the by-laws, there will be an organizational meeting of the new SMPOA Board. The new officers will be announced in the July Sunset Mesa-Ge and posted on website

11. ADT Patrol (Howard Gould)

- a. Currently we have a 7 days/week patrol during 1 shift and 5 days/week during another shift.
- b. We are only 10 sign-ups away from getting the last two days/week covered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift and we encourage homeowners to sign up for ADT Patrol to obtain this.

12. High School Graduates (Paulette Silver)

- a. The SMPOA would like to extend a big congratulations on behalf of the community to the quarantined class of 2020.
- b. Sunset Mesa high school graduates include (but may not be limited to): Asher Andrus, Cameron Bendetti, Adele Carcano, Maddy Maier, Serena Perl, Nick Reinhold, Aislinn Russel, Elijah Shayne and Hanna Taub.

### 13. Q&A with attendees

- a. *Question:* Can we save money by going paperless and communicating via email? *Answer:* Bylaws may not allow this. Additionally, we do not have all homeowner email addresses and some elderly homeowners do not have or use email. Therefore, we cannot go paperless yet.
- b. *Question:* Is the storage unit necessary? *Answer:* The association has documents going back to the 1960's and is in storage as permanent record. Some building plans submitted are on large drafting paper. Therefore, we cannot easily go paperless and the cost in converting all records to digital format may be cost prohibitive.
- c. *Question:* Is the webmaster being paid? *Answer:* No, Imad is graciously volunteering his time to improve the website.
- d. *Question:* When will the minutes be current on the website? *Answer:* All prior minutes will go up on the website shortly.
- e. *Question:* Why is the SMPOA charging \$150 for 1.5 years? *Answer:* To line ourselves up with the Getty cards in the calendar.
- f. *Question:* Why are we paying for the editing and printing the Sunset Mesa-ge? *Answer:* Paula Segerstrom handles this, and the Board compensates her for her time. Printing is necessary for monthly distribution per By-Laws
- g. *Question:* When are the ADT shifts? *Answer:* We encourage people not to make this public information until the website is password protected. Whomever wants to know the current schedule, please email the Board at SMPOAboard@gmail.com.
- h. *Question:* Can we put in a guard gate for the community? *Answer:* This was pursued by our former president, Linda Kaye. A lot of time and effort was put into this and given the legal and technical issues, it was not deemed possible.

The Vice President adjourned the meeting at 3:11 pm.

Minutes Certified as of June 20, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Epstein", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Josh Epstein  
Co-Secretary