

SMPOA Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021

OPENING

Vice President Howard Gould called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. via ZOOM.

PRESENT

The following Board members were in attendance: Vice President, Howard Gould; Architectural Committee Chair, Mark Stoeckinger; Albert Chang; Ed Weitzer; Secretary, Desa Stoeckinger. Also, in attendance was: Parliamentarian Rick Silver; past treasurer Imad Bitar; and three residents, members in good standing. Absent was President Jon Cherkas and Martin Legowiecki.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report - Imad Bitar

Architectural Committee - Mark Stoeckinger

The site visits for November 6th were postponed to November 13th, 2021 and will be led by Glen Beer.

John Ransier has volunteered to join the A/C committee and may attend on the November 13th site visits.

The A/C has supplied all of the necessary information to Toshiko Honda and her uphill neighbor under the conditions supplied by both neighbors.

New Business

Paulette Silver has resigned from the board after several years of volunteering. Imad Bitar is also resigning as SMPOA board treasurer.

A suggestion was made that CHP Officer Ramstead's phone number be posted in the Sunset Mesa-age so that residents can call directly regarding the R.V. encampments on PCH.

Rick Silver has had contact with Lt. Braden and Tessa Charnofsky regarding the encampments. The encampments on the stretch of PCH closest to Coastline have grown again due to the reinforcement in other areas of PCH. Rick Silver had Lt. Braden and Tessa Charnofsky out here to walk both sides of PCH to view the trash, encampments and people who are not moving their vehicles. They also saw several gas generators which can be a dangerous fire hazard. The County has agreed to extend the homeless outreach teams to cover our stretch of PCH. Beaches and Harbors have agreed to maintain the temporary restrooms three times a week and send out a crew to clean both sides of the highway where the trash has built up.

Emergency Preparedness Committee - Rick Silver

The next Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th 2021. Resident John Chapman will be discussing a free fire and earthquake home evaluation service available to residents. Grant Graves continues to work on the acquisition of two-way radios for our community to use in the event of an emergency.

Imad Bitar

Imad Bitar discussed his resignation transition and turnover process for the management of the website and to the next Treasurer. Imad is not leaving the Board due to any personal relationships with residents, but because he does not believe the Board is addressing critical issues of the SMPOA in a sound and timely fashion.

Resident Q&A:

Resident, Becky Rickley: Please explain why the Board is having questions from her regarding legal matters answered by an outside attorney representing the Board? Why incur the expenditure of an attorney? Why was it an issue to attend the meeting tonight ?

SMPOA, VP: The meeting attendance issue was reviewed and corrected. The legal issues that the attorney is handling will not be addressed at this meeting. Howard Gould will contact the attorney, Mr. Moreno about responding to the resident in a timely manner.

Resident, Natasha Roit: When a member wants to know want litigation is pending against the association why can't they get a straight forward answer? It is public record.

SMPOA VP: Explained that he is not acting as legal counsel but is a board member.

Resident Linda Kaye: Explained that she has concerns about the Board's to be transparency and would like to have information available and accessible to all members.

SMPOA VP: The minutes are on the website and up to date, and members should be able to locate fundamental information, back minutes, treasurer's reports etc.

Resident Natasha Roit and Becky Rickley: How many lawsuits is the association presently involved in? And how much is it costing for outside counsel? The governing documents say that members of the community are entitled to know.

SMPOA VP: this will be discussed in an executive session following the meeting. The Board is not prepared to answer questions about lawsuits tonight when there is outside counsel involved. He will consult counsel and get an answer to the resident's questions.

Resident Linda Kaye: Wanted to emphasize that the Board is protected from individual lawsuits, and urged the Board to be more transparent. Her concerned is that residents rights and CC&R's will be overturned. Residents Becky Rickley and Natasha Roit agreed with her concerns. It was suggested that the zoom link be provided for residents on the website so they can virtually attend the meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Howard Gould adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. and the board entered into an executive session.

Minutes Submitted by:

Desa Stoeckinger

Secretary