

# MINUTES of the Green Circle Service Corporation Meeting of March 22, 2006

Present were Board members: Helene, Rose, Jerome, Annavene, Chester and Marqui. Approximately 17 residents attended.

Helene **opened the meeting** by having all present introduce themselves (name and house number) and then reviewed the meeting guidelines. She mentioned that Annavene had resigned as secretary after the October meeting, and that Marqui had been voted by the Board in November to assume that position. Annavene had taken notes at the October Board meeting and Marqui put them in their final form.

Rose moved that the minutes be accepted. Jerome seconded the motion, and the Board voted to **accept the minutes**.

**Business arising from the minutes:** The discussion of procedures was delayed for now, since settlement issues are still pending. Helene explained that we have been following a process set forth by the settlement of the lawsuit. A misfiling of the articles of incorporation, the name change and compliance with the lawsuit requirements for insurance had caused delays. For the time being, the procedures that we will follow will remain the same – board members can speak to an issue first, followed by any resident who has a comment.

The next order of business was **Reports and Updates**.

**BOOK KEEPING:** Rose reported that funds from the TLCA had been received. All dues collected in escrow during the lawsuit had been collected. There has been one write off from a resident moving. Currently the GCSC bank account has \$4,622.00. Our costs have been only for some bank fees, and checks.

Since the final settlement is yet to be completed, TTCI is still paying the bills and collecting the quarterly billed fees : \$75.00 per single family home and \$45.00 per duplex except for the money collected by the TLCA and the cross defendants which was turned over to GCSC.

**INSURANCE:** Helene explained that the settlement spelled out what the insurance requirements should be, but the bids we received didn't comply because the company packages used different language and Mr. Strohman had to determine what needed to be changed to comply. The cost of complete compliance was more expensive and would require increase in dues, which TTCI and GCSC and TLCA wanted to avoid. The result is that the insurance taken has an A rating and an A+ umbrella and A++ D & O with the approval of Mr. Strohman and the TLCA.

The TTCI has retained their original insurance policy as well and plan to keep it in force until all aspects of the settlement are in place and the roads, trash area and gazebo are turned over to GCSC

There has been good cooperation between the residents, GCSC and TTCI to **fix the lights**, which was one requirement from the new insurance company, Serius America. Sue pointed out that there were still many lights not working. Both groups will continue to cooperate to



assist neighbors to get their street lights in working order. (Steve Walker has been very helpful in this effort.) Annavene noted that the Chase family has removed their light and installed a new mailbox instead.

**ROADS:** Jerome reported that he had gotten **bids on resurfacing** Taormina Lane and Arundale Road last fall : \$11,000 for resurfacing Taormina Lane, \$8,000 for adding 9 speed bumps and \$2,700 for resurfacing Arundale Road, which included patching pot holes. ( All bids expire in 30 days, so new bids will be required.) Jerome said he would require the same quality as Krotona received on their recent road work, including filling depressions and smoothing rough spots.

It was suggested that more discussion and a polling of residents would be needed to help decide on the placement and number of **speed bumps**. Several neighbors mentioned **concerns over speeding and near misses** as they walked. Jon mentioned that the fire department may have some guidelines or requirements that may need to be considered.

Several neighbors mentioned **problems with the road** after Adelpia and the SBC did work in the neighborhood. Jerome reported having to make repeated calls to get the exposed wires in the street fixed. Ralph reported SBC workers refused to correct the problem area they had created near his house.

Jerome stated he will make **specific guidelines for contractors** who work in our neighborhood and damage the road. Also, we may decide in the future to contract with the city of Ojai to do **sweeping**.

**TRASH & RECYCLING:** Chester reported that he and his committee, Trina and Linda, continue to **appreciate the effort neighbors were making** in separating trash, green waste and items for recycling. At their recent meeting they felt the first stage should be for **permanent signs**. Plans for locks and covering the trash area could wait.

They suggested an occasional **handout** to keep up the education of the residents by updating information regarding recycling with specific information about the recycling of large or special items (electronics, batteries, furniture, etc.) and encouraging everyone's continued cooperation. An information packet for newcomers to inform them of our Trash and Recycling Plan was suggested.

Trina mentioned that Gold Coast Recycling in Ventura accepts old computers and breaks them down to salvage parts and appropriately dispose of toxic parts as the California law now requires. Packing beads can be dropped off at the Attitude Adjustment Shoppe.

Chester emphasized that the committee was not "just making up rules", but was trying to help residents be aware of the rules of the Harrison Trash Company, state laws and guidelines for helping our neighborhood deal with its trash.

Sue pointed out that **not flattening boxes** continues to be a problem. It was suggested that having a tool available in the trash area might help. A box for batteries could be available in the trash area.

It was suggested that **neighbors who are around during the week could try to dump their**



**trash during the week** instead of over the weekend. This may help alleviate the huge piles that often occur over the weekend.

Overall, everyone felt there had been **good effort and cooperation** in recent months.

**New Business:**

A discussion concerning the **closing of Arundale Road** began. The closing of Arundale Road last summer was a part of the settlement. Annavene said a legal opinion is needed to determine the legal options.

Some believed that all residents have a legal easement to use of Arundale Road. Some stated that it could be shut, but not locked. No one seemed to know who had added a lock after the gate was shut. It was suggested to consider making Arundale a one way street (out). Some neighbors liked it closed, others felt determined to have it opened. More discussion and perhaps a poll of all residents will be needed to reach a consensus once the legal options are clear.

**Leases** for the transfer of the trash area, roads and gazebo are currently being drawn up. It is possible they will be ready in a week or so.

**Several concerns were mentioned by residents. Long term parking of RVs, boats, and trucks** in our parking bays was brought up. One has a right to tow on a private road such as Taormina Lane. **Parking cars directly opposite of one another** which blocks passage of (fire) vehicles and crowds traffic with walkers, was another concern. The need to **repaint red curbs** on curves and to paint the area adjacent to our fire hydrants was urged. The reality that more cars are now in Taormina than when it originally started was noted. **Road signage** might be helpful, was another idea presented.

It was noted that some neighborhood concerns are overlapping with responsibilities of TTCI for the CC& Rs and the Trash area, Recycling, Gazebo and Roads that are expected to be responsibilities for GCSC. Hopefully there will be **continued cooperation of all to work harmoniously to find appropriate new ideas and consensus solutions** for our neighborhood.

It was decided to **wait** until there was more clarity regarding the transfer of the roads and leases for the gazebo and the trash area **before setting a date for the next meeting.**

Helene **thanked Rose, Jerome and Chester** for their work and helpful reports, and **thanked all for attending.**

Jerome moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed.

Marqui Bury, Secretary

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