

Minutes of the Taormina Lane Neighborhood Meeting of Friday, May 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. Nineteen residents of Taormina Lane were present. The meeting started with the chairperson, Trina Grantham, reading an introductory statement. She said, "The settlement between the TTCI and the TLCA is a compromise and like all settlements is less than perfect from the point of view of both sides. Both parties have agreed to make the best of what we have and to move into a system to promote cooperation and growth....". Trina said that certain steps must be taken within ninety days to complete the settlement and that one purpose of the meeting tonight was to form committees to complete those steps.

The next item on the agenda was the question period, and there were no questions at that time.

Trina explained that there was a ninety-day time frame to complete the necessary steps to organize the new corporation, Padres Vista Corporation that would manage the roads and the trash collection for Taormina Lane. Trina said that she would briefly explain the duties of the ad hoc committees and then the people present could volunteer to serve on a committee if they so wished. Since these committees were ad hoc, they would disappear after the election.

The nomination/election committee is to find suitable candidates for the new board positions and to formulate election procedures. It was suggested that the committee have completed the election by August 22. The following people volunteered: Nan Henderson, Helene Vachet, Rose Augustine and Jesse Grantham.

The bookkeeping/insurance committee is to find out who can perform the bookkeeping services and what their fees will be. There was some discussion as whether or not to have the treasurer keep the books or to hire an outside bookkeeper to do the job. The thought of the TLCA, one of the parties of the now resolved lawsuit, and the consensus of the neighborhood meeting was towards finding an outside professional bookkeeper. Discussion leaned towards the point of view that it would be cleaner and better to have this job done by a professional. Elaine Needham volunteered to serve on this committee. No one volunteered for the insurance committee. The chairperson, Trina Grantham, said that she knew of someone who might be interested but that she would have to check with this person before announcing the name. After much discussion, Matt Newberg suggested that the discussion move on to the road repair committee. It was moved and seconded.

The road repair committee was the subject of the most discussion. Trina said that the job of this committee was research what needed to be done and to get the bids for the roadwork. Volunteers were needed who like to work with contractors. Matt Newberg said, "We must tax ourselves in a clear and directive way so that there will be funds available for the next road repair job". Trina said that the hope of those previously concerned was to treat the road in a way that it will last for ten years. Shirley Nicholson, resident head of the Krotona Institutes (the Institute owns a few houses on Taormina Lane), suggested that the committee contact Cecil Messer at 701-9395. Cecil has done a lot of research, as the Krotona road was recently re-surfaced, and he could be used as a resource. Carol Smith said that the TTCI would front the money for the road repair (around fifty-thousand dollars), as this was part of the settlement. Carol also said that the money couldn't be saved for future use but must be used now, as that was also part of the

terms of the settlement. Matt said that the road committee will be on the hot seat and that their deliberations should be made public. This recorder agreed with Matt about the meetings being open, as there were differing opinions regarding speed bumps that had already surfaced at this meeting.

Matt Newberg said that one problem of the settlement between the TLCA and the TTCI is that the settlement didn't state who is the "we" to determine who is to negotiate with the TTC regarding the road repair. In other words, who has the authority to make the decision regarding the road — the ad hoc committee or the new board? The group felt that it was the new board who had the authority, and that it was necessary to elect the new board in a timely manner so it would be able to follow through with the suggestions of the ad hoc committee. Madalyn Bush suggested that nothing be done on the road until fall when the weather is cooler, as there would be too much inconvenience with the use of tar in hot weather. Carol Smith also agreed that it made more sense to wait for fall. However, she said that we couldn't wait to do the road until we have more money (as previously stated the repair job was part of the settlement.). It was suggested that the road committee complete its research by July 15. The following residents volunteered for this committee: Bill Painter, Ralph Edwards, and Alan Benson.

It was moved to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Reported by Helene Vachet

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