

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

July 27, 2015  
5501 N. Maria Dr.  
Minutes

Board members present: Joan Scott, Susan Berger, Ralph Jewett, Jay DeAngeli, Robert Bolton, Leo Roop, Roxie Lopez, Bente Jensen, Mary Jo Schwartz, Diana Ossana, John Battaile

Board members absent: Tom Scarborough, Mary Clare Jacobs, Delann DeBenedetti

Neighbors present: Carole DeAngeli (recording secretary), Angelo Dellacona, Barbara Bolton

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by president Robert Bolton.

**Officer's Reports**

Minutes - minutes of the meeting of April 20 having been previously distributed via email, it was moved, seconded and approved that we dispense with the reading thereof.

Treasurer's & Membership Report - Cash on Hand \$12, 955. Expenditures this period include gift certificates for the annual meeting drawing, a get-well gift for Angelo, and payment to the recording secretary for dues. Susan asked why we couldn't get businesses to donate raffle prizes for the annual meeting. Jay said we probably could but it requires someone's time and effort to go asking for them. Susan indicated she would be happy to do it next year. Current membership is 122. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the treasurer's report.

**Old Business & Committee Reports**

Lodge Development - Jay spoke to Jim Portner who said there has been no activity on this item. The owners are currently looking for a developer. The Lodge rentals pay their way so there seems to be no rush to do anything.

Hospitality - Carole reported on a number of houses that have sold since our last meeting. There are new neighbors at 196 E. Yvon, 5702 N. Lady Ln., 75 W. Yvon, 501 E. Canyon View, 105 E. Canyon View. The house at 5845 N. Genematas (Mrs. Swanson's) has sold also. The long-time renters (10 years) at 404 E. Yvon have moved and that house is again for rent.

Beautification, Streets - The project to beautify the entrance at Canyon View is in abeyance until the weather is cooler. Some plants have yet to be added to the island at Rudasill. Joan asked about the pile of rocks still sitting on Canyon View. Jay will again ask the County to complete that work. The gas company is working on Canyon View, replacing gas lines. Leo said the transplanted ocotillo at the Triangle is not doing well.

Neighborhood Watch - Carole noted that there has been no crime in the neighborhood since our last meeting. Susan brought up the issue of the Post Office putting 'vacant' notices in the mailboxes of homes. This has apparently been a long-term practice, but is an open invitation to burglars. Carole will contact the post office regarding practice.

Nominating Committee - Joan refreshed our memory on the what the by-laws state regarding the makeup of the board. We can have up to 15 members, up to 3 of which can be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. The current board decides the number of board members to have and also votes to approve the slate. The slate Joan presented was all the current board members, minus Mary Clare Jacobs. It was moved and seconded that we accept the slate. Unanimously approved. It was also moved, seconded and approved that the board consist of up to 15 board members.

Picnic - Leo asked if we knew for certain where the picnic would be held. Jay said that Rick Bacall, Eisner's son-in-law, told him there was no problem with having the picnic on the Eisner's property this year, as long as the house hadn't sold. The house is currently not on the market. Roxie spoke to the Quail Canyon Golf Club, as an alternative site. They charge \$500, including the insurance. There is room for a tent and grassy area for games. Delann had checked on obtaining insurance for the event and learned that it is prohibitively expensive. The Eisner's policy is still in place. It was moved, seconded and approved that we keep the picnic at Eisner's for this year. Leo will pass out a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the annual meeting. The picnic is to be held on October 25th.

### **New Business**

Annual Meeting - Robert asked for volunteers for the annual meeting. Carole will bring and make the coffee. Jay will bring ice and water. Roxie will bring bagels and Mary Jo will bring fruit. There was a discussion about guest speakers and several ideas were offered - Matt Johns (telescopes), a raptor specialist, a sheriff's representative, Hal Fritts (tree rings). Carole will arrange for one or more speakers. The meeting is to be held on September 19th.

Raptors - A woman from another neighborhood spotted 3 dead Harris hawks in one of our washes. She notified Mary Stiner, who saw one of the carcasses. Mary put a notice in everyone's mailbox regarding the problem, and urging neighbors not to use rat poison. Mary has written an article on non-poisonous method of packrat control, which Carole posted on the website.

### **Items from the Floor**

Diana spoke about having dry wood termites at her house and the extensive treatment that it required. She highly recommended the company that did the work and will send in a recommendation.

Susan updated us on the issue of the large motorhome parked on the corner of Yvon and Agave. The zoning inspector did make a site visit and said there had been a complaint, but the motorhome was in compliance. However, subsequently, the neighbors did prepare a site on the side of their house and the motorhome has been moved.

Jay updated us on the situation at the corner of Agave and Maria. Based on the complaint, the zoning inspector did visit and issued a warning regarding the trailer. A For Sale sign went up on the house but has subsequently been removed. The trailer is still for sale and does not appear to have anyone living in it.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be September 19th, following the annual meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

*Carole DeAngeli*  
*Recording Secretary*