

## DHA Director Mtg Minutes January 27, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board took place on 1-27-21 via video conference with all current board members - - Brad Wolfson, Marty Glick, Chris Anderson, Wes Dalton, and Sandeep Aujia - - in attendance.

Wes reported on his extensive research into possible vendors for a much improved Downs security system. The choice has been narrowed down to two possible vendors and they each will next be invited to meet with Wes to discuss in more detail their services and exact costs. Parameters discussed in preliminary discussions with these vendors suggest an installation cost under \$5,000 with an ongoing approximate cost of \$5,000 per year. We hope to have this completed with a contract in place by April. In addition, we know that a number of Downs residents have their own security video systems and we have learned that there is a registration system with the city police department. We will coordinate so that video from those systems might also be tapped in the event of a crime committed in our neighborhood. We expect that these measures may both help to deter robbery and burglary as well as help to apprehend any offenders.

Sandeep reported on the Neighborhood Watch project. There have been some who volunteered to help set it up and work with it but more are needed and we need to gauge the overall community interest. Law enforcement is standing by to attend an initial meeting. An email and/or web posting soliciting interest and engagement will follow.

As reported in much more detail in a separate posting under ongoing park projects, members of the 2021 park fire safety committee did the second of two 2021 park walk throughs with Fire Chief Dave Winnacker on November 11th, 2020. The Chief made several recommendations for work that is either essentially mandated or otherwise would materially reduce fire risk (see report). In direct response to inquiries last year at the annual meeting and on other occasions regarding the Eucalyptus trees, the Chief reported that he saw no need to remove them for the reasons also set out in the more detailed report. Accordingly, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the report on the walk through, table indefinitely any action on the Eucalyptus trees, and go forward as soon as feasible with implementing the safety measures outlined in the report. Brad and Chris will pilot getting the appropriate bids and selecting those who will do the work so that it can be in place before the next fire season.

The private road will need upgrading, but the work will be postponed to the next fiscal year. We expect to solicit bids for the work in the fall, once the fire protection process has been put in place.

The Board approved a request from local Firewise certified Downs neighborhood groups to fund a cost of \$75 for placards for homeowners to use in the event of a wildfire. The placards would indicate to the Fire Department that the residents have evacuated and thus no need to check that home in an emergency. While the Board approved this request, it expects that the

Firewise groups will not be looking to OHDA to fund projects (not related to the park, other property owned by the Association, or the road) in the future.

The Board next addressed the election of new Board members. The by-laws provide for a board of up to eight members and eight were elected last Fall, each for a two year term but since then three have since resigned for various reasons. We propose to hold an election this year to take place in September to fill those three seats, each for a two year term so that replacements will be staggered as the by-laws contemplate. Given the new California Homeowner election laws enacted and effective this year, the election process takes a few months. We solicit now and will by web site postings and otherwise for members to let us know of their interest in serving. Board members typically attend 4-5 meetings a year and agree to take responsibility to lead on park, security, financial, web site, legal, or software or other projects needed by our community. We need committed volunteers if we are to avoid the cost of an outside vendor to manage our affairs.

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm, adjourned at 7:25.

Marty Glick, Secretary to the ODHA Board