

PALOS VERDES CIVIC ASSOCIATION
May 23, 2024 – Thursday 7:00-9:00 pm
Koelbel Library, Meeting Room B
Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

Board Members Attending:

X Co-President – Dawn Biniek (25) X Nina Vollmer (24) (via phone) ___ Rod Brown (24) X
Treasurer – Stacey Hilzer (25) X Co-President – Fran Summerhill (24) X Ken Savacool (24) ___
Curtis Barber (25) _ Secretary - Michael (Sully) Sullivan (24) X Vice Pres – Nancy Nickless (25)
X Alex Spahiu(25)
Guest: Marie Zimmerman

7:09

Welcome/Member/Guest Comments

Approval of Agenda - Ken approved, Alex seconded

Approval of Minutes of last Board Meeting 4/25/2024 - Fran approved, Alex seconded

Financial Report - Stacey reported that we are 22% ahead of paid membership compared to this time last year. The insurance premium came in way over budget and she will be negotiating a lower one. The ownership of the perimeters is still in question and if we own them we will have a large tax bill that will break our budget.

USPS costs to mail the newsletter - Stacey spoke to the general at the PO who said we might think about using a Postcard for 3c instead. We could use it as a dues reminder? Nina suggested we could also use a postcard to promote the upcoming events. Ken asked if we could hand deliver instead. We used to do that. We would need a lot of volunteers to do this. Dawn said years ago it took her and her husband 2 days to deliver flyers. Stacey used \$710 from the fence fund to pay for Marie and Gail's repairs. We will need to have an audit done - required every 3 years. Must be a CPA. Ask the City for a grant to pay for it if we have to pay a CPA. Taxes are done.

Reports

- a. Grounds Committee, Large Community Grant status – Rod is away. Undergrounding is on the schedule just no date yet. 6 Homeowners on Fair have agreed to pay. The large grant application was approved. Ken has found a ready-made community board from Inline which is composite for \$800ish plus freight of \$213. It's a one-sided, 4' x 4' board and would save a lot of money. However, the Board has already approved the more expensive board and Dawn suggested that we would need to make changes as a group. Can we reassign the funds from the kiosk to the rocks? Ryan must be consulted. Dawn has emailed him with questions about the procedure. We need to know placement and Rod is trying to get SSPRD to respond to this question. The grant team needs new members as Rod and Sully are unable to contribute. If the board were to implement changes to the existing approved grant application, a scope of work would need to be submitted. This is still under discussion and review.

- b. Membership/Welcome 2023/2024 – visits to start in May. Dawn will take the plants next weekend. We have had a \$1 million house sale.

New Business

- a. 2024 Schedule (Meetings/Events) – Neighborhood Clean-up Day, Dumpster Day Clean-up Day. We have the supplies. Dawn has community service waivers. Trash bags will be thrown out on dumpster day. Fran will bring the sandwich board. The banner will go on the Holly fence. Sign-up sheets for Informal data collection. (Confirm contact info and ask if we can get an email for the digital newsletter.) Marie will man a table at Holly and Maplewood and Nancy at E Orchard Drive and Orchard. Marie and Dawn will provide tables and chairs. Set up at 6.15 pm. Stacey will make signs - participation at your own risk. Dumpster Day - Dawn and Fran will bring cones, and the sandwich board at 7 am. Dawn will bring swag bags for both events. Nina will lend her chainsaw to Pete to cut up 2 branches on Holly and Fran will get the brush to Willow Springs that day.
- b. Fence repairs on S Monaco Way and E Orchard Rd – Completed!
- c. Homeowners have written emails with questions. 1. The homeowner of the new house built behind K-Life had to clean up the stream and he's blocked off the path to prevent traffic and trash build-up.. He wants to keep trespassers off the path. Stacey - we should not be involved. Nina suggested there may be an easement for flood control. Nancy will contact him & ask him to research his property boundaries. This does not concern PVCA. 2. Someone has a relative moving to PV & asked if there are any covenants about building a front yard fence. Aesthetically there are no others. Also, where is the mailbox, & would a fence prevent the USPS from delivering? They would need to permit it. Dawn will respond.
- d. Nina suggested we review and update the covenants from 1961 and 1966. Dawn countered that we would need to get 67% of owners to approve any changes. Should we review the current covenants so we know what we are on the hook for and if any are obsolete? Dawn asked her to look at current covenants and research how this can be done. We would need an attorney which will cost. Maybe review a few at a time. Dawn - it cost \$7,000 40 years ago to make changes. Fran will make them more prominent on the website. We do have bylaws that we must adhere to.

Old Business

- a. Court Case for the accident on E Orchard Rd - Stacey said she awaits hearing from the DA.
- b. Watering on Caley Island - No need to water yet.
- c. Communications/Newsletter, Email, Etc. – 3rd Qtr Newsletter Curtis will do 3rd quarter issue. We will publish and thank current members.
- d. CenCON - There was an excellent presentation given by a Highline Canal representative. They are in the process of taking down old cottonwoods and Russian olives. Adding lots of new trees - more street-type trees. Emphasized that the canal will look very different in 50 years. These new species will survive better with much less water. Lots of customers pull from the canal and 40-60% is lost to evaporation. When it is filled, it goes up to Hampden. Plans to add seating and other features for kids etc. Centennial passed ADU legislation. No short-term rentals. SWENSA - no need for phosphorus on established

lawns. It is represented in lawn food by the middle number. Vital to keep phosphorous out of the stormwater system.

- e. Marie has a dead rat from the chickens next door. The foxes are back seen on Newport and Niagara. Stacey - garage sale was dropped 5 years ago from lack of interest. Stacey and Nina spoke and Stacey suggested she head up the movie night. Stacey - Food truck huge success. June is a pizza truck.

Adjournment -8.55 PM

2024 Palos Verdes Calendar of Events

Date/Leader

Neighborhood Clean-up Day: May 29, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Food Trucks: Thurs, 5/16, 6/13, 7/1, 8/15, 9/12 Spring Dumpster Day: June 1st, 8 am-noon - PV Park (Curtis) 4th of July Parade/Flag Distribution: July 4th (Thurs / D. Jones)

Movie Night: Aug/Sept

End-of-Summer Picnic: Sept - PV Park

Fall Dumpster Day: Sept 28 (with e-cycling/Metrum Comm Credit Union) October Annual Meeting: Oct 24 - BOD Elections / 2025 Budget Halloween Hut: Oct 31 (Thurs), 6-8 pm, PV Park Board Officer Elections: Nov 21

Wreath Distribution: Nov 29

Holiday Social: Dec

Next Scheduled Board Meetings: (Typically 4th Thurs, scheduled 2-3 months in advance)

Jun 27 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room B / Phone Zoom

Jul 25 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room xxx / Phone Zoom

Aug 22 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room xxx / Phone Zoom