

MINUTES OF THE STAGECOACH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SNA) BOARD MEETING - 5/17/2022 @ 9:00 am via zoom

Doug called the meeting to order

Present:

President- Doug Daubert, Vice President- Sherry Popham, Treasurer- Bruce Popham, Secretary- Dion Smith, Directors- Rhonda Vanderhoff, Terry Thompson, Mary Lane Leslie, Martin Gutowski, Massimo Bardetti, Linda Thompson

Sherry moved for an amendment to the 5/17/22 meeting agenda. – Motion was approved.

Doug made a motion; - To approve the 3/22/22 board meeting minutes- Motion was approved.

Treasury Report

Bruce – provided an updated treasury report. The dues collection has been good, but continue to dribble in.

1. Previous Balance 4/29/22	\$3064.58
2. Total expenditures	0
3. Balance	\$3064.58
4. Deposits	\$525.00
5. Current Balance	\$3589

Mary Lane- suggested providing a handout to help improve community insight regarding SNA community and board activities, business, accomplishments, etc. Communication options were discussed (e.g. Mail Chimp vs. Postal service). Some of this is already being done via Mail Chimp and the SNA website.

Asphalt Plant Issues and Progress

Sherry- reported that we have been granted a hearing to address our concerns. The necessary information for the application was amended and completed for our hearing request. There is a question regarding the plant applicant’s legitimacy for already mining and implementing a crusher plant and the lack of evidence for a permits for each. The Greater World community is also contesting the applicant’s request. Sherry is hoping to collaborate with them and Taos Alliance. There was further discussion regarding NMED’s (New Mexico Environmental Department) position on knowing the law in the process. There appears to be inequality in providing guidance beneficial to the applicant, but not to entities contesting the plan/application.

Terry- suggested using a drone to observe activities at the proposed asphalt plant site. Terry will contact Andrew (drone operator). Martin asked if Andrew is a certified drone operator.

Massimo- inquired about the county planning office role in the hearing. Sherry said they have no role in the hearing, but they would be a last resort in the addressing of permit and zoning issues.

There was a brief discussion to ascertain the number of mining pits present in zone 5.

DSAB updates

Sherry- she, Terry and Doug will be meeting with Andrew Jones (County Planning Dept.) today regarding changes to the SNA overlay, zoning issues. (Subsequently postponed by TCPD) One of the changes is the addition to include single family homes in zone 2 while deleting mobile home park development. She asked if there are any concerns for condo type development. Terry validated that the intent for the change is to provide single family housing in zone 2.

Doug- asked Mary Lane how her property would be accessed regarding her proposal for developing affordable housing on her property west of Calle Feliberto. She stated it would be accessed from Highway 64. Access may also be available through Cindy Maestra’s property and would be economically beneficial. This access would provide an option for avoiding increased cost for circumventing an environmental flood plain area separating the property. **Doug** questioned the road type to be installed.

Mary Lane said it would be a class D 50’ wide road. This type of road classification provides for simultaneous emergency use and possible evacuation needs.

Mary Lane shared about the potential home construction to be used. A company from Colorado offers an affordable option that provides use of sustainable materials and energy efficiency.

Sherry asked Mary Lane to keep her updated on any potential zoning/overlay issues/ changes as ML proceeds with the project. The plan presently includes a firehouse, housing, and some commercial development. There would be utilization of water catchment and back-up supplementary tied to the fire dept. well. A community septic system has been proposed rather than individual septic fields.

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Doug began a brief discussion regarding recruiting needs for the fall board election and establishing a staggard approach for elections into the future.

Doug- shared about recent trespassing, vandalism incidents at several SNA properties. Nothing was reported stolen, but such intrusions are of great concern. Some of the intrusions were reported to the sheriff’s office. A discussion followed pursuing the need for vigilance, reporting such incidents to the authorities and Dean’s monitoring committee. It is also advisable to encourage homeowners to consider installing a camera. Cameras would be helpful for identification and deterrence. The need to report helps to develop a paper trail that would support the need for increased response from local authorities.

Martin shared about several incidents at the Allison Road area. **Terry** inquired about the tire tracks and the Sheriff’s Dept. taking notes in their investigation. **Doug** said that the authorities included that information. **Martin** suggested we take a Neighborhood Watch approach and using their poster to create a deterrence. **Doug** will check with Julie LeBlanc and Bonnie Golden regarding how to get Neighborhood Watch posters.

Sherry followed up with addressing the need to expand monitoring intrusions and clarification of how and who to contact for reporting any incidents.

Doug moved for the meeting to be adjourned- It was approved.