

**MINUTES OF THE STAGECOACH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (SNA) BOARD MEETING - 7/19/2022 @ 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, Massimo Bardetti, Mel Allen Vern Miller Guest: Linda Thompson, Ron Soskin, Brian Boyd, Andreas Kolshorn

Doug made a motion: To approve the 5/17/2022 board meeting minutes- Motion was approved.

Sherry made motion: To approve today’s agenda and an amendment to the meeting agenda. – Motion was approved. The amendment was re: bylaw guidelines for attendance for board members.

Treasurer Report- Bruce

1. Previous Balance 5/17/2022	\$3126.01
2. <u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>\$560.00</u>
- 2 Cameras	
- SNA Renewal with N.M. State	
3. Balance	\$2566.01
4. <u>Deposits</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>
5. Current Balance	\$2741.01

Doug- asked if there was any ‘thank you’ response to those paying dues? Followed by brief discussion by several present on implementing the appreciation. **Terry and Sherry** discussed making a digital Thank You form to send as appropriate.

Welcome Committee- Rhonda

Newcomers: Brian & Deann Boyd - Tune Dr. (property located behind Lois)
Dale & Teddi Cherry – 77 Calle Feliberto

Terry- Welcomed Andreas Kolshorn as the new SNA web master.

DSAB- Sherry

- Approved the Stephen Hill property purchased from Chris Abasta.
- Recent tour of Hotel Luna Mystica, conversing with Rachael Romero (Planning Dept.) regarding progress toward the ABC Mesa Camping property meeting codes.
- Meeting with Jason (Taos Mesa Brewery), progress toward reopening of business; the need for acquiring a CO for the water tank used for fire suppression.
- Working on clarifying: what exists, county requirements, loopholes re: family transfer of property regarding new development and fire suppression tanks.

Mary Lane questioned if water cisterns for suppression was still necessary if the progress for developing a local fire department was met.

Doug- expressed the benefits for implementing local water cisterns as a resource for fire suppression.

Asphalt Plant

Sherry- noted that there will be a hearing August 10th regarding the Taos Gravel permit/ proposal for implementing an asphalt plant west of the gorge.

- A permit already exists for a crusher plant to operate 7 days a week
- No well is available to meet the requirement for water in reducing dust raised by the operation.
- There is meeting this Friday 7/22/2022 with the hearing officer to discuss and clarify the impact on the process proceeding forward. This is a result of failures for applying adequate public process for responding to the application; and compliance in meeting water/dust control requirements. The addition of an asphalt plant would significantly increase toxic smoke/dust in the air. Our area would be affected by the prevailing winds. Some SNA members have photographed the dust clouds/air pollution from that area.
- Sherry will share a link for the community to access when anyone has complaints, information or photo evidence showing noncompliance.
- BLM footprint creates some restriction for the site.

Doug- asked if there could be any legal threat to us from Taos gravel?

Sherry- doubted that threat.

Ron- asked if there is any benefit in raising the issue for the potential impact of trucks making 280 round trips/ per day over the gorge bridge and the potential impact on tourism for Taos. Doesn't the project require state approval?

Andreas- contrasted the oversight in Seattle regarding wear and tear to roads, and the gorge bridge.

Sherry- stated there are no related restrictions from DOT. But Perovich needs a County permit and an NMED permit to operate.

Scenic Easement Committee (SEC)

Sherry- FYI that the cameras are working well.

- 97% of vehicles turn around at site
- ATV and foot traffic to site suggest mostly coming from the Hondo area

Doug noted that the Hondo 007 approaching the site is so deteriorated and may influence foot traffic from that direction.

Sherry added that Local Air B&B's may be influencing the traffic as well.

Massimo – shared that there is an increase in cars parked in front of the Dobson House. Most traffic is coming from the north.

Sherry is intending on writing a letter to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for assistance and support in the ongoing address of the scenic site.

Doug advised that we continue to push education to the public (signs) as to why BLM shut down the site.

Sherry responded with the intention to utilize more signs that reflects BLM parameters for shutting down the site. Dean Pulver will help install them.

New Business

Doug informed that there has been a request by some in the community to do an additional Rt.64 cleanup east of the dump entrance possibly in the fall. This in response to the horrendous amounts of litter along the road. **Sherry and Terry** suggested that in practicality it would be best to contact the state DOT re: enforcing the Tarp law (State and Local Law). Enforcement would help fix the problem. **Doug** advised that we ask concerned community members to contact DOT about the problem.

Emergency Response Team

Doug is intending on sending a letter to the Sherriff's Dept. to discuss any liability or other issues to consider in the attempt to provide emergency response from within the community.

Social Committee

Doug proposed the development of a social committee to address community social events and activities. He suggested continued use of Taos Mesa Brewery for a yearly community picnic. **Rhonda** suggested having the picnic on 10/1 before the following Saturday's general meeting. The hope would be to increase community attendance to the general meeting.

Sherry added that we are at a medium risk for Covid; there are no prohibitions for outside events. We should consider a fall picnic. Doug or Sherry will ask Jason of the brewery about a possible picnic in October.

Dion asked that we keep in mind the changing dynamics of Covid and the new variants. The original vaccines and boosters are not as adequate in protecting from the new variants which are more contagious than the original strains. A new vaccine is being researched and developed to better address the new variants and may be available in the Fall.

Board Membership Requirements and Changes

Sherry proposed that we discuss and amend the attendance requirements for board members. **Doug** reflected on changes that previously implemented staggered terms and elections so that there would be

a better transition. There would always be members who would be up to date on SNA history. Director terms are for 2 years. There are presently 11 board members.

This October we are seeking to replace 4 board members. Present board members will attempt to contact and recruit potential new board members. The nominating committee will advise the community beginning mid-August on who will be running for the 4 vacated board positions. A mix of new and older community members, along with representation from just property owners would be ideal. **Andreas** said he'll put a link on the SNA website providing information about the asphalt plant. Sherry will send it out to the membership. **Linda and Terry** will look at the SNA bylaws to recommend what changes should be made (such as meeting attendance of board members) before the October meeting. **Rhonda** will let members know we are seeking board members on Mail Chimp.

Doug made motion: to adjourn the meeting. It was approved. 10:09.

The next board meeting will be on 9/20/2022 and will include planning for the October SNA general membership meeting.