

MINUTES OF THE 2019 PHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

March 14, 2019

Picacho Hills Country Club

6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by President Paul Migliore. Seventy households were in attendance, out of a total membership of 370 households. The agenda included a vote for Directors on the PHPOA Board, yearly overview of PHPOA actions, and updates from Sheriff Kim Stewart and Paul Maxwell, District 5 Board representative of Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

In his opening statement, Migliore introduced Board members Margie Herberger, Kelly Lopez, Judy Lubeck, Janis Paul, Lynn Zeemont and Dave Zeemont. Mike Slover, outgoing Treasurer, and Valerie Heller, Director of the Merchant Discount program, were unable to attend the meeting. The President noted that Judy and Mike will be leaving the Board. He reported that this has been a good year for the PHPOA, with a strong membership drive resulting in increased membership, two successful candidate forums, Spring and Fall Clean Up initiatives, signing up 45 Merchants for the Merchant Discount program, and diverse landscape projects following the Master Landscape Plan initiated in 2017.

Minutes:

The Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were accepted as written.

Voting:

Bylaws Amendments -The President verified the presence of a quorum, and then described the process of Bylaws review completed by committee for Board approval. Since there were no questions, there was a motion to accept, a second, and the changes were accepted by acclaim.

Election of Directors - Margie Herberger named the candidates for Board positions: Valerie Heller and Kelly Lopez were running for a second term, and there were two Board nominees for vacant seats - Shonda Hillard and Tom Hennigh. Members were directed to vote on paper ballots, which included space for write-ins. Ballots were collected and tabulated.

Sheriff Kim Stewart: The Sheriff introduced herself and thanked all present for their interest in local law enforcement. She was grateful to have been invited to the PHPOA-sponsored Candidate Forums in the past year. The Sheriff praised Major Tom Hennigh, the Department's Public Relations Liaison, for his important work, since her main focus is proactive policing, which involves contact with many active groups in the County. She views the public and the DASO as partners and said that "the mission is proactive policing, but the path to the goal will diverge as necessary to serve all in the community." Taking questions, the Sheriff was asked about the possibility of conducting a self-defense course for women in the future. She thought the idea fit in well with other outreach programs such as the twice-yearly Citizens Academy and active shooter drills for schools and businesses. She suggested that awareness of one's surroundings may be the key to safety, even more than standing one's ground in self-defense, citing the FBI-suggested options of "Run, Hide, Fight" as a mindset.

Financial Report:

In the absence of Treasurer Mike Slover, the financial report was given by Dave Zeemont, who headed this year's Annual Financial Review Committee. After comparing monthly treasurer's reports with bank statements, Dave reported that all is in accordance and the books are in good order.

President Migliore noted that the PHPOA Board recently voted to open a reserve account, an interest-bearing CD, to segregate operating funds from reserve funds. One member questioned the need to keep reserve funds, with the idea that the Board should be spending what is earned. It was clarified that the reserve funds have been in existence for years prior to this Board.

Landscaping Report:

Dave Zeemont read the landscape report from Mike Slover, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, highlighted here:

- Plants installed summer 2017 at the site of the water company fencing at corner of Picacho Hills Drive and Fairway Village Drive should be screening the fencing thoroughly after another couple years of growth.
- Plants were installed spring 2018 at the eastern corner of FV Drive and PH Drive. (These are the only 2 areas using irrigation system. The balance of the project uses desert plants and water harvesting techniques.)
- Summer 2018 landscaping was completed on PH Drive at lower MiraMontes, then Barcelona Ridge Rd. near upper MiraMontes, utilizing a water-harvesting pond, smaller water-capturing depressions and plants suited to non-irrigated desert conditions.
- PHPOA provides for landscape maintenance of areas along both sides of PH Drive from FV Drive to Via Norte. Recently added is the area along PH Drive between the Casitas and Via Norte, as well as trimming of trees at Highway 70.
- PHPOA also convinced the County to replace the damaged and mismatched reflective markers near FV Drive. The PHPOA is grateful to the County for their attention to this project, as well as to their cooperation with PHPOA requests for enforcement of landscaping requirements of the Unified Development Code, which calls for screening of the chain link fencing around the Wastewater Treatment Plant, currently behind schedule.

Mike Slover, Landscape Chair, would like to thank all Picacho Hills residents who have donated to the PHPOA Landscape Fund. Donations are currently needed in order to begin further Master Plan landscape projects. Visit our website, picachohillspoa.com, for information on how to donate, as well as the complete report.

Water Company Update:

Paul Maxwell, new District 5 Board representative to Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, reported that he has been on the job since January. He noted that the company has invested much funding in Picacho Hills, and described the latest in ongoing projects.

The Via Norte project has been completed with the installation of 9 new Pressure Reducing Valves to help with pressure issues. Booster pumps are also being installed.

In Coronado Ridge, a new water line will be installed when easement issues are settled.

A new tank has been installed at the top of Barcelona Ridge Road, with painting to be completed by the end of March.

The line connecting the West Mesa to Picacho Hills will be completed by the end of March, to maintain better and more constant pressure to all customers.

Picacho Hills has two functioning wells. The third well, near the entrance to Fairway Village, is waiting for regulatory certification. It will be one of the largest wells in the system once online.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is being enlarged.

There was a question as to whether Picacho Hills has adequate water reserves for the future. Maxwell replied yes, but the company is mindful of the need to obtain designated water rights with further development.

Great American Clean Up: Lynn Zeemont announced that the Great American Spring Clean Up is coming on April 13. Dumpsters will be in the area, sponsored by local disposal companies. An email will be forthcoming with details.

Directory: Judy Lubeck reported that the 2019 Member Directories have been printed, after much work by many people. She asked members to contact her with any corrections/errors. Members at the meeting were given their Directories – the balance will be delivered in the next few weeks by neighborhood volunteers and the rest mailed. Anyone new this year should contact Judy for a binder cover for their Directory.

Judy introduced Nancy Fuller, PHPOA member who has worked for 17 years to compile the Directories and is finally stepping down from that role. For the past two years, Nancy has worked with the Board to adapt information to a new database. She is also involved in writing the procedures for her successor. Judy noted that no one can really replace Nancy and her painstaking work. The Board presented Nancy with an award thanking her for service to the community for the past 17 years. Nancy said that service to the PHPOA has been a pleasure for her, as she has enjoyed compiling the directory and meeting new neighbors. She was lauded with a round of applause.

Judy encouraged anyone who has an interest in this area to volunteer for the Directory Committee, and stressed that it is a great way to meet wonderful people and begin new friendships. The President thanked Judy for her work.

Election Results:

Margie Herberger announced the election results: all four candidates were elected by membership. Margie welcomed returning Directors Valerie Heller and Kelly Lopez, as well as new Directors Shonda Hillard and Tom Hennigh.

Question and Answer Period:

Wendy French observed that it is important for all PHPOA Board members who are not members of the Club to join the Club, to help support the “heart” of Picacho Hills.

Helen Morgan reported that the 2nd Annual Picacho Hills Garage Sale on May 4 is open to all interested neighbors who wish to see. They will be advertising on Craigslist, Nextdoor.com, and the Sun-News. She asked that interested sellers let them know so that they can be sure there is signage to your home. Contact Mo Quigley or Ellen Morgan by April 15 - Mquigley3@aol.com or eafmorgan@gmail.com.

County Commissioner Lynn Ellins noted that there have been complaints about speeding on Barcelona Ridge and Tuscany Dr. The County Engineer is looking into possible solutions, such as signage, or increased presence by Sheriffs during peak hours, usually mornings.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Herberger, Secretary