

**Casa del Cielo**

**Homeowner's Association, Inc. Annual Meeting**

**January 13, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Fiske, Mike Wolfe, John Bauer, Gordon Minier, Vicki Spellman

**RESIDENTS PRESENT:** Patti Westphal, Raleigh Farrell, Bev Hewitt, Harlan & Annie Olsen, John & Pat Good, Ralph & Jeanne Balding, Hilda & Steve Banyon, Michelle Demetrius, Ken & Bernie Huettl, Shirley Ekvall, Ann Harris, Doug & Camillia Clark, Parke Killinger, Jean Dunsing, Ron & Leslye Lebakken, Donna & Keith Roper, Kim & Kurt Boyd, Shirley & Bud Ayer, Maureen & Ed Burke, Barry Bader, Bob Bernstein

President Steve Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moved and second to accept the agenda as written.

Moved and second to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Fiske thanked everyone for attending and urged all residents to consider volunteering for Committee/Board positions. Good news: dues will remain the same for 2016.

**Architectural Control Committee:** Gordon Minier (Chair) reported that 14 driveways have been done with the pavers that were approved in 2015. The ACC continues to look at different requests to upgrade properties in our community. The ACC is currently reviewing "backyard gates" and whether they are feasible for CDC.

**Communications Committee:** Hilda Banyon (Chair) reported that Sandra Palaich will continue to maintain the CDC website and Shirley Ekvall will be writing the quarterly newsletter.

**Financial Committee:** Vicki Spellman provided the 2015 financial report. There were 6 properties that sold and closed in 2015. Vicki has that many already for 2016 pending. CDC provides a disk to new homeowners with CC&R's and bylaws. This provides \$400 for each closed property to the CDC revenue.

**Landscape Committee:** Ralph Balding reported that Landscape is a very significant part of our budget (60%). During 2015, 31 homes had drip irrigation lines and valves replaced at approx. \$400 per home. (42 home are scheduled for 2016) Once these are completed, the project of replacing 30 year old drip irrigation system will be done. Weed control and olive trees continue to be high on the priority list for 2016. Annual flowers planted at the community entrances and at the pool during the bi-annual CDC Community Work Days. Jeanne Balding and the volunteers cover our beautiful flowers during "freezing" temps so we don't lose them. Thank you to the Volunteers! Five homes were assisted with design and a subsidy for converting areas of their yards to desertcape in areas where Bermuda grass will not grow. Cox Communications continues to damage irrigation lines when they are hooking up drop lines. Please report any leaks or breakage to our CDC Hot line.

Once again, a big Thank You to Mauricio Villa and his Desert Villa Team who continue to provide us with a neighborhood appearance second to none.

The landscape budget will remain the same for 2016 as for 2015.

Anyone wishing to make changes to their front yard landscape, the application is on the CDC website under "documents". If you do not have a computer accessible, forms are on the bulletin board at the pool.

A resident asked how we can get the towers that Cox has installed straightened out. Balding indicated he talked to Cox 3 times today and six homes have been fixed to date. If anyone sees leaning towers, please notify Balding and he will have Cox repair them.

Balding indicated that the problem of "brown grass" in the summer continues. He will look into having a different turf expert give us a recommendation. Fiske pointed out it may be a matter of watering during the summer months.

**Pool Committee:** John Bauer thanked Gordy and Ken for their help maintaining the pool. New low voltage lights have been installed outside the pool area. Overall expenses were up in 2015 over 2014.

**Social Committee:** Bev Hewitt reported that social activities continue to be very well attended by CDC residents. Hewitt indicated that she is retiring from this position and Ann Harris volunteered to take over Chair position. Thank you, Bev, for your many years of service.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Wolfe indicated that Steve Fiske and John Bauer's board term expires this year. There are four candidates for two open positions. Those running are John Bauer, Barry Bader, Hilda Banyon and Kim Boyd. Barry Bader and Hilda Banyon were elected to three year terms.

Thank you to John and Steve for your years of service.

Ed Burke mentioned the Next door neighborhood site that has been circulating and suggested it be mentioned in the newsletter.

The next board meeting is January 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the pool.

President Steve Fiske adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Hilda Banyon