

AVCA Meeting Minutes
Location: Almaden Pizza Co. 5965 Almaden Expressway,
7:00 PM AVCA Monday, May 8, 2006
Approved (as corrected): June 12, 2006 meeting

07:00 Welcome

Introduce attendees as necessary;

Daniella Polar from Nancy Pyle's office, Monica Heger from the Almaden Resident.

Officer/Director Meeting – A Quorum was present

Officers

Lee Dimmitt, Present

Ray Strong, Present

Gari Soulé, Present

Lisa Wiseman, Absent

Directors

Kitty Monahan, Absent

Pat McMahon, Present

Ron Blake, Present

Art Boudreault, Present

Secretary's Report – April minutes were approved with two changes 1) Change the title from Agenda to Minutes and 2) Change spelling of Gary Soulé's name to Gari.

Treasurer's Report – Gari Soulé reported that the current balance is \$7,755.70. Total dues received this year are \$795 (including pre-paid 2008 dues). Report was approved with no changes.

Communications:

Web Site impact – Linda Spencer reported that visits and hits were up dramatically, up 150% from the same month in the previous year.

Almaden E Loop – Lee Dimmitt reported: E-mail addresses 419 (calculated 55% read) = estimated 235 read

Old Business:

AVCA Ethics Guidelines – Ray Strong & Art Boudreault: No report again.

Queenswood Way – Ray Strong reports that striping has been completed and it gives additional safety to bicyclists and pedestrians. Bots Dots were not moved to the new strip and they caused a rumble as cars run over them.

Secondary Housing Report – Bob Boydston reports that while the city approved up to 100 permits, only 15 applications have been submitted and three permits issued, none in District 10. Illegal Housing units have not been enforced. Enforcement is done only when a complaint is registered. In Bob's opinion, where illegal housing exists, the tendency is for residents not to report on each other. If there aren't that many applications, this is possibly not a real problem. Bob expressed concern about the need for over 300 ordinances concerning housing, causing many to accidentally be outside the law. He sees no efforts by the city to address the existing illegal housing problems.

Coyote Valley Triggers: Bob read the current triggers and commented about them. The triggers are as follows.

The General Plan establishes conditions, known as triggers, which must be met and in place before development can occur. The League considers these triggers to be relevant and critical and they should not be weakened or abandoned. These triggers are:

A. Building permits are issued for 5,000 new jobs before housing is built.
+ League supports phasing in housing and jobs to maintain the critical jobs-housing balance.
Furthermore, these jobs must be new and not displace jobs from other parts of the city.

B. The City's fiscal position is stable, predictable and adequate for the long-term.
+ The League is concerned that Coyote Valley development does not have a negative impact on the City's fiscal stability and commitments to other parts of the city and to other major projects.

C. City services are maintained at the same level as in 1993.
+ The League believes that services for residents of Coyote Valley must not come at the cost of reduced services for residents in any other part of San Jose.

D. There is reasonable certainty that the City's fiscal relationship with the State and other levels of government will not be significantly altered for a five-year forecast.
+ The League is aware of the results on the City of such acts as expropriation of local funds by the State to help balance the State's fiscal shortfalls.

New Business:

Via Valiente Plaza Deterioration: Jo Iseman reports that the plaza at Almaden Expressway and Via Valiente (where PW Markets is located) is becoming blighted. It now includes at least three vacant stores. There is a meeting of the tenants on Tuesday, May 9th, to discuss renovation. Jo will attend and report at our next meeting.

AVERT – Almaden Valley Emergency Response Team: Bob Boydston reported on the status of ARK program, which is now under the responsibility of the local Red Cross chapter. AVCA has funds set aside to purchase some items for emergency use. Lisa Gidley gave a report on the status of the city and county emergency response and training modules. Discussed was the possibility of using commercially available two-way radios, easily purchased at stores like Radio Shack, with specific neighborhoods using standardized frequencies. 14 frequencies are available and the range is limited to several blocks up to a mile. Daniella Polar agreed to share the district's homeowner association contacts so that AVCA could lead in this endeavor. Lisa Gidley agreed to head up the AVCA committee that will examine how to establish disaster preparedness, especially regarding pandemics and bird flu.

Posting of Minutes on the Web site: Discussion included whether to and if so, how to post minutes on the web site. The group rejected the idea of password-protected files and was in favor of using the Web site as the permanent repository of the minutes. They expressed the hope that motions could be easily available so that it would not be necessary to pore through many records to find old motions. Art recommended certain ways to code the motions. Linda suggested a keyword description so that the user could easily go to the discussion that precipitated the motion. All motions, whether passed or failed, would be listed. Art made two motions concerning this issue. These are listed below, with Art's idea of coding and key words.

MOTION 200605.1: Topic – Minutes: PASSED: To post board meeting minutes on the Web site after the minutes have been approved by the board.

MOTION 200605.2: Topic – Minutes: PASSED: To post motions, both passed or failed, in a single file on the Web site after the minutes have been approved by the board.

Planning Discussion to disburse excess funds. The meeting was recessed, and reconvened as a committee. No minutes were taken, and the reporter was asked to consider the committee meeting as "off the record.". After the committee meeting the AVCA meeting was reconvened.

Announcements:

Next meeting: Monday, June 12, 07:00 PM., at the new Almaden Library/Community Center or Almaden Pizza Co.

Daniella Polar from Nancy Pyle's office announced the Almaden Library/Community Center Grand Opening-Saturday, May 13, at 11am. It will be a community event with music, information, fun, food and more!

Next month's Speaker Robert Dillon, Child Exploitation Detail, ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force (408) 277-4102 robert.dillon@sanjoseca.gov

8:45 PM Adjourn