

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Diamond Valley Community Association

October 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Mary Morel. In attendance in the Yavapai Suite of the Hampton Inn, were Board members Mary Morel, Jackie and Jim Bennett, Phil and Renee Ball, and Scott Windsor. Philip Tucker was overseas and therefore not present. Statutory Agent Walt Matthew and his wife Phyllis were also in attendance as well as about twenty other Diamond Valley residents and owners.

Introductions - President Mary introduced the Board members and officers to the group.

Minutes - The minutes of the 2003 Annual meeting were summarized by President Mary and having been read by Board members prior to the meeting, were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Jackie Bennett reported that we had 54 member households last year that added to the treasury by paying dues of \$660. This gave us a year-end balance of \$1989.03. Major expenditures last year were newsletters and this meeting room. The Spring newsletter cost \$192.24 to produce since it was hand-delivered and the September newsletter cost \$ 685.30 since it was mailed to all owners, residents and members. The meeting room for this annual meeting cost \$107.22.

Highway 69 - President Mary summarized the situation for this highway, which provides our only access to the outside. Future plans include the widening of the highway to six lanes to accommodate the amount of traffic that it carries. We have been in contact with several legislators including Ken Bennett, but have found that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), which is responsible for planning the highway, is a part of the Executive branch of the government and therefore, the legislators have little influence over ADOT. Walt Matthew had to work hard to influence ADOT to include right turn lanes for Diamond Valley exits when the highway was last expanded and we will have to work equally hard to protect our interests in the planned future expansion.

Areas of concern include retaining the right turn lanes, and promoting the use of "quiet pavement" for this stretch of the highway to reduce tire noise. We need to join with Yavapai Hills and the Ranch developments to influence ADOT's plans and decisions.

Safety was a big concern of the residents in attendance. We were reminded that safety is not only a concern of local residents but also of all drivers who use Highway 69. We tend to think of our problems entering and exiting the highway and accidents that result from that but the problem really applies to all drivers who use the highway since they are involved in the accidents, too.

Several strategies were proposed:

- We need to write to the governor and the Courier about the problems.
- We need to petition the governor and ADOT about the problems.

- We would like to get a frontage road to bring all traffic to a central point so we can justify the use of a stoplight. ADOT objects to us having a stoplight because we do not have such a central point and no single entrance/exit to Diamond Valley presently serves both sides of the highway.
- The far end of Sapphire drive and Victorian estates might be a central point for a stoplight.
- We need to influence the powers-that-be to include entrances/exits for Diamond Valley to the proposed Sundog Ranch Road, which is planned to run just to the west of Diamond Valley. They may not provide us with access.
- Diamond Valley has about 1400-1500 residents and so we are not just a small group.

An additional problem expressed by the group was over water runoff from the higher ground of Yavapai Hills. This issue is not being addressed yet we are experiencing washouts and erosion partially caused by increasing runoff of rainfall on pavement in the neighboring communities.

Elections - A call for nominees for election to the Board of Directors was made and the following people were elected to the Board of Directors for 2004-05:

- Scott Windsor
- Pauline Shelby
- Roslyn Whetzel
- Don Bragg
- Mary Morel
- Jackie Bennett
- Philip Tucker

The following people also volunteered to help deliver newsletters:

- June Nash for the highway end of Ramada
- Dawn Christensen for E Sapphire
- Don & Polly Dunham for the Julie area
- Terry Furlong and Dick Hoitinga for Diamond Court and Diamond Drive

Next monthly Board meeting - This was set for 7:00 pm on October 11 at the home of Dick Hoitinga, 4898 Diamond Court. Election of officers will take place, then.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted to the membership,
Phil Ball, Secretary