

D.V.C.A. MINUTES

October 10, 2005

The meeting, which was held at Hope Chapel, was called together at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors elected new officers as follows:

Philip Tucker -	President
Jackie Bennett -	Vice President
Rosie Whetzel -	Treasurer
Mary Morel -	Secretary

As per the election at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors for the 2005-2006 year is as follows:

Jackie Bennett
Kurt Womack
Philip Tucker
Mary Morel
Phyllis Matthew
Gordon Goulden
Rosie Whetzel
(Jim Bennett as 1st alternative, should a board member resign)

Dawn Christensen agreed to be the media liaison for the DVCA.
Blair Kerr said he would contact title companies and try to obtain from them a current list of property owners.

Philip mentioned that more helpers are needed to distribute the newsletter door to door. Jackie will continue to act as distribution manager for the newsletter. Kurt offered to help with the distribution.

As outgoing Treasurer, Phyllis gave the following report: there are 14 new members; this makes the current membership 19 member households. The treasury balance is \$2,310.09.

Dawn also suggested that the DVCA organize block parties as a way to generate interest in the community. There followed a general discussion on how to increase membership and participation in the DVCA.

Walt Matthew reported on transportation issues. According to a survey recently conducted, there are between 45,000 and 52,000 cars per day on highway 69. The local governmental agencies are looking into the feasibility of public transportation (busses) to serve the area.

There followed a general discussion of the ongoing water issues. It was reported that the new manager has already fixed two leaks. Kevin reported that the contract between the

new water manager and the ACC is much the same as the contract with the former management company, Bradshaw. Philip mentioned that the DVWUC is still not paying the increased in rates imposed by Prescott Valley this past spring. It is assumed that the debt is therefore increasing.

Philip listed the general steps that must be taken in order to form an improvement district. 51% of property owners must be in favor of forming the improvement district. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors appoints the first board of directors of the improvement district; thereafter the board members are elected. The board would be responsible for oversight of the district, and would hire a manager, scrutinize accounts, etc. Philip mentioned that there is pending legislation, drafted by Supervisor Springer, Kris Mayes and others, that would transfer the assets of the DVWUC to an improvement district.

It was noted that an improvement district could be formed without the necessity of an immediate assessment. The community could form an improvement district, take over the system and make improvements and repairs as funds are available. The improvement district would also be eligible for grants and loans to help with repairs. The first step, after formation of a district, should be a complete, detailed assessment of the current water system. There was a question as to whether or not we could re-open the original wells. It is possible, but would depend on the quality of the water as to whether or not it makes sense to do so.

Philip mentioned that, according to Yavapai County, we need to demonstrate to them that we have the support of 51% of property owners before they will get involved. This means that we will need to circulate petitions locally, and by mail, to determine if we have the 51% support.

There followed a general discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of forming an improvement district. It was mentioned that local control would be much more effective than the poor oversight of the ACC. Each board member was asked by vote if they favor the forming of an improvement district.

Jackie Bennett, Kurt Womack, Philip Tucker, Rosie Whetzel, Gordon Goulden, Phyllis Matthew and Mary Morel all voted “yes”. There were not any “no” votes.

There followed a general discussion on informing the community of the benefits of an improvement district. We will need to target our materials to our audience; the material will be different and specific for each identified segment, i.e., lot owners and property owners. It was also suggested that, as we go about informing the community of the issues involved in forming an improvement district, we should, at the same time, survey residents re the water service they are receiving with respect to water pressure, water quality, water outages and water rates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 11 at Hope Chapel.

