

Green Circle Services Corporation
9th Board Meeting
Tues, Nov 13, 2007 6:30 PM
Gazebo

Present: Matt Neuburg, Treasurer
Trina Grantham, Secretary
Linda Lambert
Anne Shrage

Absent: Joan Landfield, President
Jerome Landfield
Annavene Bunn

Also present: 9 residents

In the absence of the president and since we did not already have a vice president, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that Linda Lambert become Vice President of GCSC.

Linda then started the business of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

•Helene Vachet and Linda representing the road/sign committee presented a budget and sign plan for the permanent signs, road painting, and speed bumps for Arundale Road and Taormina Lane. Linda was thanked for the temporary signs on Arundale, and Elaine was thanked for painting the existing speed bumps on Taormina Lane. Trina was thanked for donating the road paint for these paving painting projects. It was noted that Elaine would paint, gratis to the community and with some volunteer help, the other arrows and lines necessary to inform drivers of directions and no parking areas. **Grayson pointed out that there are some people ignoring the one way portion of Arundale by continuing to come up into Taormina from Arundale Road in spite of the sign indicating one way do not enter etc. It was also pointed out that there is no parking on Arundale and the portion of Taormina Lane that leads to it.** Grayson would like a blind driveway sign to warn people coming up from Taormina Lane heading out Arundale. The committee is still getting information from the fire department about where we should paint the curbs red indicating no parking and Ojai Public Works and Police Departments to confirm that our sign plan is within code and enforceable. The fire department has already suggested that since Arundale is our fire exit the curbs should be red all the way down. There was some discussion of how to enforce our traffic rules and whether we can note license plate numbers of those not in compliance. It was also noted again that the stop sign coming in to Taormina is usually ignored

and that moving it up so drivers can see in all directions when they stop would likely mitigate this problem. The sign will be moved. Speed bumps are still an issue as to kind, size and expense. Linda plans to talk with Robert Tyzzer (a resident and civil engineer) about other possible traffic calming ideas that could work for less money.

There was motion that we approve the portion of the presented budget for the signs, posts and additional paint, but not the speed bumps until there has been further study of these. The speed bumps for Arundale would be revisited as a priority as those had been requested by the Rosens and the Chases. The budget up for approval was \$1615. It was unanimously approved.

- There was discussion of the Rosen's letter requesting information about what GCSC thought would be reasonable contribution from them for the maintenance of Arundale Road. It was decided that this should be studied in a smaller meeting and presented in a future board meeting.
- Matt noted that the current fee structure only barely pays its way annually and that if the by-law change does not take place we will have to pay taxes. He indicated that there was a very low return of the ballots for the by-law change and that with such a low return the change could not pass. He also noted that we have a number of defaulters when it comes to paying the quarterly fees. He requested that the board approve that he send out letters to those with overdue fees explaining GCSC budgetary situation, that they are benefiting without paying, and explaining the rules and procedures for bill collecting by GCSC. The board agreed that he should proceed. The board also agreed to develop a new fee structure to present to the community as it has not kept up with inflation and been changed in 7-10 years.

There was a motion and it was approved unanimously that Matt make up a budget inclusive of all expenses and anticipated expenses.

- There was a brief discussion of participation in GCSC meetings, why people come, don't come, what could be done to encourage them to come. This discussion included that at times in the past the discussions got very heated and that people do not like attending meetings that are loaded with argument. It becomes unpleasant and exhausting. More recent meetings have been considerably calmer because of firmer hands on the meeting discussion (if it got heated) and because the meetings have been open, with transparent minutes and agendas. The firmer hand may also have seemingly limited non-board members from speaking, but there has always been an opportunity for community attendees to speak. The by-law change would give even more say to community members if it would pass.

- The Amended Certificate of Incorporation of the Green Circle Service Corporation, having been adopted at the Corporation's previous meeting, was signed by the Treasurer and the Vice-President (in the absence of the President) so it could be submitted to the California Secretary of State for acceptance. This timely action is necessary so that the submission to the IRS seeking the 501(c)

c)(12) tax-exempt status can move forward pending the adoption of the new By-Laws; the Secretary of State does not require the By-Laws to be submitted for such a change. It was noted that amending the Incorporation document was done to better reflect the actual purpose of the GCSC and, if the proposed By-Laws are not approved, the existing By-Laws will remain in effect.

- Road follow-up: Having received no road paving specifications from Jerome as requested, we discussed the items of concern about the road paver's performance. Splashing (attempt to cover up), thinner REAS on Arundale, seeing through to chip seal in places, inexperienced crew, dented Lambert fence, poor application for repairs, chip seal not filling cracks as promised, etc. One question to ask would be do we really need to re-oil this in 5 years as one of the crew members suggested? This was not anticipated as the surface was explained before signing the contract. We also noted that some of the problem was our fault as there were numerous places where residents walked before the surface was set enough for even foot traffic. This was unfortunate as it made for a messy looking job in some places. So far no bill from the company had arrived and we have 30 days to pay 90% of it withholding 10% for a maximum of 90 days for them to satisfy us.

There was a motion to request in a letter that the supervisor/quality control person from the paving company come out to walk the road and discuss the quality of the job with some community members. Perhaps Robert Tyzzer would be willing to participate. Ralph agreed to do this. This motion was approved unanimously. Linda will compose a letter, ask the board to review it, and send it out.

- Matt presented the Treasurer's report. It is always available for anyone to see on the bulletin board and on a website: www.apeth.com/taormina

There was thanks all around for all the hard work that had gone into the road, signs etc

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Trina Grantham, Secretary

Linda Lambert, Vice President

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