

# GREEN CIRCLE SERVICE CORPORATION

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GCSC Board Minutes – March 18, 2019  
117 Taormina Lane, Ojai

Attending: Kristin Jensen Storey, Kim Bryson, Jon Lambert, Steve Blain, Leslie Schreiber;  
Absent: Bill Painter, Stephanie O'Neill  
Visitors: Trina Grantham, Helene Vachet  
Called to order at 4:10 pm

Minutes of board meeting of 28 January 2019 were adopted.

## President

- Meetings will run according to Robert's Rules of Order
- "Norms" for meetings will be
  - before speaking make sure that previous speaker is finished
  - when finished speaking say "complete"
  - time limits will be set for action/discussion on agenda items
  - meetings will try to keep within an 1 ½ hour time limit but may be extended to 2 hours

## Treasurer

- Currently \$83,876.29 in accounts
- GCSC accounts are in Chase bank: business checking and high yield savings
- Any excess in checking account moves to savings account
- Marie Estes Pratt (Bookkeeper) and daughter Lisa have limited access to accounts for billing purposes
- Leslie pays the monthly Harrison bill
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019 billing sent with explanation of current situation in February with only the monthly \$90 invoice shown, no arrears reflected in the bill; second quarter billing will be sent May 15<sup>th</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter hopefully back to the regular schedule and including arrears billing to be sent July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The GCSC Fiscal Year (FY) is July-June
- All insurances (D&O and Liability) have been renewed.
- GCSC received a letter from the insurance company "suggesting" that we: (a) paint lines in the parking bays and (b) fix the cracks and potholes in the road in front of the trash area. Leslie has replied that we cannot do anything until the rain season is over and the atmosphere warms and that the GCSC is planning to fix and resurface the Taormina roads.
- Jon has been attempting to gain access into Bill Painter's GCSC QuickBooks accounts and, so far, has been unable to do so. The bookkeeper will attempt to reconstruct the individual Taormina accounts by comparing the last accounting by Bill (September 2108) and copies of the past three months' checks received.

## Old Business

### Garbage area

- The whiteboard used for posting information has disappeared
- It is again reported that non-Taormina residents are putting materials into the trash area bins
- It is possible to arrange an additional pickup by Harrison for yard waste. Leslie will look into the cost and if it can be arranged on a month-to-month basis

- Trina announced that the City has posted a notice that large items can be brought to Nordhoff for collection this coming Saturday. She volunteered to create a notice for the community, Kristen will help.

#### Parking

- Jon remarked that he has not yet talked with Terrell Riley about her unregistered van
- Kristen announced that the letter distributed to the board for possible circulation to all Taormina residents was not sent because of Jon's objection. A discussion ensued regarding the use of the parking bays, positions being (a) Taormina residents have the right to use the bays if they own a trailer, (b) current regulations state that cars and trailers may remain in the bays only for a stipulated amount of time, (c) the long-term use of the bays as storage detracts from the beauty of the community as a residential compound.
- It was remarked that many of the vehicles in question belong to 'illegal' residents, persons who are living in homes as sub-letters, an activity prohibited by the CC&Rs, the original CofO given to the Taormina Corporation, and City of Ojai statutes.
- The question of enforcement was raised and the possibility of "unintended consequences" from and actions that the GCSC might take.
- It was moved (KB), seconded (SB) and adopted that the GCSC president will send a letter and/or talk with John Duncan (#25) regarding his renter and the excess number of vehicles parked in Taormina.
- It was moved (KB), seconded (SB) and adopted that the letter distributed to the board that set forth current GCSC rules and regulations will be distributed to all Taormina residents.

#### Roads

- Steve will obtain information on the scope and costs necessary to repair and resurface the two Taormina roads (Taormina Lane and Arundale Road). Jon will send him past researched information.
- Arundale Road
  - Steve will look into the costs of trimming the trees along Arundale
  - A discussion ensued regarding the use of Arundale Road- (a) should it be opened officially to two-way traffic, (b) should it be closed as it was for 15 years prior to 2007, (c) should we leave it "as is." Continuing near-misses on Arundale and at the Arundale-Taormina Lane intersection, liability issues, increase in traffic load both on Arundale and at the LaPaz entrance, potential maintenance issues, impact on insurance cost, traffic calming measures needed, and signage.
  - Jon will research traffic calming methods and present the information to Steve.
  - It was agreed that the next board meeting will focus on the road questions.

#### Sinkholes

- Kim reported speaking with the sewer district. They are aware of the problem and will address it after the rains cease, probably in 2-6 weeks. They estimate that it will be a two day repair.

#### Bylaws

- A discussion on the adoption of new GCSC Bylaws was tabled to a forthcoming meeting.

#### New Business –none-

#### Announcements

- The Taormina Community sign at the LaPaz entrance needs repair and painting. Steve has offered to address it but permission needs to be obtained from the Taormina Theosophical Community, Inc. who owns the sign. Leslie will contact them.
- Marqui Bury and Helene Vachet are 'beautifying' the area around the THC sign at the LaPaz entrance by introducing plantings.
- Next Board Meeting: May 1, 2019 – 3:30 pm – Leslie's home (117 Taormina Lane).

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Submitted by Jon Lambert  
Secretary