

Sonoma Ranch South Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

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June 15, 2024

SRSSOA Board members met at Sunset Grill on Saturday, June 15, 2024 to discuss the following issues:

Call to Order: President Larry Minich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Attendance: All members of the existing SRSSOA board including Donnell Bell, Secretary/Treasurer, Pam Howard, Vice President, and Larry Minich, President, were present.

Approval of April 18, 2024 minutes. With no objections to the draft minutes, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action Item: Secretary/Treasurer Donnell Bell to have approved minutes posted on website

Reports:

President's Report (Larry Minich): The board has received objections to neighbors flying political flags and signs. The board currently has a policy posted on its website in Design Review Policies: <https://srsoa.com/design-policy-and-standards/> After discussion, the board decided to check with the City of Las Cruces Codes and Enforcement to view its policy regarding signs and flags.

Action Item: Donnell Bell to check with the City Codes and Enforcement.

Vice President Report (Pam Howard): Pam had no report, but during this time, Larry Minich asked if Pam would take on the role of Landscaping. Pam agreed to assume this responsibility.

Discussion turned to Mission Island and the proposal from Extreme Landscaping that was approved in April 18 minutes for 471.39, which included replacing the dead bushes with yuccas, extra water of new plants and the disposal of debris and dead plants. Former Vice President Glen Benefield was charged personally for the island upgrade. Larry Minich contacted Extreme and hopefully this issue is corrected. No reply from Extreme had been received prior to today's board meeting.

Action Item: Pam and Larry to meet with Extreme to clear up confusion and establish protocol.

Secretary: (Donnell Bell) No report

Treasurer: (Donnell Bell) No report

Old Business:

Century Bank: With resignation of the prior SRSSOA president, Donnell Bell met Larry Minich at Century Bank to update signatures. Discussion ensued regarding the reserve account. The board believes this money should be earning interest yet be available for use in the event of an emergency.

Action Item: Larry to meet with Century Bank for more information.

Website: To date the board has been pleased with Spyderweb Designs. Donnell Bell mentioned that that when we receive an invoice, it's simply a dollar amount and a link for approval for the work performed. She would Spyderweb to include an itemization on the invoice for the accountant's use and records.

Action Item: Donnell to discuss with Jaiden at Spyderweb Designs.

Accountant: Larry Minich said he has never met the accountants who manage the HOA's financial business.

Action Item: Larry to meet with Charlene Leon of Ebbs, Roberts, Head, and Daw, Inc.

Annual General Meeting: After reviewing the covenants, Larry Minich said he could find no set date that says the meeting should take place in November. The board would prefer to move the meeting to October 10, 2024.

Action Item: Donnell Bell to check with Beth El Synagogue to determine if we can have the meeting at its location again and if that date is available.

Letter to HOA Residents: After we have a date for the general meeting, a letter should go out to residents advising them of the date change and that SRSSOA would like to add two Board Members at Large, and an update to residents.

Landscaping: Discussed above in the Vice President's Report.

Board Member Recruitment: Sonoma Ranch South HOA would like to appoint two Board Members at Large to the board.

Additional Business: During past meetings, there has been discussion about the need for mailbox parking to be restriped. President Larry Minich volunteered to take on this assignment. The board voted to give Larry a budget of \$150.00 to maintain the parking lot.

Adjournment: Larry Minich asked to adjourn the meeting. With current business concluded, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. **The next meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. on August 8, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donnell Bell
SRSSOA Secretary/Treasurer