

**South Pocket Homeowners Association
Board Minutes
April 6, 2009**

Attendees:

Don Bryant, treasurer
Sabra Sanchez, secretary
John Caffrey, Marriott Park liaison
Greg Hatfield, Area 2 Representative
Ken Giese, architectural review
Sue Ruiz, newsletter editor
Ryan Chin, neighborhood watch
Adrienne Chan, guest

Lisbon School Closure

Adrienne Chan, Grand River Drive resident, presented the information on the potential closure of the Lisbon Elementary School. Lisbon is the school to which SPHA households send their children. Sacramento City Schools is proposing to close and mothball the school for possible future use. A parents' group, represented by Adrienne, want to petition the District to preserve the school in a manner that will utilize the facility rather than keeping it empty and more susceptible to vandalism and deterioration. District is not obligated to provide transportation to students who will need to attend another school. Adrienne invited SPHA members to attend a 4/14 meeting on the issue of Lisbon closure. She will also provide an article for the upcoming newsletter.

Easter Egg Hunt Report

The event was well attended with approximately 95 children. Parents and children stayed after the hunt suggesting that they had a good time. Neighbor Sandra Peck was the chair of the event and shall be sent a thank you.

Membership

Membership Drive Follow-up

An additional 15 memberships have been received since the last report bringing the total to 115. Gina is to provide a list of current members compared to 2008 members. As a last-call membership drive effort, it was agreed that we should send letters to those who were members in 2008 but not yet rejoined.

Out of Neighborhood Membership – No action

Budget Adjustment Due to Fewer Members – No action

Neighborhood Watch

Signs have not yet been secured and posted. It was noted that we might want to know how many signs are currently posted in order to order the appropriate number of new signs. SPHA members will install the signs.

Pocket Coalition & Grater Pocket Neighborhood Watch

The SPHA shall run its own Neighborhood Watch program but utilize the “best practices” suggested by the Pocket Coalition and others.

Emergency Preparedness Speaker

Jim Easton will speak on emergency preparedness at the next general membership meeting. He will provide a booklet and top 10 things to do in an emergency. Jim is both knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject of preparedness.

Delta-State Water Project

- Don attended two meetings and reported that the State is proposing 4 intake facilities in the Pocket area out of a possible 7 good sites. There were originally 70 possible sites.
- The FRWA project now under construction just below River Oaks Ranch takes in 300 cu. Ft per second; each new intake sight will take in 3000 cu. Ft. per second
- Proposed groundbreaking date is in 2010. John Caffrey who is knowledgeable about these water-related matters due to his years as an administrator for the Dept. of Water Resources believes that this will not happen by 2010.
- Questions the neighbors should be asking:
 - How will each intake site look?
 - What will be the noise and dust impact during construction?
 - What are the environmental and habitat issues?
- There will be a meeting at Lisbon School on April 27 re this subject. Rick Sanchez will speak on the topic of water conveyance.

Freeport Regional Water Project

- Now working two shifts per day...7:30am through 6pm.
- Neighbors have complained.
- FRWA continues to break agreements that they have put into place with the neighborhood.

SPHA Board Positions

- Need to fill Board position vacancies. To do so, we should ask for volunteers and use the e-mail to recruit board members.
- Board vacancies and returning members are as follows:
 - Office of the President (3 names)
 - Area 2 Representative – Greg Hatfield
 - Architectural Review – Ken Giese
 - Treasurer – Don Bryant
 - Membership – Open
 - Newsletter – Sue Ruiz
 - Website – Ted Woodward
 - Director at Large (Neighborhood Watch) – Ryan Chin
 - Director at Large (Park Liaison) – John Caffrey
 - Director at Large (Public Relations) – Jann Taber

Community Updates

- Delta Shores
 - The town of Freeport and unions are suing. Their efforts will support our cause and help to express our concerns.
 - The freeway interchange is **on hold** due to the lawsuit.
- Greenhaven Pocket Library
 - There is a controversy over the naming of the library for Robie Waters. It appears that the controversy arose over a 10-person library committee proposing the naming and that the City Council took that to represent the will of the community at large.
- 4th Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, April 25, 8am-Noon

Other Agenda Items

- Bergamo School will be expanding into a second building. It was agreed that the SPHA should write a letter supporting the expansion, as they are a good neighbor and valued friend of our organization.
- Garage Sale
 - Saturday, May 23, 8am-1pm
 - Promotion of garage sale
 - Craig's List – Sue will handle
 - Pocket News – Sue will handle
 - What is Gina's role in helping to organize?
- Park Update – John Caffrey
 - Grounds keeping is lacking due to budget and limited personnel
 - The lawn is not being mowed and the running track is being overgrown with weeds.
 - John is now having one-way communication with the City on this issue. He feels that they are probably not responding due to not having an immediate solution for the problem.
- Sue will be asking for newsletter submissions for the upcoming issue.
- Don reported that the balance of funds on hand is \$4400.00

Next Board Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2009

7pm at Greg's house