

**THE DOBSON ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SARATOGA RECREATION CENTER**

May 14, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sandra Murray, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Barry Hegrenes, Mike Wall, Frank Mizner, Chuck Fletcher, Sandra Murray, Lynda Bailey, Joanne Smith, Guy Wolf and Ted Disbrow. The following staff members were also present: Michele Ray-Brethower, Faye Bristow, Kimi Towery, Roger Singleton, Donna Chapman and John Knapp.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Mr. Hegrenes moved to accept the consent agenda, consisting of the request from Dobson High Football Golf Tournament for donation of \$500, and approval of the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall, and carried unanimously with one nay by Ms. Bailey.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS:

1. Manelle Williamson, 2519 W. Madero, said that she was unable to find the board agenda on the Dobson Ranch website, and that she thought the agreement was for it to be posted. She also stated that she though an e-mail should be sent out when there is a change of venue for the meeting.

2. Susan Fugger, 2563 S. Salida Del Sol, President of the Dobson Dolphins swim team, asked for a donation of \$500 for team sponsorship. Ms. Bailey moved to approve \$500 for the Dobson Dolphins swim team. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried unanimously.

BANNER DESERT MEDICAL CENTER – BANNER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

1. Rhonda Anderson, Pediatric Administrator for Banner Children’s Hospital at Banner Desert Medical Center said that Dobson Ranch resident Dave Codier works with her and was involved in the Banner Children’s Hospital construction. She spoke about the expansion of a new facility containing four floors and and ICU for neonatal intensive care. She spoke in depth about the new facility and the care it will provide. Many community events and tours will be scheduled when the facility is completed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Murray had no report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written report, Ms. Ray-Brethower provided the recent homeowner survey results, with a single summary sheet attached. She made additional comments about the survey. She then commended Nate Cain for his tabulation of the survey and presented him with a gift card. A letter from a homeowner who had scheduled a wedding for two days after the vandalism of the Grande Room at La Casita was provided commending staff for finding a new venue for the wedding and calling every guest to tell them of the change of plans. Gift cards were presented to Kimi Towery and Roger Singleton for their help and for providing great customer service.

She asked if any board members had issues with the changes to the Commissions. Lynda Bailey is assigned to Recreation and said she was happy with it, but requested to be notified when the Water Management Committee meets about the pilot program on Lake Six. Mr. Mizner asked about homes in trustee sale and yard maintenance. He was informed that occasionally staff cleans the yard and charges a fee, and that he can call the office about any specific addresses. He also said he wants to attend a workshop on collections and bankruptcies, and staff will make the reservation.

Mr. Hegrenes asked about the fences at Frisbee Park, and was informed that it has been repaired and painted, and the wrought iron fencing is being replaced.

Ms. Bailey asked about replacement yellow lights on the pathway at Laguna Park., and if the homeowners have been notified about the change. She was told that most homeowners have complained about the darkness in the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS

1. The minutes were approved with the consent agenda.
2. The Member Services/Marketing Commission – Mr. Mizner gave the Beautification Committee report, and said the committee has gained two new members. The committee is contemplating the expansion of the rose garden to the west. Michele made a presentation for solving the problems with the walls along Guadalupe, and said that a prototype is at Cottonwood and Guadalupe. The Nominating Committee is ready for next year's election.
3. Finance Management Commission – Nate Caine gave the report for the Budget and Finance Committee with a brief overview of the meeting, and said that a discussion about an Investment Committee was tabled until July. The committee recommends approval of the bid for exercise equipment at Los Altos, and the financial statements for February, March and April. The committee was concerned over payment for the flooded Grande room, and was assured that it was covered by our insurance. Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the February 2009 financial statements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried. It was moved by Mr. Disbrow, seconded by Mr. Fletcher and unanimously carried to approve the March 2009 financial statement. Mr. Wall moved, Mr. Hegrenes seconded and it carried unanimously to approve the April 2009 financial statement. There was discussion about the accounts receivables. Ms. Ray-Brethower informed the board that 6 homes

5. Class Fees Rental. Ms. Bailey moved to table the subject until the retreat and also until the teachers could be contacted. There was some discussion about the non-resident fee, and Mr. Mizner said he thought a minimum number of students should be different for each class. Mr. Mizner commented that he thought the registration should be handled by recreation staff. He is also in favor of tabling the subject until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Exercise Equipment at Los Altos. A bid from Exerplay was included in the packet for four pieces of exercise equipment along the trail at Los Altos. Mr. Ray-Brethower wants to mark a 1, 2 and 5 mile fitness trail with signage along the path and also through Laguna Park. Ms. Bailey asked that an article be placed in the Ranchers' Roundup encouraging homeowners to use the equipment. Mr. Disbrow moved to approve a sum not to exceed \$14,000 for the installation of the exercise equipment in the Los Altos park area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and carried unanimously.

2. La Casita Recreation Room Vandalism. Ms. Ray-Brethower gave an update on the vandalism, and said the wood floors are being installed Monday, and the wood is being replaced with tile in the kitchen. The Detective reported that the matter will be turned over to the county attorney to determine how to proceed. Ms. Ray-Brethower is consulting with a lawyer about a civil suit against the parents. The deduction on the insurance is \$1,000. The damage will be about \$40,000, and that sum does not include loss of revenue and the costs to relocate two weddings.

3. Fences. The prototype of a facade solution to the fences is located at Cottonwood and Guadalupe. Watering from either side has ruined the fences, and the new system is comparable to the cost of stucco and painting that was used previously. The precast panel walls at Los Altos on the arterial streets are being replaced with block fences, and so far five have been completed. Nothing has yet been done on the walls along Price Road.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. Trees on Dobson Road. Mr. Mizner commented that the heat will be causing the new trees along Dobson Road to stress. Ms. Ray-Brethower said the city was supposed to turn the water on in that area for the summer.

2. Increase in Crime. Ms. Ray-Brethower said that there have been burglaries on Kiowa, Gaucho and El Marino. The door was kicked in on a house in Kiowa and a truck was stolen with keys that were in the house. Money was stolen out of a safe in one house, and two people came home while one burglary was in progress. Her gate was kicked in, also, but she got home before anything was stolen. Several houses have had pots stolen from their front yards.

3. SRP. Ms. Smith asked if SRP had issued any reports about work going on in the area. We have not received any reports, but Ms. Ray-Brethower will contact them.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:

1. Nate Caine, 1325 W. Keats, asked if anyone had any questions about the survey results that he put together. He made several comments about the results.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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