

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

January 21, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Sandra Murray, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Barry Hegrenes, Joanne Smith, Glenn Kirk, Ted Disbrow, Frank Mizner, Mike Wall and Sandra Murray. Guy Wolf and Lynda Bailey had excused absences. The following staff members were also present: Michele Ray-Brethower, Faye Bristow, Donna Chapman and Roger Singleton.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS:

1. Bob Radisch, 1852 S. Yucca, thinks it is unfair to charge the same boat license fee for paddle boats and canoes as is charged for large pontoon boats. He lives on Lake 2, and there are no large boats on that lake. He thinks boats that cost \$2,000 should be charged a lesser fee than \$20,000 boats. Ms. Ray-Brethower read from the Dobson Ranch manual that says that all boats must be registered and have two decals. It did not specifically address paddleboats. There was discussion, and it was determined that the executive director would bring a report of the associations that charge boat fees and the rates, and also an idea of the number of paddle boats and canoes on our lakes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report.

**DOBSON DISTRICT CRIME REPORT
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER CHAD TOWNLEY**

Officer Chad Townley reported that the search for a new Police Chief continues. Overall crime contained 486 calls for the month of December, and a total of 5,300 calls for the year. There were 10 vehicle burglaries, 9 residential burglaries, 9 credit card fraud cases, 6 vehicle thefts, 4 stolen vehicles and 1 armed robbery at Wells Fargo branch office in Albertsons. Overall there is a 10% reduction in crime for the year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hegrenes moved to approve the consent agenda inclusive of approval of the minutes for the December meeting and the approval of Gordon Whitehead as a member of the Beautification Committee. Mr. Wall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written report, Ms. Ray-Brethower reported the following:

- A bench will be placed on lake one on the south side.

- The boundaries for area schools have been changed, and there will be a meeting at Alma Elementary to discuss the changes. The boundary information will be included in the Ranchers' Roundup.
- Thirteen candidates have been interviewed for the position of Facilities Manager, and there are five people on the short list.
- The total cost for the Ranchers' Roundup to go to each home is \$2.02 per home.
- The audit begins Monday, January 25, 2010.

COMMISSION REPORTS

1. The Member Services/Marketing Commission – Mr. Mizner asked to postpone discussion until the committee is discussed under “Unfinished Business”

Mr. Wall and Mr. Mizner met and discussed the Nomination Committee rules and made some modifications and a name change to Board Election Committee. There was discussion about changing the dates to begin the process. It was suggested to host something before a meeting and serve food in order to get a large turnout in order to procure more candidates. It was determined to continue with the process and solicit candidates while working on the verbiage of the rules.

2. Finance Management Commission – Ms. Ray-Brethower went over the balance sheet and variables report for December. The financial report cannot be approved until the audit, as changes in the December statement may occur. There has been some confusion with homeowners using the old bank address to send payments to the lockbox. Everyone with a balance on their account received a statement at the end of the year. There is a drop in assessments receivables of just over \$8,000 for the first time in many months. There was discussion about the budget variances. For the month we are \$62,303 over budget, and for the year we are under budget by \$76,882. There was discussion about placing the overage in the capital fund. The final payment has not been paid on the swimming pool at La Casita, and when it is paid the funds will come from the reserve fund.

3. Master Planning Commission – Mr. Disbrow reported that there was nothing new to report this month. The fence issue is to be discussed January 27th, and the outcome of that meeting will determine further issues.

Water Management Committee: Mr. Wilson provided a summary sheet of the full report to ADWR to be presented in February. He reported a savings of water in the lakes and also water used elsewhere for irrigation purposes. He wants to revisit the water conversion project and also continue the smart controller plan providing discounts to homeowners who purchase them. He outlined several plans for conservation that will be presented to the Department. Mr. Mizner moved to proceed with the presentation to ADWR as presented this date with supplemental information to be added regarding 2010 xeriscape projects. Mr. Disbrow seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Recreation Commission. Ms. Smith reported that the Bow Wow Pow Wow scheduled for this weekend has been postponed for a week due to the extensive rains in the area. The Biggest Loser event started last week and 45 people showed up. A second event

is being considered for the spring due to the large amount of interest in the program. The "Paint a 'Brella" contest costs \$5 to participate, and the umbrellas must be turned in by February 27th. The book sale is March 13th and will benefit the Recreation Department. Donations can be left at La Casita. On February 26th there will be a "BYOB" wine tasting at La Casita, and is for adults only. April 17th is the Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. There is a Dobson Ranch team, and the cost to participate is \$15 per person. The volunteers will walk for 24 hours. The tennis committee met on January 12, and several new events are coming up. A demonstration of pickle ball will be held on February 4th at the tennis court located in Dobson Pines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Beautification Committee Structure/Guidelines. Mr. Mizner reported that the Committee met on January 7th, and the minutes are in the packet. There was a contingent of Ranch residents wanting to establish an urban garden on Dobson Ranch, who had met earlier with Ms. Ray-Brethower, and looked at potential sites for the garden. Their concept was to decide on a site to set up a garden for Ranch residents. Dobson Ranch would provide the site and provide the structure for the garden; kits that are prefabricated raised beds that you purchase. They also request that the Ranch provide the soil for the beds. There are about four in a set. There is a site at Los Altos that would be suitable for the project. Ms. Chapman will run an article in the Roundup to see if there is any interest in proceeding with the project. The cost for one 4X4 is about \$200. It was suggested to let the participants provide the beds and the Ranch provide the space.

Mr. Mizner said the committee is floundering on what project to take on next, and asked for Board concurrence to steer the committee toward entryways, internal areas, potential areas for xeriscaping, etc. He wanted suggestions for things that would beautify the Ranch that would follow the jurisdiction of the committee but not involve city participation and not involve major arterials. Mr. Kirk said the arterials are the first things people see on the Ranch, and he thinks it is important that they be maintained. He suggests that the committee include them as a liaison to the city to campaign them to do more than they are now doing. There was discussion about the weeds in the medians. Mr. Mizner will meet with Ms. Ray-Brethower to determine areas of concern, and suggested taking no action on the guidelines for the committee at this time.

2. Sponsorship Policy. The proposed policy was discussed to establish how the Dobson Policy would sponsor certain groups that would provide some benefit to the Association. Mr. Disbrow then read portions of the policy. There was some discussion about the verbiage, and Mr. Wall moved to adopt the Sponsorship Policy with the deletion of the phrase "unlike a donation" in line three and four, and change the word "show" to "provide" in line five. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. It was determined to announce the policy in the Ranchers' Roundup and possibly on the website.

3. Fence Discussion Meeting. There will be a meeting on January 27th to discuss perimeter fences on the Ranch. Mr. Disbrow will be the moderator, and he and Mr. Kirk will meet with Ms. Ray-Brethower prior to the meeting on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Asphalt Bids. We will have asphalt bids by next meeting for sealing the parking lots at La Casita and Saratoga, and a bid for grinding and paving the parking lot at Los Altos. The curb at La Casita has been painted white for better visibility at night. We are getting bids for adding four new light poles in the parking lot and adding more lights.

2. City Council/Board Breakfast. The annual breakfast with the city is set for February 10th at La Casita. Agenda items for the breakfast were discussed. There was some discussion about the proposed bus pullout in front of the rose garden and maintenance yard at Dobson and Baseline. There was an issue about the location of the bus pullout and the shelter that is in the process of being resolved. Ms. Ray-Brethower will meet with city representatives later. Mr. Kirk asked to have the subject of blight encroachment in the West Mesa area on the agenda for discussion. It was also requested to have a status report on the search for a new police chief. The city's response to the ASU student's suggestions for the Fiesta area was also an agenda item for the breakfast.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. There was no miscellaneous business.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:

1. Nate Caine, 1325 W. Keats, reported that he had attended the meeting sponsored by the city to meet the candidates for Police Chief. He then stated that the last minutes posted on the Dobson website were from September. He also said that the agenda was not posted in a timely manner either. He was assured that the situation would be corrected.

Ms. Murray asked if the sprinklers have been turned off due to the rain, as she had seen them running while it was raining. Mr. Wilson will check into the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.