

Monument Manor Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting and Membership Committee Discussion – July 23, 2016

Minutes

Attendance – Cathy Vellonakis, Kevin Powell, Ellen Jackman, Linda Doyle, Bob Kaplan, Mike Michelin, Trevor Uprichard, Bobby Furst, Diane Kuntz, Jack Perrodin, Will Harner, Geary Hund, Dan Stork at 4:00pm at Linda Doyle/Bob Kaplan's home.

Minutes from last Board Meeting – (Ellen) Printed copies of the minutes were provided with a quick verbal overview: treasurer's report given; updated Owners' list to expand database; Welcome Letter was emailed to everyone in Owners' List; Road Committee report given; Annual Party planned and held May 7, 2016 at Ron Bastrup's home with a great turnout of neighbors (all costs for party were paid for by board members and at expense to MMNA); discussed 501(c)4 for MMNA. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report – (Dan) reported that MMNA has a balance of \$7,961 in the bank. Contributions for this year total \$4,595 for 60 contributors, including \$500 contribution from one property owner. Two key deposits were made for this year @ \$100 each. Reimbursement paid out totaled \$463 (for stamps, signs, etc). Dan is in-charge of the Owners' List. Since Linda and Geary both receive information updates from owners, Dan set-up a Google Docs for the Owners' List and gave Linda and Geary permission to edit/comment. This will allow us to have just ONE list with no errors from multiple people updating the list.

Sign Committee Report – (Jack) reported that he has four **20 MPH signs** available. They need to be attached to a post. He suggested that the signs be placed at eye level. If you are interested in placing a 20 MPH sign, Jack can provide the post. You will need a bag of concrete. Contact Jack at: IRNman@aol.com. Geary would like to place 20 MPH signs at the major intersections in the Manor. We should make this a work party to place the signs at these major intersections.

Jack can also order **Neighborhood Watch Signs** if any one would like one.

Road Committee Report – (Geary) reported that he continues to work on GIS mapping of the manor with several features, including where washes cross the roads, location of grade changes, sign locations, rolling dip locations. He continues to identify locations suitable to move the water from rainfall off the roads and back onto the desert landscape.

Two road work parties were held in March and April 2016, filling in large holes at the corner of Uphill and Rocking Chair and Desert Shadows, building a "rolling dip" below Rocking Chair on Uphill. Jack asked about "tire drags" and how this will impact the "rolling dips". Geary reported that soil from outside the neighborhood was purchased and used as a binder with our sand to help hold the soil particles together. Geary would like to purchase stakes to place on either side of a "rolling dip" to remind people to slow down and to prevent vehicles from going around the dips.

Cathy asked about the accumulation of sand on the sides of the road and whether we should remove some of the sand before the next rainfall. She offered to work with Geary on clearing some of the sand when she has sand removed from her property.

Bobby asked about the sand piled up at Desert Shadows and Singletree. Sand removal is needed because owners are having difficulty driving through the deep sand. It was agreed that MMNA should be mindful where we pile up loose sand on the roads in the future, especially after a rain event. Geary and Bobby will meet and talk about the location problem.

We continue to look for additional ways to catch the water from rainfall and move the water back onto the desert landscape, i.e., building berms and cisterns to catch water, creating ditches on the side of the road lined with rocks to carry/hold rain water. Property owners will be contacted if any of these suggestions involve their property. Dan suggested that we reach out to Jill Giegerich, founder of Transition Joshua Tree, who has professional experience in this area and may have ideas on land contouring for water management in the Manor. Dan stated

that one of our neighborhood residents, Eva Montville, has been active in Transition Joshua Tree, and has applied ideas learned there to her property.

To Do: Dan will send Geary the contact information for Jill Giegerich.

Trevor suggested we also take a “short term” approach and try to “groom” the roads to smooth out the washboards, mindful not to scrape the roads, as we already have lost significant amount of soil on the roads. Will indicated that if we groom the roads prior to rain that it will cause lots of dust. We could rent a water truck but that’s expensive.

We discussed the damage done to the roads by Burrtec, UPS, Fedex, etc trucks. While we truly appreciate the service these companies provide to our community, the trucks needs to slow down.

Several people will tour the Manor following meeting today to look at places that need our attention now.

To Do: Geary will identify more locations for “rolling dips”.

To Do: Geary will identify erosion repair needs with deep ruts and get cost estimates for these areas and present a proposal to the board for approval.

To Do: Geary will schedule the next Road Work Party.

Membership Report – (Linda) reported that anyone interested in joining the Membership Committee should reach out to Ron Bastrup. Also, everyone was asked to forward a copy of the latest Membership Newsletter and Road Work Party newsletter to their neighbors.

Newsletter and Website – (Ellen) reported that newsletters will be emailed out quarterly. She has received positive feedback about the newsletters. Three new information stations have been posted in the manor. Ellen would like the information station located at the mailboxes to be on a steel post.

Ellen reminded everyone to join Nextdoor Manor email listserv. It is not operated by MMNA but she feels it is another great information tool for our owners. The new MMNA website is setup and ready to go. In the future, when photos are taken at events we will let them know that the photos will be posted on the website.

To Do: Linda will insert language on website page indicating if someone does not want their photo on the website, that they should contact Linda to have it removed.

To Do: Linda will place more copies of the newsletters in the information box down by the mailboxes.

To Do: Linda and Ellen will start working on the next newsletter.

Other business – Dan suggested we install signs that state “private roads”. Dan also asked the group if anyone knew what the stakes with the pink/yellow ribbons are for, located on his property and the adjacent property. They are a mystery, as of now.

To Do: Linda will send everyone who attended the meeting today, emails for the board members.

Next Board Meeting – tentatively scheduled for September 2016, December 2016.

Annual General Meeting – tentatively scheduled for March 2017.

Meeting adjourned.