

LAKE DON PEDRO OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL BOARD MEETING & EXTENDED BALLOT COUNT for 2023 DIRECTORS ELECTION
Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm

I CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Phyllis Cotta, President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II WELCOME & ESTABLISH QUORUM of DIRECTORS

Board Members present: Pres. Phyllis Cotta, VP Douglas McLain, Board Secretary Dennis Dias, Treasurer Renee Anderson and Directors Chris Adams, Eva Banuelos and Larry King. A quorum of Directors is present.

III BALLOT COUNT – DIRECTORS ELECTION – Inspector of Election Randy Rattray & Staff

Ballot count required Ballot Quorum of 20% (625 ballots) per new CA state law. 682 Ballots received – ballot quorum met. Ballot count by CA Elections staff commenced and witnessed by live Zoom video.

IV GENERAL BOARD MEETING ITEMS

1. Oct. 10, 2023 Executive Session Report by Phyllis Cotta: Discipline – Fine 2 Hearings
2. October 14, 2023 General Board Meeting & Annual Member's Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Dennis Dias, second by Renee Anderson. Approved, unanimous.
3. Treasurer's Report by Renee Anderson:
September 2023 Monthly Financials – Operating \$315,301.84 & Reserve \$665,017.20
October 2023 Monthly Financials – Operating \$294, 585.84 & Reserve \$669,798.18
Motion to approve Sept. & Oct. monthly financial reports by Dennis Dias, second by Doug McLain. Approved, unanimous.
4. Committee Reports
 - ACC Report by Dennis Dias: Permits; 1 approved, 1 pending account brought current. Compliance: 4 letters, 1 registered notice, 1 new fine, 2 fines continued, 2 Fine Hearings scheduled on Dec. 12th.
 - Parks & Trails Committee Report by Renee Anderson: The Trailblazers have adopted a section of Hwy 132 raising \$250 bi-monthly from this.
 - Activities/Events Report by Eva Banuelos: The 2nd year Trunk or Treat was attended by 3 times as many as last year, and the Annual Holiday Craft Fair was held last Sat. & Sun and looked to be very successful.

Ballot count and tabulation continues – see after New Business for Results / Items V, VI, VII on page 2

VIII CONTINUING BUSINESS - None

IX NEW BUSINESS – 'Discussion' refers to a **Board Discussion only**. (Not a general discussion)

1. **Motion** to approve Lions Club donation request for the annual Don Pedro Christmas Baskets, \$200 more than last year by Dennis Dias, second by Chris Adams. Approved Unanimous. NOTE: Upon checking, Assoc. did not donate last year – Pres. E. Banuelos later designated \$200
2. Parks Committee request to add a connecting fence at El Prado Park with both a locked vehicle access gate, and an open walk-through gate, and a graded pedestrian path from there to the play area. **Motion** to approve project as submitted with \$1300 budget by Doug McLain, second Dennis Dias. Passed, unanimous.

3. **Discussion:** re request to fund dump fees & other volunteer expenses (fuel, etc.) incurred during general clean up of parks and trails. Line item or add to Park Expenses budget and estimates? Need more specific information. - Currently volunteers may request reimbursement on case by case basis.
4. **Discussion:** Re a volunteer committee to aid out-of-area or distressed property owners in clean up projects. Criteria? Insurance? Equitable treatment of owners' issues. Funding supplies & dump fees? No resolution.
5. **Discussion:** Re replace or repair the vandalized & destroyed Port-A-Potty at El Prado. Perhaps replace with cheaper standard model. - Renee Anderson will check into repair costs vs replace.
6. **Discussion:** Due to severe vandalism problem at El Prado should we even install the \$30,000 plastic toddler play structure? - Address the vandalism first with new fence project then install.
7. **Discussion:** whether the Assoc. should conduct a poll concerning future use possibilities at El Prado Park? – No.

Items V, VI, & VII Delayed by Ballot Count:

V ELECTION RESULTS – Randy Rattray, Inspector of Election

1. 2023 Ballot Count & Election Results Report: Total ballots counted 682. Total votes per candidate: Kimberly Cheatham 277, Chris Lowey 232, Dan McKague 83, Douglas McLain 134, Eduardo Pedreira 190, Barry L Brock 161, John Woods 152. Kimberly Cheatham & Chris Lowey elected.
2. Thanks to retiring Directors and Seat new Directors.
3. Thanks to Randy Rattray & Staff for conducting election.

VI ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION to choose Board Officers for 2023/24

VII RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION –

1. Board Officers & Directors for 2023/24: President Eva Banuelos, VP Chris Adams, Secretary Dennis Dias, Treasurer Renee Anderson. Directors: Phyllis Cotta, Kim Cheatham & Chris Lowey.

X OPEN FORUM / GOOD OF THE ORDER: Audience comments. (3 min. limit)

Much discussion of El Prado Park use, co-ordinating on projects with volunteer groups such as Trailblazers and Don Pedro Disciples etc. Use of Assoc. funds for general community projects as differed from Association projects.

XV ADJOURNMENT / NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:

No December Meeting – Holiday Hiatus

Next General Board Meeting Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 6:30 pm at the Hacienda.

The January meeting is scheduled late in the month because the information on the annual insurance renewal package is not available until that time but must be voted on before Feb. 6, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by: Pam Hatler
on behalf of Dennis Dias, Board Secretary.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on January 24, 2024 .