

Miraleste Hills Community Association (MHCA)
General Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, 11/15/22, 7:00 pm, Via zoom

Attendees: Board Members = Anthony Todora, Michael Phillips, Beth Phillips, Di Grossett, and Al Cellier

Neighbors: Nancy Brigden, Elaine Denham, John DiCarlo, Carol Fox, Johnna Furesh, Kayla Grossett, Norm Harrington, George Harris, Samuel Iskander, Lisa Jankovich, Deborah Kastelan, Priya and Jinesh Naran, John Needham, Paul Papanek, Daniel and Judy Platus, Larry and Linda Rubin, Jeff Rudolph, Gail Shibayama, Toni Sporer, Yvonne Tso and James Wright

Special Guest: Deputy Darlene Lopez and Deputy Benjamin Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

- President's Welcome = Anthony Todora
 - Introductions of the Board Members
 - Board members introduced themselves
 - Anthony Todora = President
 - Di Grossett = Treasurer
 - Michael Phillips = VP
 - Al Cellier = Member at Large
 - Beth Phillips = Secretary
 - Michael Gibbs and Kathleen Kamikawa = Welcoming Committee (Mike and Kathleen were unable to attend this evening.)
 - Introductions of Attendees
 - Attendees introduced themselves
- Board:
 - There are three board members retiring from their positions at the end of this year. President = Anthony Todora, Vice President = Michaels Phillips and Secretary = Beth Phillips
 - There are five positions on the board: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Member at Large
 - We are a 501 (C) (4) CA Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation
 - Anthony described the positions as written in the bylaws.
 - President: The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the board of directors have general supervision, direction, and control of the activities of the officers of the corporation. They shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors. They shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.
 - Vice-President In the absence or disability of the president, the VP shall preform all the duties of the president. When so acting, the vice president shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the president. The VP shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed of them by the board of directors, the bylaws, or the president.
 - Secretary: Minutes. The secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all meetings, proceedings, and actions of the directors. The secretary shall keep a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws as amended to date. Notice: The secretary

shall give notice of all meetings of the board of directors required by the bylaws. The secretary shall keep the corporate seal.

- Member at Large: Is a member who acts as an additional voting member of the Board of Directors and has most of the same rights and powers as other directors. However, they do not fulfill an officer's role on the Board, nor are they tasked with the same duties. The president may assign duties.
 - Chief Financial Officer: The CFO shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books and records of transactions of the corporation. THE CFO shall send to the directors such financial statements and reports as are required by law. THE CFO shall deposit all moneys received on behalf of the corporation. They shall disperse funds as may be ordered by the board of directors.
- Board Volunteers
 - Larry Rubin
 - Nancy Brigden
 - Board Election:
 - To hold our election, we need a quorum of 20% attendance of paid members. Due to not having a quorum this evening, we are unable to take a vote during this call. The current board will reconvene and vote the new board in.
 - **Guest Speaker:** Deputy Darlene Lopez and Deputy Benjamin Russell from the Lomita Sheriff station. ***Staying Safe***
 - Install cameras on your property. There are online versions that you control or serviced applications.
 - Let your neighbors know when you are on vacation.
 - Call the non-emergency number at the Sheriff's station for daily vacation checks while you are away from home. 310-539-1661
 - Most home thefts are for small items like jewelry and firearms.
 - Lock your car. Do not leave purses, laptops, or expensive sunglasses in view. It is better to take all items of value with you.
 - Catalytic converter theft is on the rise on cars and work vans/trucks. Popular thefts on Prius and CRV's too. There have been engraving events in the past where the license plate number is written on the converter which helps in recovery. Other options are also available.
 - There was a Tic Tok challenge to see how fast a Kia 2021 and older could be stolen. If you own one of these vehicles, ask your dealer to install an immobilizer.
 - Your neighborhood has a Flock system which is a license plate recognition application. There are two different systems in RPV they are Flock and Vigilant, both of which are being utilized by the Sheriff's department.
 - There is no schedule for patrolling specific areas unless there are vacation checks. We have 5 to 6 patrol units assigned to RPV and can be here within minutes.
 - No recent follow home burglaries. Stay aware of your surrounds!
 - Board Reporting
 - Member at Large = Website
 - Al did a quick review of the resource links, regarding local conditions (fire, weather, air, etc.) available on our community website he built and supports.
 - Pictures from the newly updated high-resolution cameras that have been installed were shared.
 - Log into the site below to see all that is offered!
 - Website = [MHCA \(miralestehills.org\)](http://MHCA(miralestehills.org))
 - Secretary = General Discussion

Member-at-large charts "MHCA Website.pdf"
are at < <http://miralestehills.org/docs/Website22.pdf> >

- Fireworks
 - Happy to report we had no incidents with illegal fireworks. Appreciate everyone being fire wise and protecting our homes.
 - Dog Feces
 - Thank you for cleaning up after your pets.
 - CFO/Treasury = Financial Report
 - Di reviewed the financial sheets with the attendees
 - This month the palm and pepper trees at the entrance of our community will be trimmed.
 - The taxes and filings will be done next year. She usually does them in March.
 - The dues were raised last year because we were going to run short.
 - We are looking at updates in the fountain area. Removing the grass to help cut the water bill and installing turf and native drought resistant plantings.
 - Our pool cost for the fountain has gone up. We interviewed other companies, and our team is still the best price, and they do a fantastic job. Lisa J. stated that chlorine tablets have skyrocketed in price.
 - Yvonne asked about the rebate for recycling. Di stated she was not aware of the rebate for recycling and will investigate.
 - If there are any questions regarding the financials, please reach out to Di
Email = digrossett@gmail.com Or Phone 310 630 9976
- Open Forum
 - Lisa Jankovich – RPV Civic Center Site
 - The planning for the new RPV Civic Center site is ongoing. The next meeting will be held on December 15. The site will house a Community Center, Council Chambers, Planning department. Different entities own portions of the land. There is a P3 construction loan for this project. Website link: [Civic Center Advisory Committee | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website \(rpvca.gov\)](#)
 - Larry Rubin – Street Parking
 - Can anything be done about street parking? There are other spots up and down our streets that have become dangerous due to parked cars.
 - Anthony stated we have had other complaints about street parking, unfortunately none of the residents are on the call tonight. This is something you would like to address next year.
- President's = Wrap up
 - Thank you all for participating this evening. Happy Holidays!
- Adjourn: 8:13 pm