

SNA Board Meeting
Dec. 3, 2011 10 am to 12 pm
at El Pueblito Church, El Prado

Minutes

10:15 Call to order by John Durham, SNA president

Present: John Durham, president; Kristi Vine, vice president; Beau Schoen, treasurer; Ursula Jones, secretary; Jerry Hansen, board member.

Also present SNA members Kim Stevens and Mary Lane Leslie.

The expectation was 20-30 SNA members would be present after all the email traffic concerning security, which was the main topic and purpose of this meeting.

The discussion started out about to gate or not to gate Tune Drive. The consensus was that there are simply too many access points (about 15) to make gates feasible. Plus the fact that it is so easy to avoid most gates just by driving around across the sage. And the access code would have to be given to hundreds of people, including all the workers and repairmen and delivery people and vacation renters/visitors.

We talked of the need to update the SNA map to show all property owners, their addresses, whether they are full time or part time, name of renters and license plate numbers. This would allow us to become better acquainted with who should be using the road and to be more readily able to spot non-residents.

10:30 Dave of High Desert Investigative Services came to give us some ideas on how to be better protected against burglaries, such as also having an audible alarm on the outside, maybe even a strobe light. This may not prevent burglaries, but it may minimize the damage because the burglar will spend less time in the house. Instead of an expensive gate, a simple cable or chain between two T-posts can be an effective deterrent, since most burglars want to be in and out as quickly as possible and not draw attention. Dave will give us an estimate about the cost of patrolling Tune Drive on a regular basis. He also encouraged folks who are "first responders" (called by security systems when there is a break-in) to NOT visit the house until the Sheriff's Department has arrived.

Dave charges \$200/month for individual security checks, 3-4 per night. His cost to be the "first responder" to an alarm is \$ 35 per month.

Mary Lane Leslie suggested motion-activated cameras to take pictures of vehicles/license plates. So if there is a burglary, we might be able to identify the vehicle involved. This idea should be further investigated.

Since some of the residents had unsatisfactory experiences with the sheriff's office investigating burglaries, the SNA board will consider to meet with the sheriff's office and/or the State Police.

Mary Lane Leslie suggested we should post more non-trespassing signs spelling out that the road is "private, not county-maintained, trespassers use it at their own risk etc" to protect SNA from lawsuits in case of accidents.

John Durham mentioned that the next hearing on the proposed zoning changes is on Jan 24/25. As soon as possible, the changes will be posted on the SNA website. John and Terry Thompson met with County Planning Department (Nathan Sanchez) and discussed proposed changes to the Stagecoach Hills Zoning Overlay.

John also mentioned that the sale of his neighbors' home is being held up by title commitment issues originally related to the Martinez Land Grant. Mary Lane stated that this is an issue / problem of the title companies, NOT the land grant.

12:00 the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ursula Jones, secretary