

Deerhorn Valley Community Association
Minutes from February 17, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the DVCA opened at 7:15.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no financial activity during the month. Discussion revolved around the amount of information we want to have published on the website. On motion by Don Deede (second by Susie Norton) we will request that no specific financial information be posted to the website, and that a link to the DVCA email<deerhornvalley@bigfoot.com> be added to facilitate any requests for additional information. PASSED.

Our end-of-month balance remains \$4684.04

OLD BUSINESS

- A) **RFPD BILL DISCREPANCIES (Cindy Schneider)**: Cindy drafted a letter to Chief Nissen requesting reconciliation of monies owed for expenses incurred at the DV Fire Station #37 from December 10 through June 30 for above normal monthly operation resulting from the post-Harris Fire Incident. The letter will be sent by certified mail in an attempt to show good faith effort to repay the additional costs of our relief and support efforts.
- B) **NEWSLETTER UPDATE**: (Ariel Brooks) Ariel is requesting assistance with computer and software issues. There was consensus among those attending that some quick Q & A's would help develop common ground among residents, such as "What brought you to Deerhorn?" There was comment that anytime someone's name appears in a publication, they feel more appreciated and valued. Ariel is open to hearing more ideas, as well as offers of computer help via her email: arielejohannson@aol.com
- C) **DV DIRECTORY UPDATE**: When the submission form is available, it will be posted on deerhornvalley.net for download.
- D) **RELATIONSHIP OF GENERATIONS OF ACTION (GOA) AND DEERHORN VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** : Renee Deede clarified that there is no relationship between GOA and DVCA; they are separate entities and share no financial interests. Although SEMPRO awarded a \$2500 grant to the DVCA, it was expressly for a Mobile Food Pantry. When the Food Pantry opened in Jamul, the Deerhorn Valley site closed. Rather than return the funds to SEMPRO, the funds followed the project. The Mobile Food Pantry now operates in Jamul, Dulzura, Campo, and Jacumba. **On motion by by Peg Hance (second: Jill Powell) it was proposed to rent a separate PO Box for the DVCA. (PASSED).**

- E) FACILITY USE POLICY & SHARED USE OF FIRE STATION FACILITIES: GOA (Generations of Action) has made a formal request to use the parking lot of the Deerhorn Fire Station for its Mobile Food Pantry on alternating Saturdays 11am-1pm. The RFPD is currently taking their request under consideration. The DVCA is encouraging residents to make their views known to the RFPD Board at their next meeting presently scheduled for March 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Jamul Primary School (Library). The RFPD is considering too, whether **ANY** community use will be allowed at the Fire Station. It was noted that Harbison Canyon is currently hosting an all-day Open House. Anne Evosevich, CSZ President, noted that The Red Book contains documents that outline how the DV community viewed use of the Fire Station it built.
- F) COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: NATIVE PLANTS & RAPTORS Sue Bell and Nancy Connelly have not yet been contacted.
- G) IRS UPDATE: Cindy will again make a request for the original forms approving our 501(c)3. It was also suggested that a copy of the new by-laws be made available via DVCA email: deerhornvalley @bigfoot.com Peg Hance offered that she has copies on her computer, and will report back on this.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR ASSISTANCE:

Renee Deede described some ongoing community needs of some of our Senior Citizens (deck rebuilding, frequent check-ins, etc.) She suggested a Community Assistance Project where teams of residents could identify areas of need by neighbors and address them. Interest was expressed along with concerns about who could take charge of the project. A suggestion was made that we coordinate with the Fire Safe Council who is currently offering volunteer help to needy residents for Fire protection projects. Further discussion was tabled until the March DVCA meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training will be offered after April at the Fire Station if enough people are signed up to attend. A ham radio class may also be offered if there is enough interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Hamilton, Secretary
March 17, 2009