VISTA REDONDA PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION

(VRPOA)

 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 -- 4:30 PM – Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** S. Rule called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.
2. **Certification of Quorum:**  A. LaFehr certified that 7 of the 9 board members were present. A quorum was met.
3. **Board Members Present:** Susan Rule, President; Ellen Smith, Vice President; Audrey LaFehr, Secretary; Laurent Cavalie, Treasurer; Directors: Valerie Arnett, Bill Daily, Bill Whelan

**Board Members Not Present:**  Bill Berra, Brent Walker

**Community Members Present:** David Arnett, Cheyann Benedict, Ellen Cannon, Mary Costello, Ann Dilworth, Betsy Garside, Randal Limbacher, Suzy and Peter McNamara, Sue Mize, Wendy and Kevin Pierard, Hildegard and Jason Pressesky, Bo Sanford, Harvey Simon, Craig Slawson

1. **Approval of Minutes of the July 2020 Annual VRPOA Board Meeting:** LaFehr made the motion to approve the Minutes, Rule seconded, and all approved.
2. **Financial Report:** Cavalie presented the financial statements, noting that we currently have $70,000 in the bank ($4,000 more than projected) due to a refund on the security camera, an additional transfer fee, and the lack of community meetings due to Covid.
3. **Architectural Committee Report:** Cavalie and D. Arnett discussed the unusually long list of projects being proposed and/or worked on in various stages throughout the community. They requested two new volunteers for the Committee in order to share the workload. Bo Sanford and Kevin Pierard offered to join the AC.
4. **Vote on New Adjuncts:** In an email vote of the Board on March 18, Smith made the motion to elect Bo Sanford as an Adjunct Director, Daily seconded, and all approved. In a Board email vote subsequent to this meeting, on March 31, Rule made the motion to elect Kevin Pierard as and Adjunct Director, Arnett seconded, and all approved.
5. **Update on Security Camera:** Whelan reported that the problem with the camera not working had to do with the inability to get a consistent cellular signal where we are. Flock agreed to refund Vista Redonda $1625. Whelan further reached out to ADT and met with them at the site, but they could not find a solution to meet our needs. In addition to the cell signal problem, the lack of power at the entrance location limits our options and the ability to monitor the camera footage. A suggestion was made that we look into a possible landline solution.
6. **Internet Options for VR:** Cavalie presented his extensive research on available internet options in our area, explaining why DSL and CenturyLink are so slow and unreliable, and the pluses and minuses of NM Surf’s broadband wireless service. He contacted NM Surf to explore whether or not they could design something specifically for VR, and also had them out to troubleshoot his own system, which they managed to improve significantly to a consistent 25 MB/second. NM Surf has installed a new site near Pacheco Canyon that is meant to reach areas the other site can’t, and is promising 100 MB. This service will be slightly more expensive at $79/month. Cavalie plans to switch to it and will report back. He is also looking into two other options, Starlink (using satellites) is said to be amazing at $100/month, and something called Cyber Mesa. Randal Limbacher confirmed that NM Surf’s 100 MB option is working perfectly at his location.
7. **Proposed III-D Contract:** Rule had sent out to the Board members the proposed contract bid for administrative support from III-D at $500 per month. Rule advocated that we retain our current Administrator, Ana Berry, at $600 per month. A vote was taken and it carried 6-2 in favor of the latter scenario.
8. **New Business:**

Mary Costello raised concerns about VR’s preparedness for potential wildfires in the area, and whether the POA supports prescribed burns. She asked if there is another way out of VR, and noted that she is installing lightning rods on her own house. She also questioned the status of paving PENE and the feasibility of emergency vehicles navigating the steep hill during icy conditions.

Betsy Garside reported that the gate across the circle at the end of PESW is temporary while construction is ongoing at 111. Emergency vehicles have the ability to open the gate if turn-around space is required.

1. **Adjournment:** Rule requested that all but the Board members exit the Zoom meeting for a legal discussion. Following the discussion, Rule made the motion to adjourn, Smith seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey LaFehr, Secretary