

# **Desert Meadows 1 Board Meeting**

## **April 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President David Palmer at 9:33a.m.

Present: David Palmer, Mary Thomas, Mary Tufto, Mark Leal, Marilyn Hedges Absent: Judi Flannery, Nate Wright  
A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Tufto reported a balance of \$14,758.63 with checks outstanding. The CD information is unchanged. One CD comes due at Commerce Bank at the end of April. Mary Tufto will evaluate where to obtain the best rate to reinvest it. Mark Leal made a motion to receive the report, seconded by Marilyn Hedges. The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report: The March, 2019 Board Minutes were reviewed .  
Mark Leal made a motion to receive the Board Minutes; seconded by Marilyn Hedges. The motion was approved.

President's Report:

The President thanked Marilyn Hedges for taking on the responsibility of the newsletter and for her work in producing the newsletter. David Palmer also mentioned Frans Brinkmann and noted the work he had previously contributed to the newsletter. The newsletter has been delivered to the membership.

The DM1 Board will consider a palette of acceptable colors to recommend to the Architectural Committee for approval for members wishing to paint their homes. The Architectural Committee can then determine complementary trim colors for approval. It was decided to leave the door colors up to the homeowner.

The DM1 Membership Roster has been updated. The President and Secretary have been working diligently to have a current mailing list so e-mail information can be shared with the membership as needed. Some information from some members is lacking. Please make sure that the HOA has updated contact information .

The President indicated he was looking for Board Members and volunteers to serve on the Standing Committees. If interested, contact David Palmer.

Vice President's Report: Mary Thomas reported that the ByLaws Committee was making excellent progress and should have a final draft to the Board in the fall of 2019. The Attorney would have to review the proposed changes and then the revisions could be mailed to the membership in November with the dues and ballots.

Architectural Committee: There have been no requests for approval this month. There has been quite a bit of construction occurring due to needed repairs.

Maintenance Committee: David Palmer sent in a request to GVC to contact ADOT to trim the bushes and trees extending into the alleyway along I-19 between E. La Pera and La Espina. He encouraged all Board Members and those present to send in a request to GVC on their website and report all issues needing repair such as streets and/or trees that need trimming on county owned boulevards in DM1. GVC will follow up on these requests. The President reviewed the contact process with those present.

Weeds are again flourishing and need to be removed. A friendly reminder will initially be sent.

A registered letter has been sent to one of the homeowners who has been parking his trailer on his property for an extended length of time.

Nominations Committee: Mary Thomas indicated information about the Nominations Process and biographical information required has been placed on the table and is available through the Nominations Chair and on the website. Please encourage folks to run for the Board in the fall.

Welcoming Committee: Carol Thompson indicated she and Patty Groves has visited two new homeowners this month. Carol has a new welcome letter that she will submit to the Board. Feedback regarding the Welcoming Committee efforts has been very positive.

Green Valley Council: A power point presentation was given by Susanna Eden of U of A Research Center on water resources in our area. 300 survey responses were received as to concerns about our water supply and quality of the water we use. Homeowners use only 10% of the total water used and the remainder is used by agricultural, ranching and golf courses. For further information view web page: [WRCC.Arizona.edu](http://WRCC.Arizona.edu) or for specific questions email: [Seden@email.Arizona.edu](mailto:Seden@email.Arizona.edu)

The Santa Cruz Regional Hospital was discussed at the GVC and it was suggested that beds be used for veterans.

The Park on Camino del Sol. (Canoa) is receiving work to improve the property. The Friends of the Park are working on raising money to widen the roadways.

David Palmer encouraged Board Members to attend the GVC meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:30a.m. at the Desert Hills Social Center.

Desert Meadows 1 Park: Mark Thompson reported that Art in the Park is being held on Saturday, April 13th from 9a.m. to 3:00p.m. There will be vendors, food trucks, a silent auction and a plant sale. There will also be a Home and Garden Tour that day. Tickets can be purchased online or from Mark.

Members Forum:

Mark Thompson commended Marilyn Hedges for the excellent newsletter ; a very professional job.

Mark Thompson also indicated that Frans Brinkmann is moving and recommended a resolution to be delivered to Frans thanking him for his service to DM1. The Secretary will draft a resolution to be delivered to Frans.

Ruth Rudbeck raised questions regarding the bill increase from Waste Management. Apparently, the increase was due to recycling issues. It seems if folks want to recycle, they get penalized. The President will address this issue during his dialogue with Waste Management. There was a recent article in the newspaper discussing whether the trash hauling companies will continue to accept cardboard and glass instead putting those into the landfill. Should we continue to be charged for recyclables if they are not recycling? Concerns were also raised by others regarding trucks damaging the roads. It was suggested that Titan Waste Management be looked into.

Old Business: The Board agreed to a trial of electronic member attendance for those who are part time. This will occur in the fall..using a phone, Skype or some other electronic process. Other POA's have adopted this process as a way of encouraging Board participation and attendance.

David Palmer reported that the 5 year contract with Waste Management expires on 7/1/2019. He has contacted both Waste Management and Republic Services regarding prices and services. He would like to negotiate a 5 year contract. Republic never returned the phone call. Discussions with Waste Management will resume. Titan will be contacted. Waste Management is eliminating the smaller containers...will only have the medium and large containers available. People can opt out of recycling. 95% of the POA must participate in order for us to have a contract. There are a few homeowners who use other providers.

New Business:

Home sales continue to be strong. Four homes have sold in DM1 this year so far and Mary Tufto was just notified of another sale.

Hi Neighbor online advertisements have been received by DM1 members. The President has contacted GVC regarding this communication which has a California postmark. It is up to the members as to whether they wish to use this service. Desert Hills 1-6 has something similar and it has worked for folks wishing to sell things or retrieving lost pets.

Mark Leal made a motion to appoint Ellen Brady to the Board. There was no second. David Palmer made a motion to table further nominations to the Board until after November elections. Mary Tufto seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Tufto made a motion to adjourn. Marilyn Hedges seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thomas, Acting Secretary