



# DC Ranch Association - Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 6, 2016

**Date/time:** Monday, June 6, 2016 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:08 PM  
**Location:** Desert Camp Community Center  
**Purpose/notes:** Regular scheduled meeting  
**Chaired by:** Fred Green  
**Minutes rec. by:** Terri Raimondi  
**Status:** Approved- Minutes

### Attendance

**Present:** Mike Esparza, Susan Grace, Fred Green, Tom Headley, John Henrickson, Stephen Koven  
**Absent:** Don Matheson  
**Invited guests:** Sylvia Miles, Andy Andrews, Terri Raimondi

### Agenda

#### 1. 1. Agenda

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##### 1.1. Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

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##### 1.2. Call to Order

Board president Fred Green called the meeting to order.

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##### 1.3. Approval Meeting Minutes- May 9, 2016

Fred Green motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Mike Esparza seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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## 2. Reports

### 2.1 President's Report

Fred Green reported on proposed improvements to the intersection at Trailside View and Pima Road. DC Ranch has been working with the city of Scottsdale to install a traffic "pork chop" in the area to make access safer for drivers turning left onto Pima. The city had approved the addition, but the Association recently learned that the State Land Department is adding further requirements that might impede further progress. The Ranch Association will continue to work on this matter.

## 2.2 Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Mike Esparza delivered the financial report ending April 30, 2016. He reviewed the monthly and year-to-date numbers. For the month of April, the Ranch Association had a positive budget variance of \$16,100. Year-to-date, the positive budget variance is \$121,700.

## 2.3 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Andy Andrews delivered his report. He suggested that the board might consider a policy on drones, as parts of DC Ranch are outside the five-mile prohibited air space set by the Federal Aviation Administration. Additionally, he pointed out that it is difficult to know if drone operators received prior approval from the Scottsdale Airport tower as required by the FAA.

Andy Andrews reported on several projects that are underway: the security enhancement of the south Arcadia gate, tree replacements in The Estates neighborhood park and reinforcement of the Reata Wash at Cross Canyon in Country Club.

Ranch management and co-chairs of the Safety and Security Committee are continuing to investigate additional methods of traffic control and plan to present recommendations to the board at its August meeting. Landscape Director Tom Wright is also scheduled to deliver an update on irrigation management at the next session.

The May 19 town hall on the Standards for Homes was well attended by residents. Those in attendance had no substantial concerns with the new proposed guidelines.

A new mobile application for residents to use to report items of non-compliance or safety issues is in the demo phase for Apple product users. The android version has already been completed.

The city of Scottsdale presented information on the Reata Wash Flood Control Study at a recent meeting at Copper Ridge School. The project would eliminate the need to carry flood insurance in several areas of DC Ranch. The board may consider taking an official position on the flood control project, but only after a thorough review of the relevant issues.

The data gathered by the five operational speed signs over the past year has not shown a major decrease in speeding. Board members pointed out that some of the numbers reported seemed to be unreasonable. Andy Andrews will verify the reliability of the cameras and report at the next meeting.

The surveillance cameras in the tunnels at Market Street have been operational for a year. Since the cameras were installed, there have been no further reports of graffiti, vandalism, litter or resident privacy concerns. The camera system is part of a two-year pilot, and the interim report shows a positive impact.

The Ranch Association will approach the Budget and Finance Committee about using reserve funds to possibly upgrade the camera systems at many of the unmanned gates to provide a more comprehensive view. At many of the gates, the range of sight is somewhat limited.

A summary of the key items of concern documented by the 2014 Security Survey was reviewed, and progress on areas of concern such as tailgating, dogs off-leash, access and speeding was discussed. A follow-up resident survey is planned for July or August.

## 3. Old Business-None

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## 4. New Business

### 4.1 Standards for Landscape Update

John Henrickson and Susan Grace provided an overview and status update on the Standards for Conduct, Homes and Landscape. They recommended that the board postpone its vote on the enforcement component because many of the supporting documents, maps and links are incomplete. The planned vote will move to the August meeting. A resident town hall is set for September 26, when many seasonal homeowners will have returned. A draft version of the proposed landscape guidelines will be posted on DCRanch.com before the end of the week. However, the links to the supporting documents will not yet be activated.

Tom Headley reminded the Board that the actual design standards were set by the Covenant Commission and approved by the Community Council. Approval by the Ranch Association Board signifies that the Ranch Association can and will enforce the standards as agreed.



#### 4.2 Board Discussion

Fred Green reiterated his views on the importance of fixing the Trailside View and Pima Road intersection and will continue to work on this project. John Henrickson felt that the board should enact a policy on drones, even if it is only temporary, to deal with the nuances of these small unmanned aircrafts. Tom Headley proposed that the financial reports be sent out prior to board meetings. He also inquired about a risk management assessment, which Ranch management reported it has already begun.

#### 4.3 Board meeting date change

The board meeting date may need to change to August 9, 10 or 11. A poll of members will be conducted and a revised date announced.

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### 5. Adjournment

Fred Green noted that all meeting business was complete and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

These minutes have been approved by the Board Members and attested to by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Headley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Headley  
DC Ranch Association Board Secretary