



DC Ranch Association - Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 4, 2017

Date/time: Monday, December 4, 2017 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 6:50 PM
Location: Homestead Community Center
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Susan Grace
Minutes rec. by: Terri Raimondi
Status: Minutes Approved

Present: Mike Esparza, Philip Geiger, Susan Grace, Fred Green, Tom Headley, Elizabeth Kepuraitis, Don Matheson

Guests: Executive Director Darren Shaw and Communications Manager Terri Raimondi

Agenda

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

Mr. Shaw conducted the roll call. A quorum of the Board was present.

Status: Completed

1.2. Member Comment Period/Open Forum

Status: Completed There were no resident comments.

1.3. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes with minor stylistic changes. Mr. Headley seconded the motion and suggested two additional, non-substantial changes. The first revision was to include additional information about Deborah Beardsley, the new Covenant Commission president, and the other was a correction to the next meeting date of December 4, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Status: Completed

2. President's Report

2.1. Report

Ms. Grace reported on the November Governance Committee meeting at which the following items were discussed. Community Council Executive Director Chris Irish announced her resignation, but plans to assume a part-time position when her replacement is named. A high-end independent senior living complex is being constructed near DC Ranch at the corner of Legacy Boulevard and Pima Roads. New path and trail signs are being erected. DC Ranch will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2018. Dog waste was discussed and will be addressed in-depth at the December Governance Committee meeting; residents are encouraged to submit ideas and solutions on the subject.



The Framework for Engagement of Public Policy Advocacy document, which defines responsibilities and roles on all external matters, was also discussed. The document, which is posted on DCRanch.com, explains that the Community Council shall engage in public policy advocacy to provide early identification of items that may impact DC Ranch. Criteria will be established for each instance of public advocacy or external communications needed. After hearing input, the Community Council will decide if a position by the community will be taken. The Community Council will speak on behalf of DC Ranch with a unified voice that will reflect the views of all three governing entities.

Also at the Governance Committee meeting, airport noise and the land near Copper Ridge School were discussed. Mr. Green provided an update on a major development regarding noise from Sky Harbor. A recent court decision ruled in favor of a lawsuit filed by the city of Phoenix. The FAA did not appeal, but instead decided to revert back to the original flight patterns over Phoenix west of the airport. In stage two of the agreement, the FAA is planning to conduct community outreach to other areas affected, which should include DC Ranch.

Chris Irish has been attending meetings on the Sky Harbor decision and noise from Scottsdale Airport. She will give updates on the airport noise and on the school land at the January Governance Committee meeting.

Ms. Grace provided an overview of the Executive Session, held prior to the board meeting, at which the Community Council's request to transfer ownership of the Desert Camp and Homestead community centers to the Council was discussed. The Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of ownership of both community centers to the Community Council subject to receiving full indemnification by the Council for any future claims related to the transfer.

3. Executive Director's Report

The transfer to a new Professional Employment Organization (PEO) is complete. The newly engaged PEO offers a time-and-attendance program that will track landscape and maintenance crews better than we have been able to in the past.

In Desert Parks Village, painting bids for the common walls and view fences are being sought with work to begin in January 2018. A similar paint project for Desert Camp Village will commence in the spring.

Competitive bids to insure the Ranch Association, the Community Council and the Covenant Commission as one insured entity are due December 15, 2017 .

The speed camera is being tested in the field. Data is being collected and analyzed and will be presented to the Board at the January 8, 2018 meeting.

The Ranch Association approved a request from UPS to install a temporary storage location to better facilitate delivery of holiday packages in the Upper Canyon and other parts of Silverleaf.

The Neighborhood Voting Member election is underway, and ballots are due back by close of business on Dec. 8, 2017.

NVM Frank Tranisi inquired about the over spraying of water in the medians along Thompson Peak Parkway. Mr. Shaw responded that he will look into the matter. The City of Scottsdale owns the land which DC Ranch maintains.

Resident Wayne Goshkarian inquired about completion of the two bridges in the community. Mr. Green responded that the bridges would require approval of a bond and mentioned that the City of Scottsdale has not been successful getting voter approval for proposed bond issues in recent years.



4. Old Business

3.1. Standards for Conduct Revisions (Member comments)

The proposed revisions to the Standards for Conduct were approved for posting by the Board in its November 6, 2017 meeting. The revisions were posted online for the 30-day member comment period. One written comment was received that questioned the policy on drones. Ms. Grace suggested that the committee review the proposed section on drones to decide if DC Ranch should be more restrictive than the Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, and prohibit the use of drones. The vote to approve the revised Standards was moved to the January 8 meeting agenda.

Status: Parked

5. New Business

5.1 Proposed Policy 104 Re: Board Governance

Mr. Headley made a motion to conditionally approve the proposed policy on Board Governance for the 30-day member comment period. Mr. Matheson seconded the motion. Ms. Grace reported that she had some comments that she will direct to the Policy Committee. The motion carried unanimously. The comments will be posted to the website in the Community Management section.

Status: Completed

5.2 Committee Chair Reports / Additional Board Discussions

Mr. Matheson reported a change to the Modification Committee. Ms. Laura Bowman of the Country Club Village will join the committee. She has a background and degrees in architecture. He further stated that the committee has been very busy, and that staff has been very responsive handling requests.

Mr. Headley reported that the Policy Committee will meet on Friday, December 15th. The meetings are open, and residents and NVMs are encouraged to attend.

Status: Completed

5. Adjournment

5.1. Next meeting

The first meeting of 2018 is Monday, January 8 at 6 p.m. at The Homestead Community Center.

Status: Completed

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


Tom Headley, DC Ranch Association Board Secretary

1/9/2018