

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting
September 20, 2003

After coffee and bagels and some paying of dues, those present were welcomed and the meeting called to order at 9:15 am by President Jay DeAngeli in the east gallery at St Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church.

Liz Bernays read the minutes of 2002 annual meeting.

Jay presented the current board members: John Battaille (absent), Liz Bernays, Bill Broyles, Sig Eisner, Sandy Elder (absent), Roger Felty, Becky Huddleston, Kim Peterson, Julie Roth (absent), Tom Scarborough, Barbara Scheussler, Don Stier (absent), and Vera Uyehara.

Bill Broyles gave us some historical highlights of our neighborhood, particularly the role of Nick Genematas, an immigrant from Greece who earned his US citizenship through service in WW1. Mr. Genematas developed much of our area, dividing the land into mostly 3-5 acre parcels. He loved the wildlife and wanted to keep the native vegetation. Let us keep the natural appearance of our neighborhood.

Roger Felty handed out the Financial Statement for the year and also the change in by-laws. He explained the new timing of dues payment. All who pay at this time will now be paying in advance (those who already paid will be counted as having paid for the next year).

Jay DeAngeli summarized the activities of the last year:

1. Catalina Foothills Lodge: Jay has replied to letters from potential purchasers of this property offering to communicate and interact so as to try and benefit all affected parties, especially neighbors, in the event of construction of new luxury developments there and associated changes in Yvon. He will keep membership informed of developments. A map of the zoning in that area was posted.
2. The issue of the liability costs for the monument has been tabled for now as the county has dropped the issue following various meetings and letters of concern.
3. The development of the Friendly Village Wash, involving concreting the whole wash area, was disputed by OFNA, and our concerns for the environment and natural plant and animal life were communicated to the owners. The Army Corps of Engineers requested owners to answer our questions. Further or alternative plans for the construction of apartments are pending.
4. Jay discussed the issue of crime and abandoned vehicles, suggesting that all residents be aware of unusual or suspicious activity
5. A number of road signs went missing or were destroyed and as a result of requests to the county, these signs and many others have been replaced with signs having superior reflectivity. Note that the persons responsible for dealing with graffiti like to deal with it as soon as possible so please report such when you see it.
6. Teams of neighbors trimmed trees and shrubs that were negatively influencing visibility along our roadsides. Jay negotiated for the county to pick up the trash. We all benefit from not having a machine approach that cuts too much material and is not sensitive to the esthetics of our neighborhood.
7. Tearoom parking is resolved. Owners have reorganized parking space.

8. Jay is still trying to get work done on roads, especially where rain has undercut the tarmac, though the county has been efficient in removing sand from lower wash levels. He noted the current plan for engineering changes at the junction of Rudasill and Genematas and posted the plans for that work. Federal funding is apparently possible due to the fact that there have been 26 significant accidents in five years. He is working with Jeannine Brookshire regarding the problem of how this impacts her property.

Becky Huddleston gave details of the neighborhood picnic to be held on Nov. 1 in the wash below Sig Eisner's house. Jay will cook chicken and hot dogs, soft drinks will be available, participants should bring a potluck dish. Beer and wine can be brought if desired. There will be a jumping castle, transport for neighbors who would like to come but are not mobile, tables and chairs. A stage has been rented and there will be some performances of music and dancing. Volunteers asked for – Barbara Schuessler is coordinating them. Kitty Schwartz will handle the piñata for kids. Barbara Scheussler will organize a presentation on wildlife. Everyone to wear costumes if possible!

A call for volunteers was made for set up, parking, and clear up.

Jay announced that our website has 500 to 1000 visits/month. Questions come from individuals, agencies and individuals. Kim Peterson is web page manager and will develop skills as needed.

Vera explained the OFNA directory and urged interested neighbors to join. There is no risk of outsider interference, as one has to sign on in order to view it. Thus it is strictly for neighborhood use. She had forms for sign-on.

Jay presented Sig Eisner with a certificate of appreciation – long-term board member and host for picnics.

Carole DeAngeli explained the slate of individuals who had agreed to stand for office in the upcoming year. She gave a short description of each and asked if there were further nominations from the floor. There were none. There was a unanimous voice vote for the slate as it stood. She further explained the value of the Newsletter and requested contributions that might be of general interest.

In a final open forum, neighbor Carolyn Hoenig asked about getting information on the Catalina Foothills Lodge and she and Jay will exchange materials. Another query concerned political signs: there are no restrictions for signs on private property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.