

Mountain Shadows Community Association (MSCA) Annual Meeting  
April 28, 2004, 7:00 PM

A Board of Directors pre-meeting was called to order by President Francine Hansen at 6:20 PM. Members present: Francine Hansen, Pat Poos, Dave Buckley, Dave Bolt, Lynn Hente and Bob Shee.

The minutes of the the March 31, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Bob Shee provided the treasurer's report. Our cash position is \$11,026.09 as of the end of April. Our increasing cash position over the past couple of months is primarily due to no newsletter being published.

Lynn Poos, who is maintaining the Association's membership data base, reported we have 300 active members, lower than previous figures. Lynn is maintaining a single data base which will ensure accuracy of membership information. Members are given a 60 day grace period for dues renewal, after which time they are dropped from the active list. Our sincere thanks to Lynn for the many hours he spends in maintaining the data base.

Committee Reports:

CONO: Francine stated CONO continues to play a key role in representing and advising the City's neighborhood associations. Check out their web site for news and upcoming events.

Covenants: Walgreen's trail: Dave Buckley provided the name and number for the contact person (Kathy Torgesen, Walgreens, 847-914-2690) who will ensure the trail is properly maintained. Walgreens is paying a company to maintain the trail according to Amy Wagner, the local property manager for the overall complex. Dave will pass this information on to Clark Howie, the neighbor who originally surfaced this issue. Dave also contacted Cary Parsons concerning a supposed covenants issue, but no issue was identified to Dave. Cary did provide updated information her AA information, which needs to be posted to the web site.

Development: Lynn Hente reported no significant activity

Web Site: A new, attractive and more functional web site was designed by Francine. Some reorganization has taken place, so everyone was encouraged to review for suggestions.

Francine introduced a prospective Board member, Kerry George. She has graciously volunteered to be our new newsletter editor. It was decided she would be introduced and stand for election at the general meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Annual Membership Meeting

Francine provided opening remarks and introduced the Board members, including our new prospective member, Kerry George. All members were reelected (Kerry elected) by the membership to serve 2 year terms.

Some of the information listed above was discussed during the membership meeting and will not be repeated in detail. A synopsis of discussion topics follows:

Francine briefly reviewed the Board's ongoing in developing a strategic plan for the MSCA Board. Results will be communicated through the web site and newsletter.

In regard to covenants, MSCA is a voluntary community association; the Board of Directors has no formal authority as opposed to homeowners association which does have specific legal authority. MSCA comprises approximately 1528 homes in 31 filings of which XXX reside in formal HOAs.

A newsletter will be in the mail next week.

The Renaissance Academy will begin construction in June. Our web site has a link to a "construction status" page on their site. Dick Hansen is the community's representative on their Board.

Jazz in the Park is scheduled for June 23rd; rain date is June 24th.

The Board wants to participate in the Springs in Bloom program, a volunteer effort in planting flowers, etc and maintaining the city's street medians.

The Board will schedule a Firewise presentation in the near future.

The role of MSCA in covenants was reviewed and discussed. Neighbors interested in forming Architectural Approval Authorities should contact the Board; we will assist filings in establishing their AAAs.

Feature Guest, Councilman Scott Hente, Colorado Springs City Council

Scott Hente was introduced by Francine.

He covered a variety of issues and concerns, some of which are summarized below:

Budget: looking better as a result of new residents and returning Fort Carson personnel from the war.

I-25 widening: there will be a May 8th meeting which is open to the public. Project may start by end of year.

Severe backlog in road and drainage repairs. Proposed sales tax hike is likely; raise \$60 million per year ?????, would have a 10 year sunset clause.

Utilities: rated one of best in nation (JD Powers Award winner), some of lowest rates. Recent rate increases beyond our control. Alternative energies being studied, especially wind power.

Our sincere appreciation to Councilman Hente for his informative presentation.