

Los Trancos Woods Community Association

Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2012

Alpine Inn Portola Valley

Attendees / LTWCA Board of Directors

Jan Avilla
Julie Duncan
Steve Friedman
Sonia Martinez
Autumn Stanley
Tom Thayer

Attendees / Community Members and Guests

Anne Baldwin
Stan Gage

Old Business / Update

During the LTWCA Board meeting on October 10, 2012, board members were presented with concerns of residents and informed of their unsuccessful attempts to communicate with the Los Trancos County Water District (LTCWD) when attending their water board meetings. During discussions it was suggested that a member of the LTCWD board be asked to join us at our annual meeting on November 8, 2012 to present a brief summary of their plans for water runoff management, district lands, their vision for the District's role in the community, loans, rebate and fire prevention programs, etc. Two LTCWD Board members were invited.

Contact was made with one LTCWD board member who wished to attend but was unfortunately going to be out of town. Citing concerns with the Brown Act, Stephen Marra, the LTCWD Program Coordinator, felt it prevented their members from attending.

During the LTWCA Annual Meeting on November 8, 2012, there was considerable discussion on how best to address our concerns with the LTCWD. Tom Thayer agreed to meet with Stephen Marra on November 9, 2012 and will report back to our board.

Treasurer Report

Julie reported that we have received to date LTWCA dues from 45 resident households. This includes 27 payments by check and 18 payments via PayPal.

Our annual dues are \$30 and we are asking at this time for a total of \$60 to cover our budget for both 2012 and 2013.

There are 85 outstanding households that have not yet made voluntary contributions. It was discussed that another set of email notifications would be sent out by Steve to those households who have not responded. Other board members may also follow up with individual neighbors to encourage contributions.

Board of Directors Elected

All current LTWCA Board of Directors in attendance to the Annual Meeting volunteered to run for election to the Board for an additional two years. The following Board members were unanimously elected:

Jan Avilla
Julie Duncan
Steve Friedman
Sonia Martinez
Autumn Stanley
Tom Thayer

Julie Duncan agreed to remain as Treasurer. Steve Friedman agreed to remain as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

Discussion and Resolution

A broad discussion was held among all attendees regarding the recent notification received by all Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde residents of a \$150 per household State Responsibility Area (SRA) fire prevention fee initiated by the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Several members of the community are pursuing efforts to protest the fee and others are exploring ways to insure that portions of funds collected would be dedicated to specific fire prevention and protection efforts in our community.

Tom Thayer proposed a Board resolution seconded by Autumn Stanley as follows:

The Los Trancos Woods Community Association supports community efforts to eliminate the \$150 per household State Responsibility Area (SRA) fire prevention fee. If the fee continues to exist, we advocate pursuing application for direct funding from the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to support specific fire prevention and protection efforts in our community.

The resolution passed unanimously.