

THE SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SAFETY & SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES MEETING
OF WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2014 AT THE MONTECITO CLUBHOUSE

CHAIR: Ed Chavez

Members present: Raymond Benardout-Joseph Bourque-John Hone-Mario Deiro

**Attendees: Ben Guitron Indio PD, Rob Soruco SCSHCA Security, Judie Zoerhof SCSHCA GM,
Mark Galvin Universal Security Service**

Apologies: Marty Charloff

The chairman called the meeting to order and those members present unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting March 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that Marty Charloff had offered his resignation from the committee on personal grounds. The committee reluctantly accepted his leaving and recommend to the HOA board to ratify Mr.Charloff's immediate departure with thanks for his contribution made to the community over the last two years.

Also declared was the ending of service this month for Ed Chavez and Mario Deiro. Both gentlemen had served their prescribed period of two years. The S&SAC wish to recommend that Messrs. Chavez and Deiro be asked to serve again on the committee for a further two years.

At this time a representative from the new board to liaison with S&SAC has not been advised.

MONTHLY SECURITY REPORT

Our director of security, Rob Soruco, presented his report for the month on March 2014. Well detailed as per usual but still showing a small increment on previous months.

Breaking and entering was a significant factor in the report.

The dog situation in our community has continued to be a source of concern largely because of a lack of consciousness and defiance of the rules relating to dog ownership within Shadow Hills complex.

Golf cart drivers are still a cause for disquiet over their road behavior in particular the tendency to ignore stop signs.

Golf cart parking is also another disposition requiring greater understanding by owners.

A CY COPS monitoring system is now required for a third security vehicle and a recommendation was proposed by Deiro, seconded by Benardout for the HOA board to install at a cost of approximately \$100 per month.

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INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ben Guitron stated that the city of Indio will install “no stopping” signs on Madison Ave to avert the possibility of illegal activity there. However, regarding the lighting issue on Madison, which has worried many residents in phase three using the west elevation, it would need a request for a survey to justify safety especially around the gate areas and approach either side of the Madison gate.

The Indio PD were called and involved in the three burglaries implying that although the matters are ongoing there was little indication of a trend or lack of security in our community.

Mr. Guitron announced that a permit had been granted for an event close to the RV park on Jefferson at Varner. This was for the Coachella Festival.

Emphasizing to the community, to be more aware of excess traffic, illegal parking and loitering in open land areas was sound advice during the month of the festival.

Ben Guitron also informed us of his friendly conversations with the owners and management of the RV park about the trespassing on our property by the tenants of the park. He emphasized that it appears the persons believe they can enter our complex without permission. He stressed to the manager he should curtail such activity of the tenants of the RV park.

The committee thanked Ben for the arrangements and the success of the “Coffee with a Cop” morning on Thursday 27th March. We were very grateful for the presence of Chief of Police Richard P. Twiss. Approximately 60 residents attended.

OTHER BUSINESS

The vendor program is slowly building with 760 vendors now signed up as of March. Rob Soruco believed we still had some way to go but was delighted with the progress.

An additional aspect of the program is being proposed for “special contractor access”. Rob Soruco was asked to devise a suitable permit and present to committee for consideration.

The stop and advise program has been on hold for over 30 days because the system has been out of action for technical reasons as advised by the camera provider.

Vendor signage remains an issue and more vigilance is required to improve the identity of vendors etc.

Requests for a wider side gate at the Monroe Street entrance, enabling carts to access and pass through was discussed. The overall cost would be insurmountable without appreciably improving safety or security. Owners can easily obtain a transponder and enter and exit through the vehicle gate.

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Flashing walkway signs and illuminated stop signs were featured with the announcement that a walkway sign was to be erected on the crosswalk at the main entrance to the Montecito on Sun City Blvd at San Juliana.

The 4-solar lights have been installed on the dark pathway area behind the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Mr. Benardout stated how pleased the residents using the clubhouse area are, however he felt there is a need for further coverage rendering the sector completely safe.

The committee asks that the HOA board contemplate more attention be observed to the rules of the community by the resident owners. With strong and forceful heed to golf cart owners and canine owners. There cannot be any exclusions to the warnings for golfers be they public or guests where notices must be placed inside the carts from the golf courses advising on stop signs and parking. Also hired dog walkers must also be officially warned through notices placed around the community streets and public areas about our "canine rules".

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.