

SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Call to Order

The October Safety Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by chairperson Ed Chavez with Committee members John Hone, Mario Deiro, Jeff Kirkpatrick, Joe Bourque and Raymond Benardout present. Other attendees included Greg Middlebrook, HOA Board; Ceasar Larrach and Rich Smetana, HOA; Rob Soruco, Director of Security; Ben Guitron, Indio Police Department; resident Tom Bradstock also attended.

Review/Approve Minutes

Upon a motion by Raymond Benardout and a second by John Hone, the September 3, 2014, meeting minutes were approved.

General Update

Rob Soruco, Director of Security, provided the security report for the month of September, 2014. There were 72 incidents of failure to stop at posted stop signs, significantly lower than the previous month. There were also 15 speeding violations, also much lower than August. There were 35 instances of garage doors left open and unattended. There were 9 responses to alarms, all of which were false. There was a report of theft of items from a parked vehicle with no signs of forced entry. Rob also reported 2 incidents of soliciting by workers. In both cases the individuals were contacted and handled.

Rob reviewed several of the taped and recorded incidents of stop sign and speeding violations with the Committee. A suggestion had been passed on to the Committee to possibly consider recommending that security personnel hand out a card to violators informing them of the violation and what to expect. Following discussion, the Committee felt the current process of a verbal advisement was appropriate, but we will continue to monitor the process in case a change is needed.

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Ben Guitron provided an update from the Indio Police Department. He reported that there have been no significant incidents. He did indicate that with the high season approaching, there will be an increase in population and vehicle traffic. Along with this, he pointed out that anyone who has a business of any kind in the City of Indio must have a city business license. This also applies to those who rent or lease homes in SCSH.

Based on a concern raised by Raymond Benardout regarding children and teenagers driving golf carts in our development, Ben reviewed the vehicle code. Unlicensed drivers are not allowed to operate any vehicle including a golf cart. This applies to gated communities like SCSH even when accompanied by an adult. Rich Smetana indicated he would put this information in Hot Topics. The Committee discussed other ways to get the word out on this issue.

### New Business

The Committee discussed our current gate access system and the need to recommend an upgrade. Rob is in the process of securing bids; this issue will be discussed further at a future meeting.

With the changing of daylight hours and the increase of residents, the Committee discussed the placement of additional LED dots. On a motion by Jeff Kirkpatrick and a second by Mario Deiro, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend placement of LED dots on Sun City Blvd. at San Gregorio and on Sun City Blvd. at Sombra. A BAF is being submitted.

The Committee also reviewed and discussed the seemingly ever increase in stop sign and speeding violations. Different strategies such as additional signage and LED dots have been recommended and approved. Educational pieces have also been done. These efforts will continue. However, in order to get the attention of those who do not abide by the rules, the Committee feels the fine structure should be modified. On a motion by Jeff Kirkpatrick and a second by Mario Deiro, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the following: 1) Flatten the fine structure so the fine is the same for every offense rather than a graduated system for additional offenses. 2) A \$200 fine would be levied for each violation. 3) The change would be effective Jan. 1, 2015 allowing time to publicize and educate. A BAF is being submitted.

Next meeting: November 5, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., LaJolla Room, Santa Rosa Clubhouse