

# Transcription of Episode 361: Design Review Committee (DRC)

## SPEAKERS

Agi Kessler

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### **Agi Kessler 00:10**

Good afternoon, Sun City Shadow Hills. This is Agi Kessler, chair of the Design Review Committee. I'm visiting with you today, because in recent days, there's a buzz in our community about tire marks, and I'm here to clear the air. But first some information about the design review committee commonly known as the DRC.

### **Agi Kessler 00:36**

The Design Review Committee is tasked by their charter, Design Rules, and the CC&Rs. In addition to the five-member committee, the committee charter allows additional members via subcommittee. We meet twice a month to process Home Improvement applications that are required when making changes to the outside of your home. When your project is completed, the committee members follow up with an inspection.

### **Agi Kessler 01:10**

Now to the tire marks, tree trimming, garage door painting, or any other courtesy notice that are produced by staff inspections. Homeowners asked why was I cited? Who decides who gets cited? Why is there so little time to comply? And the courtesy letter doesn't feel very courteous. These are all great questions, and I will answer all of them. First, why was I cited and who decides who gets them? Well, they are all sent in accordance with the Design Rules. It is the job of association staff to drive around in the community and track violations. DRC may also bring to the attention of the association staff addresses that are in need of maintenance. Other reporting parties may be homeowners, our patrol officers. Why is there so little time to comply and the courtesy letters don't feel very courteous? Well, the courtesy letter provides a deadline for the work the maintenance to be completed. However, if the homeowner needs an extension, just simply call the number on the ladder and a reasonable extension will be provided. You know if I had my way, a lot of the legalese at the bottom of that letter would be removed. But we live in a world of attorneys, so they get to have their say and that is the way that letter has to be. But please remember the DRC has no authority to fine. The courtesy notices drafted by the association staff are sent to you on behalf of the design review committee, but they are just that a courtesy notice to make you aware of the needed attention. If your garage door is peeling, or it has marks on it, please get it painted. Don't wait until you get a courtesy letter.

### **Agi Kessler 03:26**

Now as it relates to tire or driveway stains. The Indio Water Authority and CVWD have water conservation directives regarding outdoor use of water for things like washing hard surfaces like driveways or sidewalks that don't absorb water. These are brand new up to date restrictions. And the



DRC has unanimously voted to suspend courtesy letters for tire marks and driveway stains until water restrictions are lifted, and power washing can commence again. That means that we do not expect you to do anything about those courtesy notices until these water restrictions are lifted.

**Agi Kessler** 04:14

We want to keep our community beautiful and as Sun City Shadow Hills ages, we each need to be aware of the maintenance needs not just of our common areas but our homes. Driving around our community, take note of our beautiful color palette of the many newly painted homes and updated landscapes. Also, please read Vanessa Ayon's article in the March View. She covers water conservation tips and useful rebates provided by the Indio Water Authority.

**Agi Kessler** 04:52

Lastly, I hope you keep up with the DRC in The View every month, email me any comments or suggestions at design review at [SCSH ca.com](mailto:SCSH@ca.com) and always provide your comments on any rule change that is posted. Thank you for your time.