



## Number 7 Association

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The monthly meeting of the Catalina Foothills Estates No. 7 Board of Directors was held on 4 March 2020 in Room 406/408 of the Catalina Foothills Church, 2150 E Orange Grove Road, Tucson, AZ 85718. The following members were present: Lynn Dent, Ken Ellis, Phil Harber, Tommy Henry, Howell Herring, and Cesar Melendez. On Leave: John Milbauer. Guests: Lynne Gallagher, Steve Neely, Becky Potter, Andrew Feig, Evelyn Jabri, Bob MacNish, Kris Walker, Judy Miller and Julie Kelly.

CALL TO ORDER: President Ken Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RESIDENT RELATED ISSUE: Julie Kelly spoke to the Board about conservation in the neighborhood and how some new residents are clear cutting and cleaning their lots without realizing the destruction they are doing. She explained that the Butterfield Stage Line went through Arizona in 1861, and 159 years later you can still visibly see the damage to the desert floor. It takes a clear-cut lot about 79 years to come back and that will only be achieved by intense watering, correct spacing of plants, the presence of the right fungi and symbiosis of the correct species. It is not only plants that suffer but also our animals, snakes and birds of the area. Because residents often don't consider the above requirements the survival rate of new plantings is bleak. We need to be stewards of our neighborhood and are failing at this important task.

### FOR DECISION:

1. Variance for Trash Bins on Calle Luisa: Gallagher, Neely, Potter, Miller, O'Brien (Feig/Jabri) explained that Calle Luisa has always: 1) Been treated like a stepsister and has no direct access to CFE7. They already pay a landscaper to keep their median clean as CFE7 offers no help to them on this issue and when the roads were resurfaced in CFE7 no one included Calle Luisa; 2) They have been putting their trash bins on the street for over 10 years; 3) No one has ever complained about the trash bins; 4) They bring back their cans as soon as Waste Management empties them; 5) The CC&Rs allows for variances and they are petitioning for a trash bin variance for this small cul-du-sac of six homes (one home pays for back door service because they physically can't bring cans to the street).

Discussion was held and concern was expressed that approval of a variance in one area of CFE7 would set a precedent that is not in the best interests of CFE7. Every section of CFE7 has unique characteristics that could ostensibly be used as an excuse to be exempt from various restrictions in the Covenants. What if a new owner moves into Calle Luisa and does not want cans on the street, could this variance then be rescinded? Perhaps a variance could be given with strict wording. There was much lively discussion on the pro's and con's of such a variance. A decision on the variance was deferred to the April monthly meeting.

2. Lot 292 – Connelly/Miller – 5232 N. Foothills Dr. One drive by showed the cans were still visible from the street; a second drive by and they were gone. The item was tabled pending the results of further checks.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Website Demo - Lynn would like to meet with each of the chair-people and give them a demonstration on how to use BoardPro. Please contact her to set up a time.
2. Estate Sales: We have nothing in our guidelines about Estate Sales and Ken will draft something up and send it out for Board feed-back. The main problem is when the Estate Sale person brings items in from other homes and makes it a massive sale – perhaps limit sale items to that particular house for a one-day sale only and restrict the number and size of signs that are allowed. Also, the guidelines would be sent to all Estate Sale Companies in town, so they know the rules.
3. Fines - Howell will send Ken how much the current violators owe (3 residents to date). Ken will also explore an update the fine document to improve the effectiveness of the fine concept.
4. Newsletter - The next newsletter will go out in April. Please send articles to Ken. Lynn made a motion that for the next 2 years we email, snail mail and put on the website the newsletter. This was passed unanimously. Jane will get Ken the statistics about how many email addresses we are missing.
5. Homeless Camps: Ken said he had received a call about another homeless camp along Via Entrada/River Rd and investigated but could find no camp just a lot of trash.
6. Speed Signage – Howell reported that the county was not willing to put up more speed signage. We can pay \$80 per sign and put them up ourselves. A motion was made and unanimously passed that we purchase four more signs. Hal and Ken will put them up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Howell reported that the normal transactions had been made this last month with one exception and that was the payment for BoardPro which was \$720.00 dollars. The assessment notice should be going out this month; it has been delayed as Hal didn't have the right software to send out invoices. Jane will order 1,500-2000 remittance envelopes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Kris Walker asked what was happening on the median on Calle La Cima. She said that a large area had Rhus lancea removed and that the median now is stripped bare and asked if anything was going to be planted in order to stop the erosion which is taking place. She also asked if the stumps would be removed. She asked if this had been authorized by the Board and why weren't the residents informed. It was explained that landscapers had been hired to remove the non-native trees. The stumps won't be removed, and neighbors are removing all the suckers from the stumps as they come up. There is money set aside for landscape work and hopefully some of it can be used towards replanting and that some of the neighbors are also planting cacti.

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Tommy reported that he and Cesar had made 10 final inspections. There are 11 projects in progress; which vary from security gates, repair of burnt adobe to roof recoating.

COVENANT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Ken reported 9 carryover issues, 10 new cases, 3 closed and 16 open cases. Issues vary from trash bins to non-native trees.

WELCOME/COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Lot 30 – Barry/Amy Grabelle – 4905 N Entrada Primera Ken

Lot 21- - Kenneth Dunn – 5251 N Via Entrada Ken

GUEST QUESTION: Bob Mac Nish inquired about whether it would be possible to contract with one trash provider and then perhaps pay quarterly combining the assessment and trash payment. It was explained that because up to 1/3 of the residents are winter residents and don't want service when they are not here that we could not guarantee any provider that everyone would sign up and this seems to be a requirement that vendors want. Also, people prefer different vendors and the Board really does not want to act as a collection agency.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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