

Palm Canyon Villas Homeowners Association

February 2020

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

We conducted our regularly scheduled board meeting on Friday, February 7th and had more than the usual number of guests present. It is always nice to see more faces due to the added number of seasonal owners present who spend a few months at our complex. Finances were discussed regarding the final three months of the year. We were lucky to end the year without any disasters or major maintenance requirements. Even following a few charges for capital repairs or replacement, the reserve fund maintains \$1,058,009 as the ending balance.

Owner Questions. . .

One of the items brought up during the homeowner forum had to do with the mess the olive trees are causing on our walkways and sidewalks. If trees are not sprayed and properly taken care of throughout the year, they may create a huge mess and cause further issues for property management companies and maintenance services. To eliminate the mess, we spray our trees annually and have for a number of years. This year is unique. The abundance of rain last year is causing a problem with olive trees throughout the desert. We're making every effort to keep the walkways clean so the mess is not tracked into your unit. Like leaves falling from the trees, it is unending. And we all know - You Can't fight Mother Nature.

Another item that was discussed was the formation of committees that some owners volunteered to serve on. We are happy to have heard from a few owners that showed interest in joining committees that might assist the board in the operations of our complex. It is always welcome to have people volunteer their time and efforts to help beautify Palm Canyon Villas. It was reported that the board is working on this issue.

For a background, we had a Landscape Committee for a number of years that worked with the board, the on-site manager, the landscape company and the City of Palm Springs in coordinating plans the board desired in changing from the then landscape around the complex to more environmental friendly desert type landscape. Our goal was to eventually replace most of the grass around the outside of the complex with desert type plantings that would use less water and require less maintenance, both areas that would save you money. A onetime overall completed

project would have been extremely expensive and would have prompted the board to propose a special assessment to pay for the project. Instead, we chose to complete the work over a few years' time, try to pay for the project out of annual operating funds and take advantage of periodic grant money from the City of Palm Springs and numerous grants over the years from Desert Water Agency. We are still working on a few changes in and around the complex as the on-site manager works continually with the landscape company. As the bulk of the landscape changeover of the complex is complete, we disbanded the Landscape Committee as we have our on-site manager working with MirageScape landscaping on a daily basis. Any long term projects are still presented and approved by the board.

New Committee Formation. . .

In order to take advantage of owners wishing to volunteer their time and efforts, we are in the process of forming a new committee. Our governing documents along with the State of California require the board to assign responsibilities to committees. We are interested in owners assisting the board with their ideas that will include review of the common area, assuring that the board is making sure our rules and regulations are being followed, most importantly evenly and fairly, and making recommendations that might enhance the general complex for all owners. We would like to have interested owners suggest other ideas for the board to review to include in final responsibilities of what might be called the Common Area, Grounds and Enhancement Committee.

Please forward your thoughts and desires to the on-site manager via e-mail - PCVHOA@AOL.COM - indicating your interest and any additional ideas we might add to this new committee. We would be thrilled to have a committee member from each phase. We will have a member of the board included as a committee member to be available to answer any questions immediately about any history that committee members may not be aware of. There is nothing worse than spinning wheels and possibly wasting people's time. We look forward to hearing from many of you with your interest and your ideas.

Apparently the usual reminder is necessary. Our on-site manager is available by phone most weekday mornings for questions you may have regarding your unit or something having to do with the complex. **There is no need to wait for a board meeting.** Any question you have can be taken care of during the week or by leaving a message at the office telephone - (760) 324-4835 - available 24/7. He will return your call that morning or during the following business day. He is also available via e-mail at PCVCHOA@AOL.COM. Should there be any

emergency and he is not available - **only something you would need to call 911 for** - you can call the Personalized Property Management at (760) 325-9500 and someone will assist you.

Respectfully,
On behalf of the Board of Directors

David J. Meyer
President and Treasurer