

MountainBrook Village Annual Meeting 2005

Cis Haines

Our annual meeting took place on Wednesday, March 2 in the Superstition Center. At 2pm, Matt Hyatt led the residents in the pledge of allegiance and our band played the star spangled banner. Ron Heppner, vice president, opened the meeting and announced the absence of president Ralph Mc Millan due to illness. The minutes from the 2004 meeting were approved and the nine candidates running for the board of directors were introduced. The floor was opened for nominations and there were none. Ballots were then collected.

Chief deputy Chris Vasquez of the Pinal County sheriff's office was introduced. Deputy Vasquez spoke to the residents about UDAs or undocumented aliens. UDAs are a continuing problem in Pinal County and each resident must become more aware. Speeding is another issue in the area and the sheriff negotiating with Sandy Smith for a portable radar unit to help tackle speeding violations. Vasquez also mentioned that they currently use some posse cars, which look like police cars and are manned by citizens who have received over 200 hours of training. Drivers cruise the area and alert police to possible problems. The posse cars enhance the police "presence" in the area; however, the drivers have no arrest authority.

The county is in need of additional patrolmen and the way concerned citizens can help is to reach out to Sandie Smith, county supervisor, or J.D.Hayworth. The average ratio of law enforcement to population is 2.7 per 1,000. We currently have 1 per 1,000. We need 128 additional deputies to get us where we need to be today.

The next order of business was to give an update of issues from 2004.

Andy Kurtz spoke about the Superstition Center building. It still leaks. The builder and the architect have stalled when asked by MountainBrook to correct the problems. We are looking for payment for repairing the leaks, damages and possible future unknown damages as well as legal and engineering fees. A lawyer has been retained and resolution could take from 6 months to 24 months. March 23rd is the date set to file suit if no agreement is made prior to that time. The board will keep the residents advised. The center will have a drying out process applied in the next few months.

Bob Leighton spoke on the Ridge update. The Ridge is currently owned by DMH and they are trying to develop 25.2 acres for 17 residential homes. The issue is the access to this planned development. DMH wants access through MBV as it is the cheapest way; we want them to use a route through either Gold Canyon Resort or Vista del Corazon. Our main concern is the continuing traffic through our senior community as well as the environmental impact on the water and wildlife. If we agree to allow this development through our community we may not be able to keep others out, in the future. The hearing scheduled for March 2 was postponed until March 25 at 1:30 pm. The legal fees to date are as follows; we have spent \$66,306 or \$39.97 per household on this issue. Our insurance company, Travelers, will pay 50%.

Mary Peters, secretary, reminded us how our community would not be able to function without all our volunteers. Our classes, games, groups and clubs exist today because of all the people who give their time unselfishly. Groups like helping hands and aerobics for the mind are just some of the new groups formed in our community this year. She praised those residents who have taken an active part in this community and encouraged others to do so.

Jack Donovan, treasurer, gave a financial review for the year ending 12/31/2004. Once again it was reported we are in very good financial condition. Jack reminded us that the reserve is the money set aside to refurbish and replace things as they age. Our board projects 30 years forward and uses a 3% inflation rate. Jack advised the residents that our plan for future reserves is adequate and it is our insurance for the stability of our community.

Ron Heppner, vice president, spoke about the all sports courts. This is the last item in the 1.1 million dollar expansion plan. It was necessary to obtain a small parcel of land from the MountainBrook golf course to make room for our additional tennis court and sports court. Out of four bids, two fell into budget range and the board is proceeding with the available money to secure a contract within the budget.

Ron also spoke of the accomplishments in the past year like the new pool and cover, the chair lift, pool furniture, sun shades as well as the new outdoor showers, access system, two additional defibrillators, new sidewalks, three treadmills and a water treatment system for the Superstition Center, and renovation of the activities office. In the year 2005, the new board will be working on a new five year plan.

The voting results were reported. Congratulations to the new board members. Larry England, Cis Haines, Mary Peters and Dan Wienckoski

Bob Leighton handed out gifts to the outgoing board members and expressed our sincere gratitude for their devotion and service to the community.

Voting results are as follows; total ballots cast were 878.

Candidates votes were as follows:

Larry England	541	Bruce Ranney	345
Cis Haines	374	Ronald Ross	126
Glenda Howard	296	Max Warren	298
Matt Hyatt	338	Dan Wienckoski	431
Mary Peters	394		

The meeting ended at approximately 3:30pm.
We wish the new board the best of luck!