Augusta Ranch Homeowners Association



Board Meeting Minutes 2007

JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2007 Augusta Ranch



Present Mark Rees, President/Treasurer Present Jim Campbell, Secretary Present Chad Hester, Director Present James Decker Present Henry Rice, Vice-president Present Susan Fischer, Director Present Sandy Clancy, Director Present Mike Cowart

Present Cydney Holter, Rossmar & Graham

Mark Rees presented James Campbell with a plaque in appreciation for his volunteer services as a Board member for Augusta Ranch.

I. Call to Order at 9:27 p.m.

II. Minutes:

Henry Rice motioned to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2007 Board meeting. All Board members present voted in favor of approving. Motion carried. **Approved**.

III. Landscaping

- Cydney reviewed with the Board and homeowners present the cutbacks and landscaping. There have been some transitional issues with the change from WE to Landmark Land Management and the change of supervisory crew. Mark spoke with Mike Jensen and has been assured these issues will be taken care of.
- 9753 Lobo the house is deserted landscaper needs to do something with the landscape
- 9465 Kiev the house is deserted landscape needs to do something with the landscape (house is in foreclosure)
- Driveway to CVS off of Naranja -- excessive weeds in gravel
- Crismon Ditch project Motion by Henry Rice to approve the project to fix the flow of the water. All Board members present voted in favor of approving. Approved.
- Park Central at Augusta Ranch would like a 90-day extension to repaint the block wall. Motion by Henry Rice to allow the 90-day extension. All Board members present voted in favor of approving. Approved.
- Picnic preparation the theme will be the same as last year.

IV. Architectural:

- Gillissie -- Flagpole -- Approved
- Bryant paint exterior Approved
- Ross basketball hoop (if portable it does not need approval) if stationary it needs to be closer to the house and fence. Approve with stipulation if placed at 8 feet from the house and 10 feet from the fence
- Lopez room addition at rear of house Approved with gaining of required city permits
- Strickland open lattice patio cover Approved
- Benton redesign front yard landscaping, paint exterior of home (same color) Approved
- Blythe remove existing sidewalk and add pavers Approved
- Ruckle going from single to double gate gate will be less than 1 foot from the fence needs permission from neighbor. Conditionally Approved pending receipt of approval from neighbor

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- **Dupre** front yard landscaping **Approved**
- Bekay -- sidwalk pavers and pony wall -- Approved
- Cowart landscaping Approved
- Klien exterior house paint Approved
- Oseel remove tree and replace with other landscape Approved
- Monterro sent in paint scheme for their sub association Approved
- Kawalasingh -- basketball net beside driveway Approved

V. Open session adjourned at 9:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzi Gray Recording Secretary

JUNE

PresentMark Rees, President/TreasurerPresentMike Cowart, DirectorPresentChad Hester, DirectorPresentJames Decker, DirectorPresentBrandon Anderson, DirectorPresentSandy Spaulding, Rossmar & Graham

Present Henry Rice, Vice-president Present Susan Fischer, Director Present Sandy Clancy, Director Present Rory Violette, Director Present Cydney Holter, Rossmar & Graham

I. Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.

II. General Homeowner Comments:

Carole Caraway addressed the Board about a violation letter she received about trimming her tree that was encroaching on her neighbor's property and roof. She did trim the tree but was not happy about it because she lost a lot of shade.

Andrew Poty addressed the Board about overnight parking. He does not want to pay his violation fine. He admitted to parking on the street for two of his vehicles, but there are a few that are not his.

III. Newsletter Revision Proposal:

Cory Billings from Vallhalla Holdings creates homeowner publishing of magazines. He presented various magazines. The one time cost is \$1,930 for the quarter excluding postage. It would be 12 pages of information and 12 pages of advertisement.

IV. Minutes:

The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting minutes will be approved next year at the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting. They will be posted on the website as a draft.

V. Treasurers Report:

See attached report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurers report. Approved.

VI. Management Report:

Landscape update – David Payan introduced himself as the new supervisor. He addressed a couple of issues, such as 96th St. park there are burnouts. The grass is in transition and is in the process of coming back. A spot where water puddles at Lansing, they can do aeration and grading. The culverts are in the process of being cleaned out. Pine trees irrigation in some areas need to be moved out for watering. 5 Elm trees in front of the school are scheduled to be removed.

Newsletter – The sub-associations will have a page for their information.

Paint Palette – Will be here in a couple of weeks.

Vandalism – Advance Paint installed T-11 at 2 of the ramadas to curb vandalism. T-11 will be installed to the remaining 3 ramadas. So far for the year, \$18,000 have been spend in repairs due to vandalism. There has been gang graffiti found in Augusta Ranch. There has been destruction of property in the ramadas, lighting, sprinklers and playground. There is underage drinking of alcohol in the parks and smoking marijuana in the parks.

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VII. Election of Officers:

President – Susan Fischer Vice President – Mark Rees Treasurer – Sandy Clancy Secretary – Henry Rice

All Board members present approve. Approved.

VIII. Assignment of Duties:

The following duties were assigned to each Board member and approved.

Newsletter – Susan Fischer Annual Picnic – Mark Rees and Henry Rice Website – Brandon Anderson Architectural Submittals - Henry Rice Crismon Ditch Project – Mark Rees Golf Course Litigation - Chad Hester Vandalism Issue – James Decker Landscaping – Rory Violette Wall Repairs - Mike Cowart Security – Mark Rees Playgrounds and Parks – Rory Violette Delinguent Accounts – Sandy Clancy Fine Waivers – Sandy Clancy Lighting – Mark Rees Fountain – Rory Violette Insurance - Chad Hester Fine Approvals – Sandy Clancy

IX. Crismon Ditch:

Starting to move dirt around. Water will no longer flow down the ditch. It should be done the middle of July.

Motion was made and seconded to go with Landmark to place erosion mats for 12 months at the price of \$10,780. **Approved.**

X. Patrol Service:

There was discussion about have dedicated security for 8, 10 or 12 hours and maybe closing the parks at night. Motion was made and seconded to go with 10-hour coverage at \$6,000 per month. **Approved.**

Park Closure – The City park closes at 10:00 and there was discussion about closing the association parks at the same time. Leave open to members, but not non-members. This will be revisited as a later time.

XI. Architectural Reviews:

Dho – paint the exterior of the home was requested. The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

Linkowski – installation of stone veneer to the home was requested. The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

Erickson – sidewalk from side gate to driveway was requested. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Erickson – Alumawood shade structure was requested. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

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Johnson – Install side gate was requested. The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

XII. Homeowner Questions/Comments:

Homeowners in Parcel 14 are going to start a block watch and want Mark Rees to come and talk to some of the homeowners.

XIII. Open session adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

JULY

PresentSusan Fischer, PresidentPresentSandy Clancy, TreasurerPresentChad Hester, DirectorPresentJames Decker, DirectorPresentBrandon Anderson, DirectorPresentSandy Spaulding, Rossmar & Graham

PresentMark Rees, Vice-presidentPresentHenry Rice, SecretaryPresentMike Cowart, DirectorPresentRory Violette, DirectorPresentJocelyn Ross, Rossmar & Graham

I. Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.

II. General Homeowner Comments:

Bob O'Brien came to address the Board about parking on the street. He wants to appeal the violation fine of \$100.00.

III. Minutes:

Motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to approve the June Board meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Susan Fischer last name on page 2 under election of officers. **Approved with correction**.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

See attached report. Motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to approve the treasurer's report. **Approved.**

V. Augusta Ranch Magazine:

The Board discussed different articles for the magazine. It will be printed on August 15, 2007 and ready to deliver on September 15, 2007 to the homeowners and commercial. A letter will go out in the next couple of days to homeowners and commercial for people to advertise in the magazine. A letter will be drafted for the sub-associations to see if they are interested. Also let the homeowners know that there is no additional cost for the magazine compared to the newsletter.

The Board needs a presentation for Rossmar Connect. Brandon will look at the presentation first and let the other Board members know if it is worth presenting at a meeting.

VI. Management Report:

Landscape update – The Pine tree irrigation will be reviewed and approved by Rory after meeting with Landmark.

Paint Palette – This is still being worked on.

The exterminator needs to spray for spiders in the ramada and playground area.

Legislative Changes – Board members received a letter explaining the new legislation. These will be effective September 19, 2007.

VII. Crismon Ditch:

At Madero and Crismon it might need a drywell. Received a landscaping bid for \$167,000 from Landmark. The punch list should be done this week. Weeds need to be sprayed, then mats will be placed down.

A motion was made by Rory and second by Mike to approve \$285,000 for the Crismon project, deducting what was already paid. **Approved**.

VIII. Security:

There is one person still tagging. Criminal damaged is almost down to zero. The security company are not able to deal with reckless driving. The security company's telephone number will be published so homeowners and report issues to them. New cards and magnets need to be printed with telephone number as well as putting it in the newsletter and website. There was a motion to approve 1,000 cards and 2,000 magnets noting the telephone number and what hours they work. All members voted to approve. **Approved.**

IX. Off Street Parking:

Mark brought up an option for the Board to think about to maybe provide the HOA a place off-site for homeowners to park. Maybe at the commercial sites. The Board will think about this issue.

X. Picnic:

The vendors are all lined up. The park is reserved. The date for the picnic is October 27, 2007 from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Food will include about 80 pizzas, Swans ice cream, hot dogs and sub sandwiches. There will be 4 blow up bounce houses and a DJ.

XI. Homeowner Issue:

Irene Awayan came to address the Board regarding her parking on street hearing.

XII. Architectural Reviews:

Tuss – 2312 S. Sorrelle – Aluminum patio cover was approved and needs to be ratified. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Barresi – 9641 E. Navarro – Satellite dish was requested. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Ko – 9616 E. Navarro – In ground basketball goal. The Board members voted to approve as long as it is placed on the other side of the driveway. **Approved.**

McCullough – 9258 E. Monterey – Exterior shade was requested. The Board members voted to disapproved per Architectural Guidelines page 14, NN – Sunscreens/Security Doors/Screen Doors. **Disapproved.**

Parker – 9723 E. Knowles – Carriage light fixtures and concrete sidewalk was requested. The Board members voted to approve both. **Approved.**

XIII. Open session adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

AUGUST

PresentSusan Fischer, PresidentPresentSandy Clancy, TreasurerPresentChad Hester, DirectorPresentJames Decker, DirectorPresentBrandon Anderson, DirectorPresentSandy Spaulding, Rossmar & Graham

PresentMark Rees, Vice-presidentPresentHenry Rice, SecretaryAbsentMike Cowart, DirectorPresentRory Violette, DirectorPresentCydney Holter, Rossmar & Graham

I. Call to Order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Guests:

Susan Frabotta from the City of Mesa Outreach Program came to talk about neighborhood registration. Augusta Ranch is not registered. Any neighborhood that is registered is notified of public meetings and things that are going on with the city. Only one person from Augusta Ranch needs to be registered.

III. Minutes:

Motion was made by Mark Rees and seconded by Rory Violette to approve the July Board meeting minutes as written and submitted. **Approved**

IV. Treasurer's Report:

See attached report. Cash flow has run short to pay bills. Motion was made by Sandy Clancy and seconded by Henry Rice to transfer \$100,000 to operating, discontinue putting money into reserves and reverse the reserves for this year. **Approved.**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Approved.

V. Augusta Ranch Magazine:

Should have the draft fairly soon for the mailing of the first issue to go out on 9/15/07.

VI. Rossmar Connect:

Brandon explained to the Board members the pros and cons of the new software. The Board decided to table the issue until financials can be reviewed for the 2008 budget discussions in September.

The current website is receiving a lot of SPAM. Motion was made and seconded to take the email off the current website. **Approved.**

VII. Management Report:

The spiral slide is leaning even more. Getting prices for the replacement of it. Will have Dave Bang inspect the slide first.

Received explanation of the new laws from Maxwell and Morgan for the Board's review.

The watering has been reduced. Spurge and weeds have been treated. A proposal for plant replacement is coming soon. The erosion control mats were washed away with the velocity of the ditch's rushing water from the monsoon on July 30th. There are 4 to 6 Pine trees on Guadalupe that were originally over planted that need to be removed. Motion was made and seconded to overseed the common areas. The vote was 5 to 3. **Approved** to overseed.

The paint palette is still in the works. It will take a couple more months.

Vandalism has been reduced. \$400 a month has been spent on graffiti removal.

Exterminators have recommended liquid treatment of all Ramadas, liquid barrier treatment around all basketball and volleyball courts, granular treatment around all basketball, volleyball courts and landscaped areas immediately surrounding Ramada areas and treat all visible and accessible water boxes in all contracted park areas and spot treatment for all ant activity in all contracted park areas. Motion by Mark Rees and seconded by Henry Rice to increase the treatment. **Approved.**

2008 budget – look to hire someone to do a water study. Will present a draft budget for September's meeting. A work session is set up for Monday October 1, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Rossmar & Graham office in Mesa.

A homeowner has received a violation for Ficus trees that are now stumps and it is now growing suckers. Motion by Mark Rees and seconded by Sandy Clancy to let them keep it as a bush as long as they have 2 other trees in their front yard. **Approved.**

The Palm's would like a reduction in HOA assessments when they go back to being apartments.

VII. Tot Lot Shading:

Rory met with a vendor on shading structures for the tot lots. There are several different kinds from ones that cover just the equipment to covering the whole area. There is not a big cost difference between these two. For the size Augusta Ranch is looking at two will cost \$17,000 and a thirds will cost \$30,000 due to the size. They come with a 10 year warranty, will hold up to 90 mile an hour winds and the company will fix any vandalism done to it. Will need to get city approval. This item will be discussed at the budget meeting.

VIII. Crismon Ditch:

90% of the project has been paid. 10% of the work has not been done because contractors are digging for the grocery store. The city told Mark that it has to go back to grass or leave it as is. They are going to take 50 yards or so and re-seed and move the sprinklers down to see if it will work.

IX. Security:

Everything is going well.

X. Picnic:

The RSVP methods will be put in the newsletters. The deadline to RSVP will be October 1, 2007. Information to go out regarding the costume contest.

XI. Architectural Reviews:

Doucet – 2730 S. Vincent – Add stone veneer to pop outs. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Gurrieri – 2756 S. Compton – Remove grass and install granite/plants. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Smith – 9410 E. Nopal – Re-paint house with original color. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

Ko – 9616 E. Navarro – Basketball hoop. The Board members voted 7 to 2 in favor of approving as long as a letter is received from the neighbor approving the basketball hoop. **Approved.**

Auten – 9309 E. Monterey – Driveway extension. The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

Grasser – 9559 E. Lompoc - Install 2 carriage lights – The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

McGonigal – 9563 E. Naranja – Patio enclosure and new patio – The Board members voted to approve as long as there is city approval. **Approved.**

XII. Open session adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

PresentSusan Fischer, PresidentPresentSandy Clancy, TreasurerAbsentChad Hester, DirectorPresentJames Decker, DirectorPresentBrandon Anderson, DirectorPresentSandy Spaulding, Rossmar & Graham

PresentMark Rees, Vice-presidentPresentHenry Rice, SecretaryPresentMike Cowart, DirectorAbsentRory Violette, DirectorPresentCydney Holter, Rossmar & Graham

I. Call to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. Guest:

David Wendt came to the Board meeting to discuss his paint submittal at 2554 S. Bristol. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved**.

Constantine Ginakes came to the Board meeting to discuss his re-submittal for a sidewalk. The Board members voted to approve as a driveway extension. **Approved.**

Balyoz – 9602 E. Lompoc – requesting to repaint front door. The Board members voted to have homeowner resubmit with a more burgundy color. New to pick out a few samples and send them in. **Disapproved.**

Jacobson – 9658 E. Natal -- requesting to paint house with Colorado Trial for the base and Travertine for the trim. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

III. Minutes

Motion was made by James Decker and seconded by Mark Rees to approve the September Board meeting minutes as written and submitted. **Approved**

IV. Treasurer's Report:

See attached report for August. Motion was made by Mark Rees and seconded by Sue Fischer to approve the Treasurer's Report with the notation on the report regarding the reserves/expense. **Approved.**

See attached report for September. Motion was made by Mark Rees and seconded by Sue Fischer to approve the Treasurers report. **Approved.**

Signatures for the bank cards were obtained.

2008 CPA selection – A motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to go with Mark Reece and to have a review on cash basis unless it is on a 3 year cycle. **Approved.**

V. 2008 Budget Approval:

The line item for the audit will be checked. Motion by Mark Rees and seconded by Mike Cowart and opposed by James Decker to approve the 2008 budget. **Approved.**

Motion by Mark Rees and seconded by Sandy Clancy to allow the maximum annual assessment of \$692.11 effective as of January 1, 2008 was approved by the Board of Directors at duly called meeting or by written action on October 15, 2007. The actual assessed amount will be \$611.84 annually or \$152.96 per guarter as approved by the Board, which will be in effect as of January 1, 2008. **Approved.**

Motion by Sue Fischer and seconded by Sandy Clancy to place the approved 2008 budget on the website. **Approved.**

VI. Augusta Ranch Magazine:

The Board needs to start working on articles for the magazine. Articles are due by November 1, 2007 for the November 15, 2007 publication.

VII. Fall Plant Replacement:

Motion by Mark Rees and seconded by Henry Rice to approve the bid for \$8,603.13 for plant replacement. **Approved.**

VIII. Management Report

Playground Equipment – Dana Playgrounds inspection reflects the Baldwin Park tornado slide is leaning worse than it was. Excavation, elevation and re-cement will improve this condition. The estimated cost is \$1,000 - \$1,500. They will not guarantee this will solve the problem. It may need a new slide. Cydney will check with CNC or Greyhunter to take the slide off and adjust it so its level. At Bernard and Milagro the crawl tube is cracked.

Landscape – Common Areas Overseeding is now complete.

Paint Palette – Dunn Edwards will continue providing the parcels color matching schemes as quickly as possible.

Vandalism Report – Vandalism has decreased almost to nothing. There are letters missing from the monument sign.

IX. Crismon Ditch:

There was not much to report as nothing is going on right now.

X. Picnic:

Everything is ready to go. There have been about 300 RSVP's. Need help from the Board members to set up and help is needed for the bounce toys.

XI. Patrol:

No issues.

XII. Homeowner Questions/Comments:

David Stanford – 2743 S. Keene – He received another letter for weeds along the side of his house. He states he is now in compliance. He would like his fines removed.

XIII. Open session adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



PresentSusan Fischer, PresidentPresentSandy Clancy, TreasurerPresentChad Hester, DirectorPresentJames Decker, DirectorPresentBrandon Anderson, DirectorPresentSandy Spaulding, Rossmar & Graham

Present Mark Rees, Vice-president Present Henry Rice, Secretary Present Mike Cowart, Director Present Rory Violette, Director Present Cydney Holter, Rossmar & Graham

I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Homeowner Comments:

A homeowner brought up that a utility company dug up some holes on the property.

III. Guests:

Derek Wilson is requesting a variance for a shed. It will not be visible from the street or golf course. The Board approve the variance for the shed as long as the shed is taken down should the homeowners sell their home. **Approved.**

Paul and Maggie Story from Tot Lot Care wanted to address issues at the Baldwin park. The slide has been barricaded because it is unsafe due to it leaning.

IV. Minutes

Motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to approve the October Board meeting minutes as written and submitted. **Approved**

V. Treasurer's Report:

See attached report for October. Motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Approved.**

VI. Augusta Ranch Magazine:

The next issue will be mailed 12/15/2007.

VII. Insurance:

Motion was made by Henry Rice and seconded by Mark Rees to go with LaBarre and Oksnee's insurance proposal. **Approved.**

VIII. Tot Lots:

Rory feels that the Baldwin park slide should be under warranty. Have not received a response back from the manufacturer. The bolts need to be tightened up and remove the barricade.

A motion by Rory Violette and seconded by Mark Rees to have the slide replaced in the amount of \$4,827.97. **Approved**.

Cydney will need to get bids for inspectors for the February meeting and have the vendors come to that meeting with their proposals.

A motion was made by Rory and seconded by Mark Rees to replace the crawl tubes for 2 at \$760 each. **Approved.**

IX. Fall Plant/Flower Replacement:

Fall planting has been started and should be done by the end of next week.

X. Water Conservation:

Have Bill Darrybarry come to the January meeting and explain and show what exactly how much can be saved. He will need to bring in charts and graphs.

XI. Management Report:

Motion by Chad Hester and seconded to raise the umbrella coverage for D&O from 1 million to 3 million. **Approved.**

There has been vandalism to the backflows. Not all the backflows have cages. The Association would need about 12 to 15 cages. Cydney will get a quote for a cage at the Baldwin park.

Motion by Rory Violette and seconded by Mark Rees to have Poolman vacuum the pond at the entrance for \$210.00 a month. **Approved.**

Parcels 4 and 13 are done with the paint palette.

XII. Crimson Ditch:

Need to get a quote to do the ditch the right way from Bill using clocks.

XIII. Picnic:

Mark Rees made a binder of all the information and gave it to Cydney to hold on to for next year.

XIV. Patrol:

Vandalism is low. Still continue to get vehicles burglarized. The cars have been unlocked. Copper wire theft is still happening.

XV. Architectural Reviews:

2740 S. Milburn - Homeowner is requesting to remove grass and install granite. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

9654 E. Keats - Finalize landscape, hardscape, masonry, and lighting plans were requested. The Board members voted to approve with the stipulation of getting the neighbors permission and homeowner needs to match color from the guidelines. **Approved.**

2556 S. Keene – Adding stacked stone to specific areas of the front of the home was requested. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

9754 E. Kiva -- A concrete driveway was requested. The Board members voted to approve with the stipulation that they need measurements between house, wall and RV gate. **Approved.**

9554 E. Monterey - Patio extension was requested. The Board members voted to approve. Approved.

9748 E. Lompoc - Basketball equipment, gate, landscape lighting, plants and trees were requested. The Board members voted to approve with the stipulation of excluding basketball goal from submittal. **Approved.**

2705 S. Milburn- Paint the exterior of the home was requested. The Board members voted to approve. **Approved.**

9638 E. Lompoc – Install a driveway extension was requested. The Board voted to table submittal until next month with a re-submittal.

XVI. Homeowner Comments:

A homeowner had a question about speed bumps. The Board referred him to the City of Mesa.

Homeowner had a question about litigation with the golf course. Complimented the Board on how well the property looks.

XVII. December's meeting

Architectural approvals will be emailed to the Board. Responses need to come back to Cydney by December 17, 2007. If no answer, it is an automatic yes.

XVIII. Open session adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,