

Minutes Green Committee November 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Kris Knox at 3:04 p.m.

Present: Kris Knox, Annette Ripplinger, Mary Brannin, Teri Lorkowski, Norma Pavely, Jackie McDougall, John MacDonald, Wendy Sharpe and Donna Busch

October minutes approved as corrected: Motion moved by Mary Brannin and seconded by Norma Pavely. Passed

Introduction to Emani Edwards Assistant to the General Manager/Director of Community Development

Condo Board report given by: John MacDonald--- spoke to a water use ranking for VO: 1st priority would be potable water used for drinking, washing, etc. most important use in park for everyone. 2nd priority – Common facilities including: Lawn Bowling, Putting Green, and Croquet etc. 3rd priority includes Decorative uses: 1) Lot owner irrigation-2) 2 areas in park rented for higher rate/month 3) 6 areas around community center 4) SW Drainage basin/pet walk/ used by dog owners mostly 5) one area in Game Zone (past pickleball courts) 6) Aztec islands - large water use for very few people.

President's Comment given by: Kris Knox--- She Thanked Carol Perkinson for nursing the trees the green committee acquired from the City of Mesa last Spring at area seminars on planting trees to assist with shade and temperature mitigation. She also thanked Carol for maintaining the Green Committee's Post Office bulletin board during the summer months. We put 3 copies of "Dry Climate Gardening" in the VO library and all 3 copies seem to be missing. We would like to recommend that the copies should be in the locked case. So we can keep better care of them.

Old Business:---Kris indicated the Green Committee had a meeting scheduled with David Jones, VO's General Manager. It is scheduled for November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration building. This meeting is to discuss what is happening in the dog park with the landscaping

Water Conservation: Questions arose about our need to still do a water audit/assessment in order to determine the most important areas to save and or conserve water in the park. Some comments were made about perhaps eliminating the golf cart washing stations at the pet park. Another comment was made in regard to limiting Citrus trees in the park. All is dependent on result of assessment.

Recycle Report: There was discussion of maintaining education of VO residents 1) a refresher on what Mesa will recycle 2) emphasis at Homecoming, emphasis in Outline publications, emphasis at Grapevine presentations, emphasis at Food Handlers presentations, Emphasis at Newcomer presentations 3) Perhaps using blue barrel monitors at 600 and 300 Aero centers. Mary and Annette will try to get information in the outline on recycling. We also need new signs for the two recycling areas.

Homecoming Event Nov. 18th 10:30-1:30 Members filled out schedule sheet to cover the time. Kris asked if Carol could bring her two potted trees which could be given to potential residents needing shade trees.

December meeting will be 3:00 p.m. on the 20th. A question arose as to whether we could have the meeting on the 13th instead. Kris will attempt to reschedule the meeting attempting to keep the Activity conference room.

Meeting adjournment was moved by Norma Pavely and seconded by Mary Brannin

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Brannin & Kris Knox