

November 8, 2018 Community Open Discussion Group Summary

1. Joe Loewy brought up Security Cameras at the entrances to deter burglaries which was suggested by another member at a previous meeting. The issues of liability, privacy, cost and permission from the Sheriff's Department were discussed. Joe will investigate further and David will bring it up at the next Board Working Session.
2. Barry Silver read his list of 14 points that he was concerned about and agreed to send them out to the group instead of discussing them that night. David will answer those he can (see below).
3. Barbara Barlow Silver discussed the possibility of having a Memorial Park for members who pass on.
4. David Yard brought up the 285 Safety Corridor issue. Frequency of major accidents and Nuclear Waste transportation were discussed. David offered to send a letter of support from the Board.
5. Judy Cormier brought up two issues:
 - a. The disrepair of the walls at the Ave. Amistad entrance. Who owned the walls and the property, who is responsible for repairing them was discussed, as well as the possibility of getting all of the HOA's off that entrance listed on the walls. David will bring it up at the next Board Working Session.
 - b. Covenant Violation Letter deadline to reply - date of letter or date of receipt? Referred to Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Coordinator
6. Claudia Daigle brought up three issues:
 - a. Association Management - she felt that she was not being allowed access to Association documents that she had requested. David indicated that she was given all documents that ECIA legal counsel felt did not violate other members' right to privacy.
 - b. Members Rights - she felt that members should be able to vote on issues such as ground mounted solar and chickens. David stated that these issues had been settled in the courts.
 - c. Governing Documents - she asserted that the Covenants on the website was not an official certified copy and should be replaced with the right one. David said that he would look into the matter.

Barry's 14 Points, with David's responses

I prepared these notes as a reminder of the topics I wanted to offer for consideration at a future board, committee or community meeting. It is set up as a quick reference and should be emailed to all the Forum's participants. See my comments in [Blue](#). ~David McDonald

1] MEETING DATE ANNOUNCEMENTS - no less than 48 hours advance notice for all meetings via an e-blast. [News Brief is scheduled to go out on the 2nd Monday of each month, 48 hours+ prior to the Open Discussion Group. In November the second Monday falls after the second Thursday, and it was not caught until the last minute.](#)

This has been corrected for future dates.

2] MEETING START TIMES - post dinner and drive-time start, not 6pm. The Board has many late night meeting. 6pm start time allows for members to get home from work to attend.

3] TIMELY, RESPONSIVE, RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS - provide written responses to the residents' inquiries within two days, or provide a reasonable date indicating when a reply can be expected. As I explained yesterday, your emails were inexplicably landing in a "Social" box in my gmail account that I never check which only contains Instagram notifications. I am working to rectify the situation. Generally I do my best to answer emails the same day, however I do not check my ECIA email on the weekend.

4] When further research/consultation is needed to respond to a verbal inquiry, a written response copying all attendees should be provided. attendees should not be expected to wait until a future meeting or when minutes are issued. I'm not sure what specifically you are referring to?

5] SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS/DEBATES with pros/cons, and PUBLIC COMMENTS and VOTE COUNTS to be a part of the meeting's published minutes. Again, what meetings?

6] To quell anxiety, suspicion and unease regarding property value depreciation and compromised resale possibilities due to RAP [health, aesthetic and quality of life issues] or any similar issue.

A] SEAL THE ROADS WITH ASPHALT

B] PROHIBIT NEW RAP APPLICATION ANYWHERE IN ELDORADO

These are opinions held by some in Eldorado, as well as opinions that are in favor of RAP roads. The Board does our best to take all points of view into account when making decisions. The roads belong to and are maintained by Santa Fe County and it is my understanding that at this point there is no funding available for asphalt.

7] As in 6 above, avoid any hint that the community is split apart by strife and incivility through the codification of a RULES of CONDUCT into a written policy or covenant. Again, the Board takes all opinions, pro and con, into account when making decisions.

8] SIGN IN SHEETS - each meeting is to have an attendance sign-in sheet to record names and email addresses. An additional list should be supplied for residents wanting to speak during the Public Comments. These should be an integral part of the published minutes. There is often confusion about the sign-in sheet for public comment. Having a separate attendance sheet might help, or it might make it worse. I'm not sure about publishing the names of all attendees - I would have to get legal advice on that one.

9] ESTABLISH STANDARDS - the review and adoption of JOB DESCRIPTIONS for Board Members, Committee Chairs and Committee Members to prequalify candidates for election or appointment. [These are available and have been reviewed. We are reviewing the process for more thoroughly informing the candidates/appointees of their responsibilities.](#)

10] PERFORMANCE REVIEWS/EVALUATIONS - carry out semiannual performance reviews against JOB DESCRIPTIONS, and achievement of measurable semi and annual goals. It would be carried out by a new committee to determine professional qualifications, performance and ethics. [This is the responsibility of HOAMCO as they employ all ECIA staff, and it is being done. The Board participates in all upper level employee hiring and evaluation.](#)

11] ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT - should be open to include all homeowners at their expense. This would encourage cross fertilization and develop a sense of shared community. [I think that the Board would be willing to discuss this.](#)

12] A ROLLING 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN - develop a plan to include amenities, merchants, signage, upgrades, use of common areas by residents, integration with La Tienda and Agora, safety and security, sports facilities, enhanced coordination with the library, senior center, community school, relocation of the playground from remote and isolated Compadres to adjacent to the ECIA buildings. [There is a Strategic Plan that probably needs to be updated. There is a playground at the Community Center and the Compadres playground is to accommodate the western portion of Eldorado.](#)

13] Clarification of the recent disposition of RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT and financial accounting used to record assets' values, source of income and use of income. [I will look into this.](#)

14] WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN - for greater Eldorado to coordinate with Santa Fe County and Santa Fe City efforts. [David Yard is concerned about this issue and would be a good person to talk to about what is being done and what could be done.](#)