MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Transportation and Land Management Agency/Transportation regarding Public Hearing on Application of the California Vehicle Code to the Private Streets within The Retreat Community; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-048, 1st District, is taken off calendar.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on ______ of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: January 5, 2016

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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Deputy

AGENDA NO.

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xc: Transp.

BY: GREGORY P. PRIAMOS DATE

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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SUBMITTAL DATE: September 24, 2015

FROM: TLMA – Transportation Department

SUBJECT: Resolution 2016–048 Declaring All Private Streets Within The Retreat Community be Governed by the California vehicle Code. District 1; [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Conduct a public hearing regarding application of the California Vehicle Code to the private streets within The Retreat Community on October 20, 2015; and
- 2. Upon the close of the public hearing, as determined appropriate, adopt Resolution 2016–048 Declaring All Private Streets Within The Retreat Community be Governed by the California Vehicle Code.

Patricia Romo

Assistant Director of Transportation

Juan C'. Perez

Director of Transportation and Land Management

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost: C	Ingoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
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COURSE OF FUND				1	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Budget Adjustment: No

For Fiscal Year:

2015/2016

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: Pobini Dooi

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 1

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM 11: Resolution 2016–048 Declaring All Private Streets Within The Retreat Community be Governed by the California Vehicle Code. District 1; [\$0]

DATE: September 24, 2015

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BACKGROUND:

<u>Summary</u>

On May 21, 2015, The Retreat Community Association Board of Directors submitted a request to the County to bring forth a resolution to apply the California Vehicle Code (CVC) to the private streets within The Retreat Community. Enforcement of the CVC on the private streets within the gated community will provide a mechanism to control traffic and enhance safety on the streets within the community. The residents of The Retreat Community were notified of the decision/request by The Retreat Community Association Board of Directors in their June 2015 newsletter (see attached).

CVC Section 21107.7 allows for private roads not open for public use to be subject to the provisions of the CVC where the County Board of Supervisors approves, by resolution or ordinance, that specified roads, which are privately owned and maintained and are not open for public use, shall be covered by the CVC.

The Retreat Community Association Board of Directors has agreed to provide written notice to all residents 10 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, per the requirements of CVC Section 21107.7(a).

All enforcement notice signs within The Retreat Community will be installed according to the requirements of CVC Section 21107.7(a). These signs will be installed by, and at the expense of, The Retreat Community Association. Per CVC Section 21107.7(b), the California Highway Patrol is not obligated to provide patrol or enforcement. It will be up to The Retreat Community Association to contract with an enforcement agency to obtain patrol and enforcement services.

The submitted resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Having the private streets governed by the CVC will allow for the installation of appropriate traffic control devices, facilitate traffic enforcement, improve the overall wellbeing of the residents residing within the community, and provide for a safe and orderly flow of traffic.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

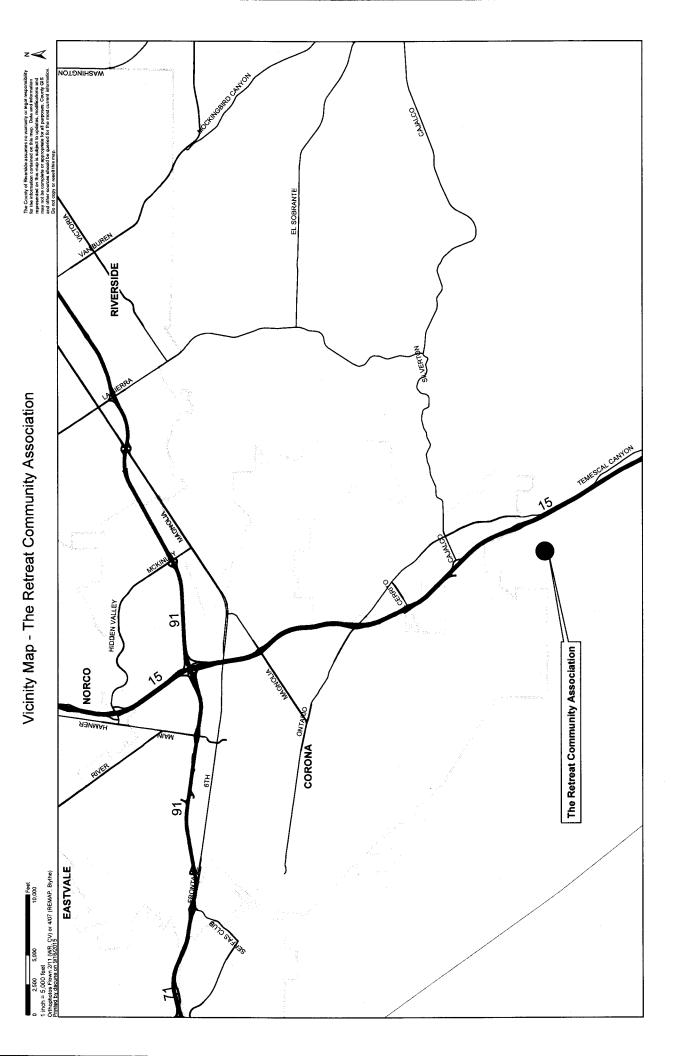
The approval of this resolution will result in no cost to the County.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Vicinity Map
The Retreat Community Association Newsletter (June 2015, Page 2)
Resolution No. 2016–048





THE RETREAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Helpful Contact Information

Lordon Management

1275 Center Court Drive Covina, CA 91724 (626) 967-7921 (626) 966-3918 – facsimile

Guard House -



Retreat Websites

www.theretreathoa.org

www.gatekey.us

Transponder Links

Community Manager

Josephine Perez Extension 3361 josephineperez@lordonmanagement.com

Management Assistant

Debra Guzman
Extension 3357
debra@lordonmanagement.com

Accounting

Virginia Sullivan Extension 3321 vsullivan@lordonmanagement.com

Legal / Insurance Department

April Webster
Extension 3338
awebster@lordonmanagement.com

Commonly Used Numbers

Park Restroom Doors



 Sheriff
 776-1099, #5

 Fire
 657-2161

 Rodent Pest
 888-583-9717

Technologies

SCE 800-611-1911

*Tall Street Lights

Gate Key Communication

Gate Key is not the only official communication for the community. As noted above, the Association's website is also a key tool for community publications, including but not limited to; newsletters, postings, monthly meeting minutes, and other official correspondence.

Authorization to post information via Gate Key was provided to Board, Security / Committee, and Lordon Management. To alleviate concerns and ensure that only association business is posted, the Board has set stringent protocol for posting which will result in only emergency gate closure, etc. being published by security. All other messages will be sent through management's office only and again for the purpose of Association business only.

Long Lines at the Gate

As a preliminary start to assist the community with the lines at the gate, please make sure that you list all your pertinent information in Gate Key. Time spent answering inbound calls can be diverted to assisting incoming cars. Technology advancements for items such as guest bar code scanning, and more continue to be researched for ease of access. Separate procedures for parties and other similar policies are being considered to pre-plan/provide as much information as possible to guests and ease of access through the gates. Additional security will also be added to not only common holidays, but to key events such as large sporting events and alike.

The Board continues to work with the Champions Club and Wedgewood to request participation with additional dates and events held. As a test, the Association will add additional security during these times, document costs and the access to be used for further discussion/resolution.

Long-term goals such as an additional guard house and other modifications to increase and/or add lanes at the entrance are not off the table for consideration. However, we appreciate your support during the implementation of passive measures first. We welcome any additional suggestions you may have.

Speeding Update

At the last meeting, the board approved a resolution to petition the County of Riverside and the Board of Supervisors to authorize enforcement by the Sherriff's Department within our gates. This is the start of the official request / process. We will keep everyone updated as to our progress and whatever support may be necessary from our community as a whole. Other measures such as speed signs and other deterrents are also being researched.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSE!

Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-048

DECLARING ALL PRIVATE STREETS WITHIN

THE RETREAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TO BE GOVERNED BY THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE

(First Supervisorial District)

WHEREAS, the gated community of The Retreat desires to have all private streets within the community governed by the rules and regulations promulgated by the California Vehicle Code (CVC); and

WHEREAS, CVC Section 21107.7 allows for private roads not open for public use to be subject to the provisions of the CVC where the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors approves, by resolution or ordinance, that specified roads, which are privately owned and maintained and are not open for public use, shall be covered by the CVC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that by reason of their proximity to or connection with highways, the interests of any residents residing along the community's private streets and the motoring public will best be served by the community's private streets subject to the CVC; and

WHEREAS, The Retreat Community Association Board of Directors has submitted their resolution dated May 21, 2015, approved by a majority of that Board, petitioning the Board of Supervisors to bring forth a resolution to apply the CVC to the private streets within The Retreat Community; and

WHEREAS, having the private streets governed by the CVC will provide an environment of safe and orderly traffic flow, be conducive to the installation of appropriate traffic control devices, facilitate traffic enforcement, and improve the overall well-being of the residents in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Retreat Community Association Board of Directors has given notice of this hearing to property owners within the Retreat Community pursuant to the provisions contained in CVC Section 21107.7(a); and 1 of 3

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Renwick Drive

1	Retreat Parkway
2	Rosecroft Circle
3	Rosemary Canyon Court
4	Safe Harbor Court
5	Sanctuary Drive
6	Secret Way
7	Silverpointe Loop
8	Sky Flower Circle
9	Soft Winds Drive
10	Soothing Court
11	Star Jasmine Court
12	Summer Day Drive
13	Sunset Rose Drive
14	Tender Way
15	Thimbleberry Court
16	Unnamed Road between Bedford Motorway and Sanctuary Drive
17	Unnamed Road between Bedford Motorway and Summer Day Drive
18	Unnamed Road between Bedford Motorway and the City of Corona
19	Other future streets constructed within The Retreat Community
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board of
21	Supervisors that The Retreat Community Association is hereby directed to erect appropriate
22	signs at its own expense, according to the requirements of CVC Section 21107.7(a).
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EXHIBIT A

THE RETREAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The Retreat Community Association

C/O Lordon Management Company

DECLARATION OF MAILING

October 9, 2015

Clerk of the Board:

On October 9, 2015, I prepared and mailed the attached Notice of Hearing to all homeowners of The Retreat Community Association.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on October 9, 2015, at 1275 Center Court Drive, Covina, CA

91724.

Josephine Perez

Senior Management Consultant

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

For The Retreat Community Association

10/08/15

Sent Via US Mail Only

Community Members - The Retreat Community Association

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING ALL PRIVATE STREETS WITHIN THE RETREAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO BE GOVERNED BY THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 21107.7 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), that a public hearing will be held by Riverside County, in connection with The Retreat Community Association's request that it's private roads be governed by the CVC. Members of the public are invited to attend the aforementioned hearing, which will provide a reasonable opportunity for interested individuals to express their views on the request. The hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m., on October 20, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard and will be held in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside 92501. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the request may attend the public hearing or, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments. Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California 92501. Dated this October 8, 2015.

From:

Todd Dean <Todd@Temescal-Valley.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:45 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

The Retreat Hearing

I am rewriting to you as a member recognized by The Retreat Community Association in Temescal Valley as owning 3 homes here in The Retreat.

I am asking you to deny their request concerning the change in the treatment of our streets as it pertains to the vehicle code. The board has failed to adequately explain to its members the purpose of this change. It deserves proper discussion within our community prior to such a change. This explanation and discussion has not taken place.

Unfortunately the current board has a habit of not being transparent in their actions which leads to apprehension when such changes come up.

Further, there is an election in January where three board seats could change hands. No decisions should be made in advance of such a possible change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Todd Dean

8083 Sunset Rose Drive 8435 Sunset Rose Drive 21843 Thimbleberry Ct. (Title has changed, but the board refuses to acknowledge) Temescal Valley, CA 92883

Bus: 951.280.0123 Fax: 951.277.0960

0-20-2015

From:

Jon Monroe <monroejon@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:59 AM

To:

COB

Subject:

The Retreat Hearing

To whom it concerns:

I am writing to you as a home owner and member recognized by The Retreat Community Association in Temescal Valley.

I am asking you to deny the Community Associations request concerning the change in the treatment of our streets as it pertains to the vehicle code. The board has not adequately explained to its members the purpose of this change and upon questioning the motives the Board and our management company remain silent and advise the members that its Board has made its decision. This topic deserves proper discussion and input from the members of the Community Association prior to initiating such a change and at this time an explanation and discussion with the members has not taken place.

Unfortunately the current Board has a history of making these types of decisions and has a habit of lacking transparency in most decisions for the community. A majority of the members are extremely apprehensive on supporting any decision the board makes at this time.

Furthermore, there is an election in January 2016 where three of the five board seats could change hands and I feel a significant decision such as this should not be made until individuals on the Board are determined in January 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Monroe 22221 Silverpoint Loop Corona CA 92883

Direct: (951) 334-2233

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October 15, 2015

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, California 92501

Ref: The Retreat Community Association request for private streets to be governed by CVC

Dear Sir:

I am a homeowner in the Retreat. My address is 8113 Sanctuary Drive, Corona, California. I am a member of the Retreat Community Association.

I am vehemently opposed to having the private streets within my community governed by the CVC. Currently, our association is embroiled in a battle with the standing board of directors regarding lack of transparency, questionable decision making, possible voter fraud. The current board has not shared with it's members the pros and cons of a major decision like the conversion of the private streets from being governed by the CC&R's vs. being governed by the CVC.

With respect, I would ask that the Board of Supervisors not make any determination on this matter at this time. The current request from the Retreat Community Association for this major change may not represent the intentions of majority of the property owners within the Retreat's. It definitely does not represent mine.

Please do not approve the request for all private streets within the Retreat Community Association to be governed by the California Vehicle Code.

Sincerely.

JoAnne Soloway 909-510-0029

joanne@securitytrustrealty.com

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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9:30 a.m. being the time set for public hearing on the recommendation from Transportation and Land Management Agency/Transportation regarding Public Hearing on Application of the California Vehicle Code to the Private Streets within The Retreat Community; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-201, 1st District, the Chairman called the matter for hearing.

Matt Straite, Contract Planner Supervisor, presented the matter.

The following people spoke on the matter: Kevin Melvin

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is continued to Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Benoit Nays: None Ashley

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on October 20, 2015 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: October 20, 2015

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California

and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

Deputy

AGENDA NO.

xc: Transp., CØB

(seal)

Roll Call:

. Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

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Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:					
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BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.

From:

Jim Riedl <riedljim@msn.com>

Sent:

Sunday, January 03, 2016 8:49 AM

To:

Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; COB; Perez, Juan; Greene, Jeffrey

Subject:

Resolution 2016-048

To Whom It May Concern,

I own the home at 8393 Sunset Rose Dr located in The Retreat.

I understand there is a hearing on January 5th, 2016 for approval of resolution 2016-048.

As a home owner I take part in the monthly homeowner meetings. There has been zero communication to the home owners regarding this resolution, it's costs or benefits. The board will not answer any questions or provide any information in regards to the thinking or reasoning for the request. When questioned during HOA meetings the board president states "This was all in the meeting minutes back in June"

The fact is this resolution has never been discussed with the home owners at anytime. We are interested in finding out more about the resolution and how it affects our community but as of this writing the homeowners attempts to gather information has either been ignored or thwarted by the board.

I have not been noticed in any way of the meeting to take place on January 5th, 2016 and only found out today due to word of mouth from other home owners.

For these reasons, I ask that you do not approve resolution 2016-048 until such time as the matter is openly discussed and decided by the home owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Louis J Riedl CEO Arizona Leather

From:

Myersfh@aol.com

Sent:

Friday, January 01, 2016 1:39 PM

To: Subject:

Greene, Jeffrey; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; Perez, Juan; COB The Retreat Hearing-Jan 5 Resolution #2016-48- Agenda Item 9-3

To All,

I am a homeowner and have lived in the Retreat for the past 7 years.

The Board of Supervisor"s (BOS) recommendation during the initial hearing (October 20, 2015) was for the Retreat Board to go back to the residents of our community and communicate the purpose of the subject resolution. I have attended every board meeting since your recommendation and there has been NO open discussion related to purpose, cost or any other item of concern. The Resolution was briefly mentioned in the November Board meeting by our President, Mr Schmidt, however it was not communication, but rather a one sided disrespectful dialogue against a resident who appeared and spoke at that initial BOS meeting.

We have had NO further conversation/communication after the paragraph statement in the June Newsletter. Furthermore, the residents of our community were not notified by the HOA of the January 5th follow up meeting.

Predicated on the above comments, concerns and the fact that the HOA is in the process of an election of Board representation (election to be held on January 25, 2016), I am requesting this resolution be put on hold until the proper protocols are followed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fred Myers 8351 Butterfly Bush Ct Temescal Valley, Ca 92883

From:

Todd Dean <Todd@Temescal-Valley.com>

Sent:

Friday, January 01, 2016 11:11 AM

To:

Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; COB; Perez, Juan; Greene, Jeffrey

Subject:

The Retreat Hearing - Jan 5 Resolution #2016-48

Attachments:

Resolution 2016-048.pdf

To all,

I am a homeowner in The Retreat and have lived here for 10 years. I was the first board member of The Retreat and its first president. I previously wrote you on Oct 15, 2015 objecting to the approval of resolution 2016-048 (attached here). It is my understanding one of the county recommendations from the original hearing was for our board to go back to our community and communicate the purpose of this resolution. To more or less hold a public debate on the subject. As of this writing no such communication, debate or conversation has taken place. Further the June Newsletter submitted by them clearly shows the resolution passed by our board states it was for authorization of the Sheriff to patrol in our community. The resolution you are now considering has nothing to do with the Sheriff department, and in fact, states the HOA will have to contract for patrols in our community. We know nothing about the cost of these patrols and it has never openly discussed.

The only reference to the first hearing was our president, Carl Schmidt, casually mentioning it at a board meeting and on a Facebook post. The focus of that one sided conversation was to chastise a member of our HOA for appearing at the county hearing. The one paragraph statement in our June newsletter is the only formal communication we have had and that communication even states they will keep everyone informed. At no time since this newsletter has any more communication to membership taken place. At one HOA meeting, Carl Schmidt had an opportunity to discuss the ramifications of it, and when asked, chose to tell us about how this had been in the works for several years. I don't doubt the board has had internal conversations about it, but nothing about costs or anything else has been discussed in open session or in mailings except for the June newsletter. It is a common occurrence at our board meetings for our board to make motions we cannot hear, have no discussion regarding the motion, and to purposely not disclose all pertinent information in such motions. 99% of the time there is NO discussion amongst board members before they take a vote.

Further, no notice of this January 5th meeting has been given (other than original continuance). We only found out because a member checked your agendas on the county website. We were left to believe it was not being pursued.

Please know Mr. Schmidt and our HOA is being sued by 3 different members. Please know that 240 people signed a petition asking for his resignation. Please know an election is in process (Jan 25) and over 50% of the homeowners have already signed proxies voting for a majority change in the board. We believe this is not the appropriate time for the county to be addressing this issue.

This situation is highly representative of the way Mr. Schmidt and this board has run our community and is exactly the way it deals with all issues in The Retreat. There is NO disclosure, NO discussion and we are constantly left in the dark. People are intimidated, lied to and sued. This, is a dictatorship, one we are trying our best to end.

If our efforts to replace him fail, it will not be because of effort or the people's choice. It will be due to some irregularity in the voting structure. One that seems to repeat itself every year. If the county supervisors want something important to address, it would be helping us put an end to this tyranny we live under. We need help! Replacing a person of this nature is no easy task.

Thank you for your consideration.

From:

JoAnne McCamey <securitytrustrealty@verizon.net>

Sent:

Friday, January 01, 2016 12:37 PM

To:

COB; Perez, Juan; Greene, Jeffrey; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District

Subject:

The Retreat Community Association request for private streets to be governed by CVC -

January 5, 2016 Meeting - AGENDA ITEM 9-3

January 1, 2016

Clerk of the Board: Kecia Harper-Ihem cob@rcbos.org

Director of Transportation and Land Management: Juan Perez JCPEREZ@rctlma.org

1st District Chief of Staff: Jeff Greene <u>JTGreene@rcbos.org</u> 1st District Supervisor: Kevin Jeffries <u>district1@rcbos.org</u>

Ref: The Retreat Community Association request for private streets to be governed by CVC - January 5, 2016

Meeting - AGENDA ITEM 9-3

Dear Sir:

I am a homeowner in the Retreat. My address is 8113 Sanctuary Drive, Corona, California. I am a member of the Retreat Community Association. I am a regular attendee at our community's monthly HOA meetings.

I am vehemently opposed to having the private streets within my community governed by the CVC. I was informed today (New Years Day) that the request to convert our communities private streets to being governed by the CVC is back on the agenda for this Tuesday's, January 5, 2016, meeting.

On or about October 15, 2015, I sent a letter in opposition to the street conversion request to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County. At that time I requested that the Board of Supervisors not make any determination on the matter due to a lack of communication between our HOA's Board of Directors and all the property owners (members of the HOA).

Due to my email, other correspondence in opposition, as well as Retreat property owner(s) appearing in opposition at the hearing, the Board of Supervisors chose to postpone acting on the original request at that meeting. It was my understanding that the Board of Supervisors directed the Retreat's HOA Board of Directors to hold public discussions on the issue of having our community's private streets governed by our CC&R's changed to being governed by the CVC. The intent of the Supervisors, I believe, was that the property owners in the Retreat be fully informed on the nature of this conversion and be allowed to be part of the decision making process.

In direct defiance to the Board of Supervisors' instruction, our HOA's Board of Directors has not held even ONE public discussion to discuss the merits or disadvantages of conversion vs. non-conversion. The Retreat's HOA Board of Directors has not provided any written communication explaining the pros, cons, or even the nature of this major change to our streets to it's membership. The Retreat property owners are still completely uninformed about this issue. Any request by any person representing himself as speaking for the Retreat property owners (no matter what his claim of capacity, could not a true reflection of the HOA membership as the membership is still being kept in the dark regarding this matter.

With respect, I would ask that the Board of Supervisors not make any determination on this matter at this time. The current request from the Retreat Community Association for this major change may not represent the intentions of majority of the property owners within the Retreat. It definitely does not represent mine.

Please do not approve the request for all private streets within the Retreat Community Association to be governed by the California Vehicle Code.

Sincerely,

JoAnne McCamey-Soloway

909-510-0029 joanne@securitytrustrealty.com

From:

Lori LoCascio <lslocascio@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, January 02, 2016 7:20 PM

To:

COB; Perez, Juan; Greene, Jeffrey; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District

Cc:

Lori LoCascio

Subject:

IMPORTANT: Ref: The Retreat Community Association request for private streets to be

governed by CVC - January 5, 2016 Meeting - AGENDA ITEM 9-3

Clerk of the Board: Kecia Harper-Ihem cob@rcbos.org

Director of Transportation and Land Management: Juan Perez JCPEREZ@rctlma.org

1st District Chief of Staff: Jeff Greene <u>JTGreene@rcbos.org</u> 1st District Supervisor: Kevin Jeffries <u>district1@rcbos.org</u>

Ref: The Retreat Community Association request for private streets to be governed by CVC - January 5, 2016 Meeting - AGENDA ITEM 9-3

Dear Supervisor Jeffries, Mr. Greene, Mr. Perez and Ms. Harper-Ihem:

I am a homeowner of 9+ years in The Retreat, a community that is governed by the The Retreat Community Association located in Temescal Valley. We pay \$2640 in assessments per year and over \$13,500 in property taxes. Given the financial investment in our home and The Retreat community I feel it prudent to stay informed as to the business of our HOA. I'm probably the exception. I read the monthly HOA newsletter, the annual budget & reserve study and I try hard to attend the monthly board meetings. I also volunteered to serve on our board for a few years (2009-2010).

It was not until New Years Day that a neighbor shared information that the request to convert our private streets to being governed by the CVC is back on the agenda for this Tuesday's, January 5, 2016, meeting. I was shocked that our board didn't communicate this to the Members (there are about 510 homeowners) and allow for our input prior to reaching your agenda for a vote.

Please note that our Board of Directors, in direct defiance of the Board of Supervisors' instructions have not discussed the potential "conversion" with Members at the last 3 board meetings, nor have they asked for Member comments either at a duly scheduled board meeting, special homeowner forum, via email, newsletter or through any other means of communication (such as a community survey). The intent of the Supervisors, I believe, was that the property owners in the Retreat be fully informed on the nature of this conversion and be allowed to be part of the decision making process considering this is a significant and bold measure that may or may not fix our issues.

Our Board has NOT provided us with any costs associated with the conversion, nor any information about what such a conversion would actually accomplish (Pros and Cons), how the CVC would be enforced, by whom, who has control over the fines collected, is it reversible and are there tax consequences to name a few concerns.

Our board has failed to present ANY other solutions beyond converting our private streets to public streets nor have they welcomed community input on street safety at our monthly board meetings. We haven't been given even the most elementary definition of what a "conversion" actually means and it's implications. There has been no public discussion, debate, dialogue or question & answer with Members by our board to address the benefits of a conversion vs. the benefits of keeping our streets private. This would be a dramatic change to our community and it deserves the input of our Homeowners as well as full transparency by our board and management company to provide us with all the details, before it goes in front of our Supervisors for a vote.

One other serious consideration, is the potential for abuse of position and authority with regards to enforcement when an HOA board is responsible for the hiring and directing of a 3rd party company. We currently have a board President, Mr. Carl Schmidt, who routinely and systemically uses his position and authority to selectively enforce/disregard our CC&R's, By-Laws, Election Rules, Architectural Rules and Parking & General Rules as he sees fit. If enforcement is not through the Sheriff or CHP, and must be contracted with a 3rd party vendor, we are giving our board, in particular an overzealous board president another layer to exert influence without any government or independent oversight or accountability, and what kind of liability does this bring to our HOA? This is the most severe consequence should the responsibility of enforcement fall under the purview of an HOA board (neighbors policing neighbors with the color of the law at their disposal is rife with problems).

We've been voicing concern for 5 years about the speeding and failing to stop at stop signs. This entire effort by our board to "convert our streets" feels extremely rushed, absent of their fiduciary responsibility to provide due diligence and alternate solutions, and without ANY homeowner input nor open discussion by our board. There's been complete lack of transparency to the 500+ homeowners.

I am vehemently opposed to having our private streets within our community governed by the CVC and ask the Board of Supervisors to either not make any determination on the matter due to our HOA's Board of Directors failure to follow the Board of Supervisors instructions to hold public meetings on the subject and to allow the homeowners to be a part of the decision making process, OR vote against.

Please do not approve the request for all private streets within The Retreat Community Association to be governed by the California Vehicle Code.

Sincerely, and best wishes for a wonderful 2016,

Lori LoCascio 22251 Rosemary Canyon Ct., Corona, CA 92883 951-314-8291

From:

Jonathan Monroe < monroejon@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Friday, January 01, 2016 2:35 PM

To:

Perez, Juan; Greene, Jeffrey; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; COB

Subject:

The Retreat Community Association Hearing - Tuesday 1/5/2016

To whom in concerns:

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