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Minutes of October Board Meeting

Upper Las Colonias Neighborhood Association

October 3, 2023 4:08PM

Quail Ridge Tennis Facility and Zoom at Residences

Board Attendance - Present - Kurt Edelbrock, Eugenia Hauber, Jeff Tetenbaum, Mike Tarleton, Steve Turner, John Halley, John Mahoney, Phil Caston and David Nielson. Absent – John Red Horse, Jonathan Stuart, and Kent Kobakoff

Members Present – Martha Grossman, Henry Hornberger, Charlotte and Mike Wylie, Cardinal Rieger, Buck and Jacky O’gilvie, Roger Parrish, Kay McNair, Charlie Schmidt, Ellen Hoffman, MaryAnn Morrissey, Kelly Mans, Lee Johnson, Gary and Coleen Ferguson, Ken Littlejohn, Ellen Hamil, and Tom Ottinger

Members On Zoom – Participating either for part or the entire call- ?????

Present - Gretchen Geary for Kit Carson Internet

1. Treasurer’s Report – John Mahoney indicated current balance remains at \$3,211.75. No change for the last few months.

2. Minutes for July, August and September were approved.

3. Kit Carson Internet – Gretchen Geary gave a brief presentation and answered questions about KC Internet (KCI). After a little history of the program, she spoke of the current program which includes federal government funding of \$14 million. KCI will cover up to \$6,000 to connect from the tower to the house. Pricing starts at \$49 per month with \$59 for 100mbps. In addition, she noted that if on Medicaid and possibly on Medicare and you have an ACP Code, you get a \$30 per month discount. KCI also connects from the outside connection to the router inside. The router can be rented or purchased for about \$100. If interested, Gretchen suggested calling tomorrow or very soon thereafter to apply. The \$6,000 is a first come first serve program. Also, trenches need to be dug (by KCI or on your own) before the ground freezes, usually by December 1st.

4. Mario Vargas of Taos Mountain Grown LLC – He was expected to discuss plans for expansion but was apparently unable to attend.

5. TREV – John indicated that the Army Corp of Engineers is the sole agency that has not yet signed off.

6. Short Term Rentals – We have prepared a survey for all our members to complete. It was emailed to our owners two times since the September meeting. We received 51 responses. Jeff tabulated the results and John H printed them for the membership to review. We did not go into a complete review of all the results at the meeting but passed out the printed results. Not surprisingly, Single Family Owners were less likely to favor STRs, while Multi-family residents were more likely, but not completely, to favor STRs. We agreed to send out emails two more times before October 27th to see if we could include a few more. The County Planning Commission hearing has not yet been rescheduled.

6. Board Nominations – Nominations closed at the meeting. Cardinal Rieger will join the slate of directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. All current directors with the exception of John Mahoney have agreed to continue on the board for another year.

7. Road Committee – some discussion of street signs to be placed on Gavilan and other spots. Cielo posted street signs.

8. 8 Mirlo – Kurt spoke with Tony Vinella and a number of pieces of equipment have been removed. However, it is still a somewhat unsightly building site as four or 5 still remain.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 5:23PM. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th and will be our Annual Meeting.