

# **Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.**

## **Board Minutes, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church, 8700 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241

Proper Notification of meeting permanently posted on sign at the guardhouse.

Board meets on the third Monday each month.

MVRIA Rule Meeting Attendance Reminder is posted and available on  
MVRIA website (MVRIA.com)

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:08 and declared a quorum. Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Deb Houston, Heather Nestle, Lynn Reid, Bill Still, Dan Taylor, Wendy Ying, and Vivian Zabik.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING July 18, 2016.**

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for July 18, 2016. Jackie Vizzi seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- 1. President's Report:** Fran DiCicco reported that a packet will be mailed to members this week. There is information about the MVRIA Annual Report, the by-law change regarding self-nominations from the floor at Annual Meetings, an overview from Atty. Burgess about the summary judgement and the Lyday lawsuit, and a sample contract for Myakka Communications. Myakka Communication's service should be available this Fall.  
The cell tower was delayed because of permitting with the county, but that has been taken care of. The weather has been a problem with Verizon's installation on the tower, but it should be functional this winter.
- 2. Vice President's Report/ Entrance Beautification:** Jennifer Peeples reported that the trees at the front entrance have been trimmed by T.J. from the nursery. Items that are included in the grant application were previewed by the county representatives, who seemed to really like the front entrance project. The formal proposal will be submitted at the end of August.  
The next step for Entrance Beautification is to reface the two signs with stack stone, add an arbor on each, add new signage, add a well for new plantings, and plant new oak trees with lighting all the way to entrance. Grants will be awarded in December and June. Frank DiCicco and Jackie Vizzi thanked Jennifer Peeples for all her hard work.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** No report.
- 4. Financial Report:** The road fund now stands at \$310,000. This should help with getting the loan from the bank for the road project.

5. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** The easements on the foreclosure properties on MVT were mowed. Bill Still reported that we have been in touch with the county about the renters in one of the foreclosure.  
Lot 43A: Ying/Swanson requested a 42 foot variance. The house, built in 1972, is 158 feet from the road. The previous owners were granted a variance, but did not file it with the county. Bill Still made a motion to grant the variance; the motion was seconded by Jennifer Peeples. The variance was unanimously approved, with Wendy Ying abstaining. The garage on Lot 43A is 125 feet from the road and requires a 75 foot variance. This building already had a variance which was also was not filed with the county. Bill Still made a motion to reapprove the variance and Lynn Reid seconded. The motion passed unanimously; Wendy Ying abstained.  
5421 MVT is being extensively remodeled. The front of the house faces the side property line. The owners have asked permission to add a pergola for shade in front of the front door. It encroaches the 50 foot set back by about 4 feet. It was suggested to grant a variance in order to protect the homeowner. The variance request was not on the agenda, so the variance was tabled and will be on the agenda next month.  
Amy Chenard (Lot 52A) informed the board that they are building a pool. The project is permitted and doesn't need a variance.  
A neighbor mentioned there is a property on Singletree that is completely overgrown. Another member said to complain to the county. Heather Nestle suggested that the owner be contacted with an offer of help.
6. **Document Revision and Lawsuits:** Frank DiCicco reported there was a closed board meeting on Wednesday August 10, 2016 with the attorney Jim Burgess. Issues were addressed and strategies were set in place.
7. **Saddle Trails and Ditches:** Wendy Ying reported that next month a member will presenting a survey of the trails at the Round Table before the board meeting. There has been a good response to Wendy's Ying's request for emails and texts about ditches that are not draining. Frank DiCicco thanked Wendy Ying for her many volunteer hours.
8. **Community Awareness and Security:** Frank DiCicco reported that the new surveillance equipment is being installed.
9. **Disaster Preparedness:** Jackie Vizzi reported that the organizational list for the Disaster Preparedness volunteers is almost complete. Inventory is being completed and radios are being tested. Jackie Vizzi attended several meetings with programs such as CERT and SART. The organizations are willing to come and speak at a neighborhood workshop.
10. **Trails n Tales:** We need more volunteers for Disaster preparedness. School has started; drive carefully. Mention the county grant for which we are applying. Critters of the Valley Facebook page is growing; encourage neighbors to get their animals on the page. Emergency vehicles require a 12' clearance.

11. Jackie Vizzi made a motion to adjourn at 8:16. The motion was seconded by Lynn Reid.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:00.