

**Minutes**  
Huntington Palisades Property Owners Corporation  
August 29, 2011  
Tahitian Terrace – 1 Aloha  
7 pm

**Board Present:** Michael Ziering (President), Jerry Jameson (Vice President), Sue Helmy (Treasurer, Dave Peterson (Director).

**Board Absent:** Jim Mercer (Director)

**Guest:** Clay Tatum of Tatum Construction

**Regular Business Meeting Called to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Appeal by 400 Toyopa for a 6 foot retaining wall:**

Representative of 400 Toyopa, Clay Tatum, presented on behalf of the owner. He brought pictures to show the board members that other corner lots have similar walls to the 6 foot side retaining wall they are requesting. He also brought the variance they received from the City for the retaining wall. The reasons for asking for the variance were:

1. The grade is too steep. For safety reasons, the retaining wall is necessary.
2. It is built below grade and it is not being used as a privacy wall.

Prior to the meeting, the board members went the property to view the wall before the meeting and all board members in attendance agreed it is aesthetically pleasing.

After reviewing the pictures and discussing the reasons of needing the retaining wall with Clay Tatum, the board agrees the retaining wall is necessary for safety. They also noted that there are many side yard retaining walls in the immediate area so it would be in keeping with that portion of the Huntington.

**Action:** Board approves the 6 foot retaining wall with the railing above it along the side of the property as long as it maintains the look of the pictures presented at tonight's meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the June 27, 2011, (emailed to board earlier) were APPROVED

**Treasurer's Report:** By Sue Helmy

Sue reviewed the income and expenses for the past year to date with comparison to last year and this year's budget. HP is in fairly good financial shape. The board also reviewed the list of properties that have outstanding dues. JS reminded the board that it is time to lien those properties.

**Action:** The board unanimously approved to lien the list of properties that have not yet paid the 2011 assessments.

**Action:** Treasurers report Approved.

**New Business:**

**Leaf Blowers in our Neighborhood:**

Dave Peterson reports that gas powered Leaf blowers are illegal anywhere within 500 feet of residences. They are noisy and smelly. There is a City Ordinance disallowing gas powered leaf blowers but it is rarely,

if ever, enforced. The board discussed the ordinance and is not sure what they can do to enforce it but agree it is a problem in our neighborhood.

**Action:** JS to write something about Leaf Blowers in the next Herald due to be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

**Old Business:**

**Tree lights in the Pampas Ricas Trees for the holidays:**

Dave Peterson suggested that it might be nice to have white lights put in all of the trees along Pampas Ricas Blvd. for the holidays. The Board agrees it would be pretty but wants to know the costs before agreeing to it.

**Action:** Dave Peterson will research costs and report back to the board at the October 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Corona del Mar Park:**

**Review estimate to replace the back fence at the Park:**

The board reviewed the estimate to replace the rusted fence along the back of the Park. The estimate is a little unclear because it had initially included the cost to repair the railing for the stairs at the back of the Park.

**Action:** JS to contact Nelson to ask for a new estimate. If it is \$6500 or less, the Board unanimously agreed to repair it. If it is more than \$6500, the Board will discuss again at next board meeting.

**Update re: Vidal and how the Park is looking:**

JS reported that the Park has been looking much better and it appears that Vidal is working hard.

**Action:** Dave Peterson would like to contact Vidal regarding the Park. JS to email Vidal's number.

**Party in the Park:**

The date is confirmed for Sunday October 2, 2011 from 4-6. The In & Out Truck is reserved and the Party in the Park committee is working on all the arrangements.

**Herald to be mailed this week to announce the date:**

Jennie reported that the Herald needs to be mailed out ASAP to remind the residents of the upcoming Party in the Park. The board would also like to include a shout out to Johnson Tree Co. and put a blurb in it regarding Halloween safety.

**Action:** Sue Helmy will write something about Halloween safety and email to JS to add to the Herald. JS will include a thank you and info about Johnson Tree Co.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm. Next meeting, is scheduled for October 24, 2011 at 7pm.