

**Montage at Mission Hills  
Board Meeting – January 12, 2006  
At Mission Hills Country Club**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Upon proper notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Directors of Montage at Mission Hills Homeowners Association was called to order at 4:00 PM, by President Lars Hansen.

**Directors Present**

Lars Hansen, Skip Sanchez, Tom Tousignant Frank Mitchell and Jerry Stamper

**Homeowners Present:** There were 21 individuals signed in as homeowners.

**Others Present:** Chief of Police for Palm Springs, Fire Chief from Cathedral City.

The Chief of Police and Fire Chief had requested to address our monthly HOA meeting to discuss the recent fire at Montage. The synopsis is that cell phone calls to 911 cannot be accurately located. Anyone calling 911 should use a land line and ensure that the dispatcher has a clear understanding of the emergency location. It was also pointed out that other jurisdictions do not have an access key to gated communities in Cathedral City. It was suggested that all Riverside County Fire Dept. carry an access key in their fire trucks for Cathedral City. A question answer period was held and lively debate ensued.

Minutes of the December 2005 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

It was reported that at the close of business November 30, 2005 there was an available balance of \$29,490.78 in the Reserve Account. A motion was made by Tom to invest any monies over \$10,000.00. A second was made by Jerry. This was approved by the board.

Tom also stated that the delinquent account 136089 has been paid in full.  
A move to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Tom and seconded by Jerry.  
Motion was approved unanimous.

**Landscaping & Architectural**

New Business:

The following variance requests were approved:

36167 Artisan Way – Solar installation approved.

36257 Artisan Way – Approval for pool and new front door.

The committee made the following recommendation to the board: Any proposed painting changes need approval of the A & L Committee. A variance request must be submitted prior to work being done. Generally, any existing colors used in our community will be allowed with a minimum of three colors and a maximum of four colors. We also agreed to establish a color sampling of all colors, which would be available to homeowners upon request.

The board took this recommendation under advisement.

#### **Old Business:**

Entrance at Gerald Ford and Da Vall: We had previously recommended washing the grooved surfaces. This has never been done and we agreed that they are in desperate need of cleaning. The last rain produced staining from the dirt that had foamed up and dried. We agreed to refer this to Dayton to investigate if the street cleaning service could clean the entrances.

The ongoing water problem at 36397 Dali has been referred to Dayton on, at least, 2 occasions beginning September 2, 2005. We agreed that we would request that Dayton provide updates on the progression of letters, fines, etc. on this as well as other outstanding projects.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

Meeting was held immediately following this board meeting. The goal is to develop a list of potential security enhancements to present to the board. The cost/value ratio will be of great interest.

#### **New Business**

In response to an inquiry the Board looked into having a cable package for Montage. To participate there 100% homeowner participation. It was also discussed that a class action suit mailing had been received by homeowners. There are no grounds for this suit and it is being addressed by GHA.

#### **Homeowners Forum**

The number one topic continues to be dogs on private property. This issue has been referred to the rules committee who will make recommendations to the board.

One new homeowner inquired about an orientation to the CC&R's. It was explained that a "Welcome Wagon" orientation has been discussed.

There are complaints of people leaving trash cans on the street or visible in their yard. The CC&R prohibits this.

Gate codes are going to be changed and homeowners will be given ample notice. An estimate of \$4,078.85 was received to install new receivers at each gate and to provide transponders to each homeowner.

An entry identification card was also discussed as an option. The board is waiting for input from the Neighborhood Watch committee.

Estimates for painting the entry gates are under review.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.