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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, February 13, 2006 your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Howard Scott, Brian Hagadorn, Brian Grochow, Ric Cox, Ernie Jones, and Manager Gus Aarnaes.

The minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the January 2006 meeting was also reviewed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the repair project for the exterior clubhouse staircase. The manager was instructed to have Mike Nichol, a contractor, commence with the required drawings for a fee not to exceed \$1500.00 in order to obtain bids for the project.

A solution for display of Northstar Swim Team plaques and trophies was reviewed and discussed. After review of possible locations and cabinets, it was agreed to allow for hanging of plaques along the inside wall between the "broom" closet and the doors to the rear outside. Trophies will be kept in the upstairs trophy cabinet.

The Board reviewed and discussed a Northstar Swim Team request for fee-waived use of the clubhouse for their board meetings as well as their swim team events. The team was granted the requested use subject to current group fee-waived use guidelines.

A bid from Leonard Chaidez for trimming and removal of non-windrow trees currently requiring service was reviewed and discussed. The Board instructed the manager to accept the proposal for an amount not to exceed \$3270.00.

A homeowner request for fee-waived use of the clubhouse for Santiago Hills Elementary school 6th grade Promotion party was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed as long as the group use deposit of \$100.00 is collected.

The Board reviewed and discussed a safety issue relating to children skateboarding on the entry steps to the Prosa pool and in front of the main clubhouse entry. The manager was authorized to have signs made for posting by the Prosa pool steps and in front of the clubhouse area.

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Swim Team Signups set for March 4 & 12

The Northstars Swim Team is a great way to develop fitness, swim strokes, continue school friendships, or to meet new friends. It is also a great way for parents to meet their neighbors and enjoy spending time together as a family. If your child swam last season, you will be receiving, through the mail, your pre-registration information to reserve a space on this summer's swim team. To

reserve your space, you must respond by February 27. Swimmers must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2006, and should be capable of swimming the length of the pool, 25 yards, unassisted. New families interested in joining may contact Lisa Saunders to be placed on the waiting list. Lisa can be reached at (714) 832-7799.

REGISTRATION DATES

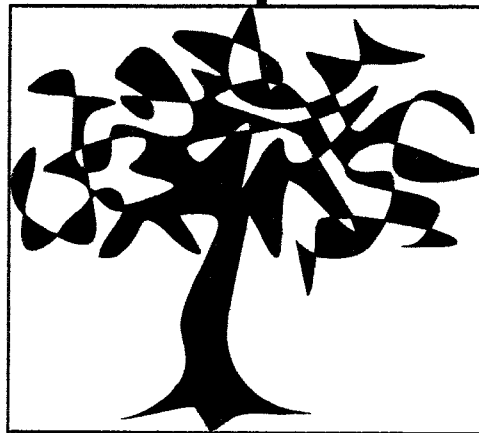
Fri., March 10th, 5-7 pm

Sat., March 25th, 9-12 pm

Both sessions will be at the clubhouse. Team swimsuits can be tried on and ordered at those times.

Some other important dates to remember:

New parent meeting April 26, 7-8 pm
General parent meeting May 17, 7-8 pm



Park Paseo
Homeowners' Association
25 Christamon West, Irvine, CA 92620

SATELLITE DISHES

In order to comply with the Association guidelines and standards that relate to the installation of a satellite dish, consideration must be given to minimizing the visibility of the satellite dish, external cables and related installations. We recommend that all satellite dishes be installed on the rear half of the house (on the patio cover can be fine). Remember that installers are seeking the quickest, cheapest and easiest installation and have been known to claim that the dish has to be in front. Realistically, the satellite dish faces skyward and the rear half of the house is fine. Consideration must be given to your neighbors. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Board of Directors

President	
Howard Scott	669-1406
1st Vice-President	
Brian Hagadorn	838-2625
2nd Vice-President	
Brian Grochow	730-7231
Treasurer	
Ernie Jones	832-4252
Secretary	
Ric Cox	731-8848

Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Park Press Editor.....Christine Cavanagh

All copy/ads for the Park Press must be submitted to the manager's office in the clubhouse by the 12th of each month to be included in the next issue.

Association Manager

Gus Aarnaes **730-1560**
 Fax **730-1560 11***
 Email pphoairvine@sbcglobal.net

Would you like to add your name to our babysitter list? Drop a note by the office with your name and phone number and we will add it to our list.

LOCAL BABYSITTERS

Shannon Benson	573-4909
Melanie Duncan	838-2389
Chelsea Feller	669-5720
Erica Grochow	730-7231
Heather Sprague	832-4864
Carly Kopec	838-6590
Nikki Morris	734-0192
Rachel Gross	368-1088
Megan or Peter Gilroy	505-3033
Cayla or Alexia Perry	730-6676
Jolene Collins	734-6896
Jane Schmidt	832-7292
Megan Kelley	731-6009
Karen Barak	389-6426
Ma'ayan Barak	389-6426
Shannon Thomas (CHOC Safe Sitter Certified)	730-7028

Announcements & Ads

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER & TUTOR AVAILABLE

Need an experienced, CPR and first aid certified babysitter, or a reliable English/History tutor? Call Emily at 714-730-9315.

FRENCH LESSONS AND MORE

Elisabeth is a native speaker from France who has taught numerous students in classes and private tutoring. Intensive methods—improving pronunciation and grammatical skills. She also gives lessons in Latin and science for high school students. Please call (714)389-6426.

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

Are you a small business owner? I am a Park Paseo resident with over 17 years accounting experience. Very affordable. I also offer graphic design and marketing services. QuickBooks software. Call Anne at 573-9886.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER FOR SALE

Custom made 64" solid oak entertainment center. Will accommodate 32" television. Built for Park Paseo model 203, \$650. Sony 32" television and surround sound speaker system \$300.

MOMS CLUB OF IRVINE-NORTHWOOD

Playgroups, park days, field trips, Mom's night out, service projects, holiday parties, and more. Please call Kelly Blum at 949-857-0185 or Diane Colline at 714-669-0222.

MARKETING, WEB SITE SERVICES

Need help growing your small business or web site? I'm a Park Paseo resident, with 20 years of marketing experience, who enjoys helping people for very reasonable rates. Call Glen at 949-241-7533 or email glennwilk@internetmktg.net

FOR SALE

Schwinn Evolution Camp Airdyne Professional Grade Exercise bike, \$350.00. Call 949-939-2084.

PHOTO SLIDESHOW

Why not put those old pictures, slides, film strips and digital pictures onto a CD for safe keeping or show off your best pictures with a Photo Slideshow set to music. I provide comprehensive photo scanning and archival services. Call Neil at 714-731-5241.

SAW FOR SALE

Sears 10" Radial Arm Saw. Good condition, with new table and new blade guard, all manuals. \$175.00 OBO. Call Ian at 714-838-4635.

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA COOKIE SALES

Watch for Girl Scouts selling cookies in front of local businesses March 3 through March 19.

Welcome to Park Paseo Board Highlights

(Board Highlights Cont.)

The Board reviewed and discussed the manager's suggestion to allow for the Jacaranda trees in our community to be trimmed before the scheduled 4-year cycle coming up this November, December. The Board agreed to allow the manager to obtain a bid from Leonard Chaidez and instructed the manager to also find when the city is scheduled to trim the Jacarandas they are responsible for.

The Board reviewed and discussed a bid proposal by Ron Wallace Construction to provide for uplifted concrete sidewalk grinds and replacement of missing and damaged slump stone wall capstones. It was agreed to accept the proposal not to exceed \$3,673.00.

The completed removal of the offending slump stone wall addition behind Fortuna West was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed the homeowner must either replace the capstones as existed originally, or must apply for an additional row on top of which the capstones must be placed.

A request was made by the Assistance League of Irvine to include a membership promotion article in the Park Paseo monthly newsletter. It was agreed unanimously that this could only be done if a homeowner acts as the contact and sponsor and is identified as such in the article.

The General Meeting notes of the North Irvine Villages Association were reviewed and discussed.

The financial reports for January 2006 were approved subject to final revision by the accountant and annual audit. The Association bank account statements were reviewed and discussed. The delinquent account report was reviewed and discussed, and management was requested to send three 30-day reminder letters.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of January 25, 2006 were reviewed and approved as corrected. The architectural violation log was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. and the next Board meeting has been set for March 13, 2006.

March Landscape Award Winner

The Miller family of 16 Glorieta West



Manager's Report DIVING BOARD DECISION

After lengthy and thorough review of the pros and cons of having a diving board, the Board of Directors has concluded it is in the best interest of our community not to replace the damaged diving board. Among the compelling arguments against replacement would be the need to increase the monthly dues by \$3.00 per homeowner per month just to cover the additional insurance premium required to cover the diving board. Our current annual insurance premium expense is \$17,685.25 per annum. With a diving board, the annual insurance premium would more than double to over \$36,200.00 and subject the association to ongoing and unpredictable annual premium increases related solely to diving board coverage.

After extensive research and consultation with several insurance brokers, we have discovered that there are no current California admitted insurance carriers that will underwrite a policy for general liability covering a homeowners' association with a diving board. While there are a few non-admitted carriers willing to provide coverage for our pool and diving board, the quoted premium, as noted above, more than doubles our current annual insurance cost. Additionally, a non-admitted carrier is not subject to regulatory oversight by the California Department of Insurance and in the event of insolvency (admittedly not likely, but possible), we would not be eligible to receive the additional protection of \$500,000.00 coverage per policy from the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) afforded California admitted carriers in the event of carrier insolvency.

While the association has been blessed with many years of safe use of a diving board, the Board of Directors believes that a diving board still poses a significant potential liability issue to the Park Paseo Homeowners' Association. During the period that the diving board was not available, it was noted that the activity and noise level in and around the pool was significantly less than in previous years. The reduced activity and noise level resulted in fewer distractions for our lifeguards and security guards and seemed to make for a more enjoyable pool experience overall for our homeowner families and guests.

The Board has been made aware that there are very few homeowners' associations that currently have a diving board and virtually no new associations are installing them due to the insurance costs and liability concerns. Do we really want to have the liability exposure incurred by having the only diving board within the local community?

Though there are arguments both pro and con relating to diving boards, the Park Paseo Board of Directors believes the costs and liability risks are compelling arguments outweighing the benefits and that it is in the best interest of our community to not reinstall a diving board at the main pool.

Park Paseo BOD

Editor's Corner

Hello out there! If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, please make sure that you call me and let me know if it's been sold or if you want your ad run for upcoming months. I'm happy to hear from you if you have something to share about life at home or here in the 'hood. Drop it by the Clubhouse or email me at:

Christine.Cavanagh@biola.edu.

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

West of Yale: (Wed.) March 1st & 15th

East of Yale: (Tues) March 7th & 21st

Please move your cars.

Welcome new homeowners!

Welcome Yeon Kim of 36 Christamon West. Go by and say hello to our new neighbors!

SKATEBOARDING

Lately, there have been a number of youths skateboarding on the steps near the entrance to the Prosa Pool. The damage to the bricks and concrete as well as the wax buildup along concrete edges indicates repeated use of this area for skateboarding. The sharp edges of the steps and brick pilasters present a danger to anyone falling into them. Serious injury could occur to our children. This represents a significant liability issue to our association and we cannot allow skateboarding there. Please do not allow any skateboarding on the steps by the Prosa Pool entrance.

Manager Gus Aarnaes.

March 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 PRIVATE PARTY
5	6	7 INDIAN PRINCESSES	8 GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1287	9	10 NORTHSTAR SWIM TEAM PARENT REGISTRATION 5-7 PM	11 PRIVATE PARTY
12	13 PPHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1401	18
19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21 INDIAN PRINCESSES	22 GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1287	23 CUB SCOUTS	24	25 NORTHSTAR SWIM TEAM PARENT REGISTRATION 9 AM—NOON
26	27	28	29 ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE MEETING	30	31	