

Soledad Canyon Homeowners Association

Minutes of November 20th, 2004 Regular Meeting w/potluck

1. Meeting Called to order at 7 PM.
2. Treasurer's report: \$1,711.03 in account.
3. It was noted that many residents felt meetings should be held earlier in the evening.
4. Darren and the road clean-up volunteers were thanked for their efforts. Some 40 people participated in the 9 AM event.

New Business:

5. Roadwork. The remediation of Dripping Springs road at A mountain is complete, thanks to quick work by a private contractor. Paul Curry indicated that work on extending the bike path was proceeding. The lane will be extended up the mountain next year.
6. Discussion of Post Office and Roads. Al Vickers gave a history of postal delivery to Talavera. Solutions include cooperative grating and cluster boxes. This discussion was prompted because many residents received letters indicating service may be discontinued due to impassable roads.

Bob Moulds of the Las Cruces Post Office responded to the letter, indicating that delivery will only stop when roads are impassable, a determination made by the postmaster. If residents wish cluster boxes to be installed, they can be in either 12 or 16 address units. Cluster boxes would have to be put on private land (safety issue on Soledad Canyon Rd). Issues with this.

A committee was called for to further discuss the issue.

7. Michael Montoya made a presentation on grey water use. Grey water is from sinks, bathtubs, etc, not from toilets, kitchen sinks, etc. No permit is needed to release less than 250 gallons a day. Such grey water must be stored in a covered tank, not in a floodway, and used for irrigation (on certain plants) within 24 hours. Residents can call the NM Environmental Department at 524-6300 with questions.
8. Dr. Cadena made a presentation on the Tortugas arroyo problem near the Farm and Ranch museum. With the removal of the earthen structure near Eddie Binn's gravel pits, 100% of the water will now flow over Soledad Canyon Road into the EBID reservoir. The area is already eroding. Impacts new church at site. In a 100 year flood situation, this would wash out road.

Solutions include either culverts or box culverts, at prices ranging up to \$150,000. Discussion with Rep. Cervantes and Commissioner Curry led to the suggestion a working committee be established to investigate the problem, funding, etc.

9. Rezoning. Gregg Henry reported on the recent ETA hearing regarding the new Denton development at the corner of Soledad Canyon and Dripping Springs roads. ETA decided on a compromise solution for 18 lots on the 31 acres, with no specifications on individual lot size. Gregg indicated this was a setback for reasonable development in the area and that further vigilance is needed.

10. Water Co-op. For those on wells, a water coop option is available.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted on November 22, 2004 by Jason Ackleson, SCHA Secretary/Treasurer.