

## **Soledad Canyon Homeowners Association**

### **Minutes of February 23, 2005 Regular Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order at 7 PM
2. Treasurer's report: \$1680.05 in account. SCHA Secretary/Treasurer to be stepping down after a year's service; election for new Secretary/Treasurer to be held during the June 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
3. Outstanding issues. Al Vickers discussed a number of continuing issues in the Talavera area, including the road and drainage remediation at "A" mountain, which has now concluded.

He issued a reminder about the Dark Skies act. Also noted that USPS will not be discontinuing service, but roads must be kept clear or neighbors should go to cluster boxes. DSL is available to some residents.

#### **New Business**

4. County Plans (Paul Curry). Commissioner Curry, Jorge Granados (Head of Roads) and Chuck Mayham (Director of Planning) discussed issues related to growth and planning in our area. Commissioner Curry gave an overview of the recent development, including the curve at A mountain and the problem of drainage over the main road near the Farm and Ranch museum. Between 4,000-10,000 CFS can occur at the crossing during a heavy rain. Options to prevent the road from washing out include box culverts to take care up something up to 10,000 (this would be approximately \$400,000). To take care of a rain event over 10,000 CFS would take over \$1 million.

Karen Perez brought up the issue of unbridled growth and unplanned growth. Commissioner Curry responded by saying that issues are complicated but considered carefully.

He moved on to discuss the resolution passed on 2/23/05 by the County Commission regarding the county accepting private roads not up to County standards. The Board can now take most any road based on the criteria discussed in the resolution.

Applications are made to the county board; recommendations issues to the Commission. Private owners must dedicate their property to the county for the road.

Application will be on the county website. \$250 fee.

Other issues of growth: ETZ and the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization—extends 5 miles from Las Cruces. The plan charts roads but does not guarantee funding. Few subdivision laws existed until 1973. The question remains what is the break point before infrastructure is placed by country?

5. Plans for use of Acreage donated to SCHA (Karen Perez). Discussion of possible park/recreation area on the lot to be donated to SCHA by Curry Construction. A playground has been suggested but originally was dismissed due to perceived high liability insurance costs. Karen Perez mentioned that it would be only \$350/year for liability insurance.

Poll to be taken about playground, nature walk, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted on February 23, 2005 by Jason Ackleson, SCHA Secretary/Treasurer.