

**PVRC Residents Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 2, 2007  
Palo Verde Community Room**

Present: John Pyles (Chair), Christine Cowgill, Jeff Furlong, Molly Burke, PV Residents

**Proceedings**

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chair John Pyles. John gives an introduction of PV members, and brief description and history of the PVRC. He then opens the floor to the residents for questions. Resident concerns include:

1. The number of cable channels residents can receive.
2. The inconvenience of steep speedbumps.
3. General maintenance matters including dirty gutters (especially in old PV), laundry rooms (also old PV), stairwells, hallways, and peeling exterior paint.
4. Parking enforcement and space.

PVRC members respond:

1. Cable: Direct TV dish on the SS tower that supplies cable for undergraduate dorms as well as Verano and PV. Top channels residents want are ESPN, Bravo, and the Food network. During the last ResNet poll (which was taken in 2005) only 44% of residents were willing to pay for these channels, so no action was taken. Currently, residents pay ~\$4 per month for cable. With this provider, we have an either-or situation; either get a normal cable bill with channels we choose, or this deal.

PVRC members agree to look into conducting a new poll, to see if resident interest in paying for cable channels has changed.

2. Speedbumps: Campus installed them theoretically to address safety concerns about high traffic in the parking lots (although the traffic was more a result of the previous closure of the Anteater Dr. exit). They are currently regulation height (they were shaved down once, because they were too high). Residents would like to modify speedbumps (i.e. add to them to make them "humps").

PVRC members encourage residents to e-mail the housing office about this issue, and to cc PVRC. PVRC members agree to add the speedbump issue to any survey (see, website) that goes out in the near future, to collect data to present to PV office.

3. Painting/roofing/cleaning: John asks how many residents present are satisfied with the general cleanliness of the buildings in old and new PV. 4 residents are satisfied, 5-6 residents are dissatisfied. Those dissatisfied complain about dirty hallways, stairwells,

and neighbors dropping things from third floor, 8700 building specifically. Floors of stairwells need to be pressure washed due to garbage drippage. PVRC residents describe the old PV repainting project, the budget for which is still being approved, and which may be planned for 2008. Present residents of old PV suggest that a one-time painting and roofing project would be preferable over splitting up the two projects.

Residents generally seem satisfied with the WEB laundry service; except that one resident points out that washing machines do not accept money for an extra rinse cycle, even though WEB advertises this. Residents complained that the old PV laundry rooms are almost always dirty. New PV residents were happy with the cleanliness of their laundry rooms.

4. Parking: Residents complain that they can't find spots, or have to park far away from their apartment. John cites an earlier survey conducted by PVRC that showed spots are always available in the back corner of new PV. He explains that old PV residents don't have so many options, but convenience can't be a valid excuse here for illegal parking. 6 citations appear to have been given the morning of Oct. 2 to residents in old PV who parked along curbs. A resident also raised a concern about some garages unused and compounding the problem in old PV. PVRC members discuss the risk of guest spots being taken away if residents can't find parking and complain. One resident is concerned about enforcement, especially of visitor passes (visitors who display a visitor pass but do not park in a designated visitor spot do not get cited). Two residents have a problem with visitor parking always being full. Concern is also expressed that some cars in visitor parking are there for long periods of time. PVRC members explain that Gerald is actively pursuing more consistent parking enforcement, especially of visitors.

Other issues:

Smoking/Pets: John encourages residents to report smoking incidents to PV office. Residents complain that they never know where smokers live, and there have been signs posted in their buildings anyway. Residents do NOT want designated smoking areas near the laundry rooms. They approve the idea of a smoking area near the grills by the 8400 building.

Cell phone reception. Good providers appear to be Sprint, Verizon. Bad providers include T-mobile, Cingular. Jeff explains that the geography of Irvine and the limited number of cell phone towers are probably at root of this problem. PVRC members agree to add this issue to any upcoming residents survey.

**Public meeting concludes at 8:00pm. The internal PVRC business meeting commences.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**