

**Cottonwood Palo Verde  
Safety and Security Committee Meeting  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Board Liaison present:** Tami Ronnfeldt

**Management present:** Steve Hardesty, General Manager, and Tom Catri, Patrol Manager

**Committee Members present:** Mike Rogers, Catherine Nelson, Carole Weiner, Bob Mariano, Chris Walter, Edd Welsh, and Tom Rainville

**Committee Members absent:** None

**Homeowners:** None

**Guests:** None

**Called to Order:** 10:00 am

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were approved

**Agenda:**

- **Old Business:**
  - Mike asked Steve about the progress of the speed control project. Steve stated that the Cottonwood Pool project has been given priority. Steve recommended to the committee that the speed control project be discussed again in February.
  - The Fire Marshal inspected the Ceramics Room door (that exits to the courtyard) last month, and determined that the door should be changed out to a steel door, and a panic bar/panic hardware should be installed. Steve stated that a recommendation from this committee should be made to the Board of Directors for that work to be completed.
  - Catherine stated that she had contacted MCDOT about the missing stop sign at Michigan Avenue and Saddletree Drive. She will report back once she has received an answer.
  - Mike stated that the cabinet for the committee's equipment has been installed at the back of the Cottonwood Pro Shop.
  - Mike stated that he has met with representatives from the Sun Lakes Foundation and the Sun Lakes Women's Association about requesting grants to purchase equipment for the AED program, including additional two-way radios and chargers. The respective letters will be sent soon.
  
- **New Business**
  - Mike brought up the topic of short-term rentals in CWPV. There are homeowners who are bypassing the regulation of registering their homes as rentals and paying the required fees. There are also homeowners who are renting out their homes to those under 55 years of age.
  - There was a request by a homeowner to look at the corner of San Tan Blvd and Alma School Road. The homeowner stated that this corner is dark, and the stop sign at the NE corner has decreased visibility. Steve stated that the street lights at this intersection are solar powered. Jim Miller (Facilities Manager) has investigated this problem in the past and determined that there was no underground power at this location.

### **Management/BoD Liaison Comments:**

- **BoD Liaison:**
  - Tami Ronnfeldt read the November 2024 Board of Directors Report.
- **Management Report:**
  - Steve Hardesty reviewed the purpose of committees which is to be the eyes and ears of the community. Homeowners communicate concerns to the appropriate committees, and committee members make recommendations to management or to the Board of Directors.
- **Patrol Manager Report:**
  - Tom stated that Patrol had fourteen incidents reported in November.
  - The annual CWPV Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be this coming Friday.

### **Homeowner/Committee Comments:**

- Carole Weiner was concerned due to homeowners walking a night with dark clothing on and could not be seen by drivers. Carole asked for solutions. Catherine stated that the October Safety and Security Column discussed this. Suggestions in that article were to walk facing traffic, to wear light colored clothing, or a reflective vest (available at various online retailers). If homeowners are walking their dogs after dark, both dog collars and leashes are available with reflective tape stitched on. Make sure to always keep the dog on a leash, as dogs may become spooked and run into traffic. The last suggestion was to be always be aware of one's surroundings.

### **Recommendations for BoD:**

- To replace the door to the Ceramics Room, and have panic hardware installed on the inside.

### **Recommendations for Management:**

- None at this time.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

**Next Meeting:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 am in CLC 101

### **Submitted by:**

Catherine Nelson, Vice Chair  
Mike Rogers, Chair