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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Community Enhancement Committee is developing a long-term strategy for Community Enhancement while at the same time implementing improvements designed in prior years. In the last several years in consultation with respected landscape consultant RGA, concepts for improving the main boulevards and medians of Ironwood were developed and shared with residents in special forums, the Ironwood Community Council and the Ironwood Country Club board. Overall reception was extremely positive and therefore the ICA board approved the Medians and Boulevards section of the long-term strategy after incorporating feedback received in the special forums. The first phase of the Medians and Boulevards program was implemented in the summer of 2009 which included converting the left turn lanes at the Mariposa/Irontree intersection to colorful desertscape. In addition thirty year old irrigation and lighting systems were replaced.

To our benefit, we found contractor pricing for the 2009 improvements was especially attractive, which allowed us to add to the program by replacing existing asphalt with pavers in the seven "side streets" that run parallel to Irontree and Mariposa. Resident response to these improvements has been extremely positive.

During the year 2009/2010 we are continuing to work with RGA to develop conceptual plans for Parkway Plantings which if approved will be added to the long term strategy. We intend to conduct a similar process for review and approval of the Parkway Plantings section of the long-term strategy. In addition in 2010 we intend to continue the Median improvements as budget will allow, hopefully completing a major section of Mariposa Drive and possibly start on Irontree Drive. Sidestreet medians are those that are between the boulevard and the sidestreets that received pavers last year. Early in 2010 we anticipate converting the four sidestreet medians along Irontree to desertscape similar to the boulevard median work completed in 2009.

Members: Larry Abbott, Chuck Henderson, Rick Carlson and Larry Sutter, Chair

Larry Sutter, Chair

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Compliance Committee is here to ensure compliance with ICA's governing documents, including the rules and regulations. The Compliance Committee is charged with conducting violation hearings, imposing fines, making recommendations and proposing actions to be taken and issuing ruling notices. Matters are brought to the attention of the Compliance Committee by individual homeowners and the security staff regarding, among other things, the use of transponders, speeding, other vehicle violations, nuisances interfering with the use and enjoyment of ones property. We meet on an as needed basis to address violations. This year we are reviewing the ICA Rules and Regulations and plan on proposing revisions to the ICA Board and the membership.

Members: Roger Comerford, Edward Siminich, Sharron Badham, Nancy Parkinson, and Janet Plat, Chair

Janet Plat, Chair

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

This committee was established to inform the Ironwood community of the need for a manageable Emergency Preparedness Plan that is designed to provide basic community support following an earthquake, flood, landslide, fire or high wind damage. It is expected that such events could cause major road damage and interrupt communication lines and the availability of utilities.

As we have seen in New Orleans, Haiti and now Chile, communities, towns and even whole regions may be isolated for several days and need to fend for themselves in terms of water, food, medical supplies and first aid due to serious damage to local infrastructure. Therefore, the committee's role is also one of education; to inform residents how to adequately prepare themselves to survive the interim period between a major event and the arrival of outside help.

This committee is chaired by an ICA director and composed of members who have a strong interest in emergency preparedness. It should maintain a working relationship with Ironwood Security.

The ICA Emergency Preparedness Committee will establish a very basic plan with emphasis on homeowner education and preparedness, supported by certain complementary services to be provided by their local HOA, ICA and the City of Palm Desert.

The 2010 goals of the committee are as follows:

- Plan a special event featuring emergency preparedness information, supplies and speakers at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Members.
- Be an active participant in the City of Palm Desert's Gated Community Emergency Preparedness program.
- Establish and maintain radio communication links with the City of Palm Desert via Ironwood Security and, perhaps, local HOA heads.
- Establish regular communications with residents via the ICA newsletter and website to help insure Emergency Preparedness awareness and preparation.

Members: Larry Sutter, Sharron Badham, and Mitch Grossman

Mitch Grossman
Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The role of the Finance Committee is to work with the Treasurer to control operating expenses versus inflation, maintain and communicate a 5-year operating projection and 10-year capital plan, while building reserves to support the capital plan.

In building the capital plan, the Finance Committee works closely with the Streets, Enhancement and Planning Committees.

This fall the Finance Committee adopted the following goals for 2009-2010:

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1. Study, evaluate and report on the relative advantages/disadvantages of transferring the ICA operating bank account from Pacific Western to Sunrise Community Bank. This study would include an assessment of the stability and safety of each bank.
2. Consider various options available for the secure investment of ICA Reserve Funds given our fiduciary duty to preserve the value of the Reserve funds.
3. Develop standard contracts which would enable HOAs to obtain bulk pricing from vendors for landscaping, pest control, pool service, etc.
4. Investigate bulk pricing for ICA and HOA Director and Officer Liability Insurance.

Members: Ken Bruce, Al Dau, Allan Jackson, Norm Kaelber, Sharron Badham, and Alison Delf, Chair

Alison Delf, Chair

IRONWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To facilitate community collaboration, the Ironwood Community Council was formed and meets approximately three times per season to discuss common issues and address community-wide problems. Topics and activities addressed in the past year included the water conservation and practices and experiences, website planning, Ironwood Concierge Service, Emergency Preparedness, and Community Enhancement planning. Guest speakers this past season included representatives from the Coachella Valley Water District as well as Executive Errands, the firm handling our concierge service. In the most recent meeting, several HOAs shared their water conservation practices and experiences. As well, there were on-going ICA committee updates and discussions covering such topics as security, streets, landscaping community enhancement planning and architectural preferences.

Having a diverse and decentralized organization structure in Ironwood offers special challenges, and we feel the Council plays an important role in providing a forum to address important community matters in a timely matter.

Members: The ICA Board of Directors, the Presidents of the sixteen HOAs, a representative of the Ironwood Country Club, and a representative of Desert Resort Management.

Larry Sutter, Chair

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee has been very active this past year. Early in the year, the "Role of the Committee" was established, defining its role and responsibilities. One of the initial goals was to have a representative from each of the HOAs and this has been nearly attained. The committee facilitates communication and collaboration between all of Ironwood's associations and helps support and implement the recommendations of the ICA Enhancement Committee.

A major focus has been on sharing ideas as to how to save on water usage, recognizing the significant adverse financial impact from the newly introduced CVWD tiered water pricing

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system. The committee is in the process of developing a landscape plan which will outline both near and longer term goals with the near term actions focused on contemporary landscape appearance within the community as well as attaining other operational savings. It is important to recognize that the primary responsibility for all landscaping programs and expenditures rests with the individual owners associations and that the committee's role is primarily one of facilitation.

A major community landscape savings accomplished this past season was negotiating a special price for palm tree trimming that saved the community about \$30,000.

The chairman would like to thank all the committee members for their efforts and support this past year.

Members: Alan Nelson, Bill Blue, Bill Seal, Ruthe Shatz, David Givens, Ernie Hawks, Jim Volz, Judy Metz, Kathy Dwyer, Mason Smith, Meline Pickus, Pamela Smallwood, Pat Mahler, Paul Blume, Sonya Hammond, and Larry Abbott, Chair

Larry Abbott, Chair

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee has routinely developed a rolling Five Year Strategic Plan during each successive year. Because of recent major changes in the economic, political and social environment the Plan will undergo a significant rewrite this year. The process will commence on February 23, 2010 with a day long strategic planning exercise. This group effort will include numerous members of the community who are not members of the committee and will create a broader community input. The focus of the committee during 2010 will be to address the issues discussed during the planning process and to define the "Driving Forces" behind the decisions to be made in future years. The goal is to create a long range plan that is primarily focused on future considerations to be dealt with.

Members: Janet Plat, Larry Sutter, Alison Delf, Dave Alexander and Ron Doll, Chair

Ron Doll, Chair

SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Security Committee has been busy this year. We have proposed a community-wide website/gate access system with the dual goals of better uniting the entire Ironwood community and making Ironwood a safe and secure place to live. Although our crime rates are among the lowest in the Coachella Valley, we can always improve. .

Gate Pass System Transponders are issued to residents and nonresident Club members only for the number of vehicles (including golf carts) in a household. All service people entering over five (5) times per month have to purchase a transponder which will have limited hours

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programmed into it; other service people can be admitted using day passes. Please help us by not loaning your transponder to a car to which it does not belong. This is a violation of the rules and regulations and undermines our efforts.

Surveillance Cameras With the surveillance cameras installed at the gates last year, we have a record of every vehicle entering and exiting Ironwood, including license plates and time of entry/exit. Already the cameras have proved very valuable for viewing activity at the gates and for tracking down potential perpetrators of criminal activity on the premises.

Enforcement In order to ensure the safety within the neighborhood, the security staff is using radar guns to check speed and watching for stop sign violations for all vehicles, including golf carts. Please be aware that you will be cited. After 3 tickets, you will incur a fine. So, please, obey the rules for the safety and health of all of us.

Monthly Activity Reports An activity report is prepared monthly that provides data on a number of things so that we can better manage our security. As usual, most of our losses of property have been breaking and entering homes or garages through unlocked doors. We individually need to control that.

Security Staff The role of our security staff is to administer the gates and patrol the property. They are not a police force. In the event of a crime, or suspected crime, the Palm Desert police are brought in. We have a fine security team that is carrying out their assignments. We need to treat them with courtesy and respect as they do their job.

Members: Roger Comerford, Gern Nagler, Gary Schulze, Sharron Badham, Nancy Parkinson, Fred McLean, and Janet Plat, Chair.

Janet Plat, Chair

STREETS COMMITTEE

The Streets Committee plans for and oversees the ongoing maintenance of Ironwood streets, curbs and gutters. The committee is currently directing a replacement program for all Ironwood streets. With the recent passage of phase one of the Enhancement Plan by the ICA Board the streets committee role has been expanded to include coordination of the replacement of all work related to the Enhancement Plan including median landscape upgrades, irrigation, and lighting. If future planning is approved Parkway Plantings and review of the gates will be included.

Originally the street program was scheduled for a 14 year implementation. Subsequent boards voted to accelerate the program to a projected completion date of 2012. We expect to complete the asphalt work in the older Ironwood neighbor streets in 2010 and begin the full depth reclamation (FDR) asphalt work on our major thoroughfares as well. The more substantial FDR technique is being used on all neighbor streets which should result in a longer lasting roadway.

Due to its role, the ongoing repair and maintenance costs, and the cyclical nature of roadway maintenance, the Streets Committee works closely with the Treasurer, Finance Committee, reserve study preparer, as well as the Enhancement, Planning and Landscape Committees.

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The committee performs continuous research on the streets, and related assets re-evaluating the methods and costs of replacement and major maintenance of the streets and related systems.

Chuck Henderson, Chair