

ROYAL CANYON PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

I. Member Social Gathering

~15:00 PM — Social Gathering.

II. Member Business Meeting

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

~15:38 PM — President Cheryl Frees-Yvega called to order the RCPOA Member Business Meeting at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The Secretary announced that a quorum has been achieved.

2. Opening Comments and Introduction of Board Members, Committee Chairs, Past Presidents, and Dignitaries

~15:40 PM — President Cheryl Frees-Yvega presented.

- Cheryl called attention to the large display of RCPOA historical documents, artifacts, and memorabilia along the west wall of the ballroom. We'll keep the display up after the meeting so everyone will have a chance to look it over.
- Acknowledgement of the beautifully renovated Cypress Ballroom — a perfect venue to kick off our 50th year with you.
- We have a Back to the Future program today with two speakers, one who will give a slideshow presentation of the Royal Boulevard Historic District and one who will give a presentation on the future of Glendale.
- Cheryl asked the directors to stand as she called their names one at a time to introduce them to the membership and explain the function and achievements of each.
- Introduction of the new directors: Richard Blasco, Byron Hibdon, Brad Nelson.
- Recognition of non-Director committee chairs and present committee members.
 - Stephanie Schus: Former RCPOA Director and Interest Groups Chair since 2011.
 - John Ovsepien: Neighborhood Security Committee.

~15:45 PM — Cheryl Recognized Past Presidents of the last 30 years:

- Mary Ann Prelock (*not in attendance*). Mary Ann is responsible for the Save the Civic campaign in the '80s. Mary Ann served as President from 1989 to 1991.

- Dan Cabrera. Dan served 2 terms as RCPOA President. The first was from 1994 to 1997, and his second term was from 2005 to 2008. It was during Dan's 2nd term that the new palm trees were planted along Royal Boulevard, and we enjoyed the first of many family picnics.
- John Wolff. John was RCPOA President from 2008 to 2011 and it was during his term that a section of Royal Boulevard became the first historical overlay district in the City of Glendale.
- Leanne Reynolds. Leanne was President from 2011 to 2015 and her term brought improved communications as we started using Nextdoor.com and Constant Contact. Interest Groups were established, and National Night Out became a yearly event in our neighborhood.

Thank you to all the Past Presidents for their service to RCPOA.

~15:46 PM — Cheryl thanked former Glendale Mayor and current City Council Member Paula Devine. At last year's Annual Member Meeting, not only did Paula pro-actively take notes when people raised concerns, but she sent the appropriate people out to help us with those concerns.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report

~15:47 PM — Treasurer Richard Lee presented.

- Richard reviewed for the members his Financial Report for the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2018 ([attached](#)).
- Richard concluded by saying that he will be available after the meeting in case anyone has any questions.

4. Richard Lee's 35 Year Anniversary as an RCPOA Director

~15:50 PM — President Cheryl Frees-Yvega presented.

Cheryl described the work Richard has done for the association beyond the duties of Treasurer.

- Richard also keeps track of our event RSVP lists and always greets people at our events, along with his wife Carol.
- As our delegate to the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council, Richard keeps us informed of issues going on in other Home Owners Associations and he will be installed as the GHCC Treasurer for another term on Monday.
- Not only does Richard handle our finances, but as we've learned in putting our 50 year history display together, Richard is the unofficial historian of the RCPOA as he probably has the biggest collection of newsletters and RCPOA documents available.
- Richard joined the RCPOA Board in 1983, served as Vice President from 1985 to 1989 at which point he became our Treasurer, which makes this Richard's 30th year as Treasurer and his 35th year as a Director.

Cheryl asked Richard to return to the podium.

“Because of your hard work and continued dedication, I would like to present you, Richard Lee, with a 35-year service pin and certificate. Thank you for not only being our treasurer, but our treasure as well.”

5. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors

~15:53 PM — Nominating Committee Chair Wendy Myers presented.

- Wendy explained the makeup of the Board (i.e., the number of Directors and their terms) as specified in the Articles of Incorporation.
- Composition of the Nominating Committee: Three Past Presidents: Dan Cabrera, Leanne Reynolds, and John Wolff; and two current directors: Wendy Myers, and Todd Yvega.
- There are 6 directors whose terms expire today: Cheryl Frees-Yvega, Armine Hacopian, Richard Lee, Wendy Myers, Tina Parsegian, Beth Volpe.
- Each of these 6 directors has agreed to serve another two year term. They all work for the association on a volunteer basis and the Nominating Committee is thankful for their service and happy to have them on the Board for another two years.

Motion by Wendy Myers: *“I move that the members of this Association elect Cheryl Frees-Yvega, Armine Hacopian, Richard Lee, Wendy Myers, Tina Parsegian, and Beth Volpe each to a two-year term on the Board of Directors.”*

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Highlights of the Past 50 Years

~15:57 PM — President Cheryl Frees-Yvega presented.

“2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Royal Canyon Property Owners Association and as current President, I had the distinct honor of going through our Secretary’s historical box of agendas, meeting minutes, old newsletters and adding on to the RCPOA history that’s listed on our website from our 40th year to our 50th year. In going through that history, which was very enlightening and fun, I noticed that the issues over the years fall into 4 recurring categories:”

- Development
- Neighborhood Security
- Neighborhood Improvement
- Social Events

Developmemnt

- Cheryl described some of the notable development-related issues that the RCPOA was involved with over the last 50 years:

- The further development of Royal Boulevard above Imperial Drive.
- The development of Dead Horse Canyon, today known as Greenbriar Canyon.
- Development above Old Phillips Road, through the development of Glen Knolls, down to Arboles Drive.
- A proposed Tennis Court at the top of Royal Boulevard in 1978.
- A proposed museum at the site of the Civic Auditorium parking lot in 2016.
- Development was such an important topic, it is what started this association. The RCPOA Articles of Incorporation state: *The purpose for which this corporation is formed are as follows: The specific and primary purpose is to investigate and attempt to effect action on matters including Master Plans, Traffic Patterns, Zone Changes, Variances, City Ordinances, Recreational Facilities, and other factors bearing upon the development of the hill areas and other adjacent areas thereto, with the object of assuring an orderly and proper development in the best interests of all the citizens of the area, while preserving the integrity of our native resources and their natural beauty.*

Neighborhood Security

- In going through the past 50 years, Neighborhood Security was the second biggest issue, immediately behind Development.
- Security has always been an issue for us, with neighborhood watch groups being formed, neighborhood watch groups being expanded, neighborhood watch signs being posted, neighborhood meetings with the GPD and now we have our Neighborhood Security Committee.
- "These days we use Nextdoor.com to alert neighbors in real time about issues of security. We have had hot prowls in our neighborhood at least twice that I can find record of, we have discussed additional street lighting, and the feasibility and cost of security patrols were considered in 1981 and again in 2017."

Neighborhood Improvement

- In 1969, traffic lights were installed at Ethel Street and East Mountain Street. Now we have stop signs at that location.
- Stop signs were also posted on Royal Boulevard at Princes Drive, upper Imperial Drive and Old Phillips Road in the '80s.
- In 2014, traffic improvements at Royal Boulevard, Arboles Drive and Princes Drive, included moving stop signs to a more natural stopping point.
- In 2017 the RCPOA contacted the city about the blind intersection of Misty Isle Drive and Heather Ridge Drive, which resulted in the City painting curbs red, having residents trim bushes to improve visibility, and installing a T-intersection ahead sign.
- Over the years, faded street signs have been replaced.
- 1-hour parking was instituted on Royal Boulevard and Del Monte Drive to ease the college parking problem of the '80s. Today we have parking by permit instead.

- We have had an Area Beautification Contest, we provided a dumpster for Royal Canyon Residents to encourage cleaning out garages, and we have hosted area garage sales until GPD noted that may bring criminals into our neighborhoods and give them an opportunity to case our homes. (Security first!)
- We planted new palm trees on Royal Boulevard in 2007 to replace the aging signature palms.
- The Civic Auditorium renovation was a huge improvement issue in the '80s and sparked the "Save the Civic" campaign headed by former RCPOA President, Mary Ann Prelock.
- In 2008, the Glendale City Council designated Royal Boulevard the City's first Historic District from 1400 to 1520 Royal Boulevard.
- In 2017, the RCPOA supported The Glendale Historical Society's nomination of the Glendale Civic Auditorium to the California Register of Historical Resources and thanks to the hard work of former Glendale Historical Society President Greg Grammer, The State Office of Historic Preservation approved the Glendale Historical Society's nomination one year ago today.

Social Events

- Our neighborhood is very social.
- We have had an Annual Summer Social going back to the 1970s, have had a family picnic for 13 years and our first annual National Night Out was in 2012.
- This year, instead of a family picnic at Verdugo Park, we're looking to expand National Night Out to include a picnic.
- The first time our Annual Member Meeting was held at the Oakmont Country Club in 1982, it featured a champagne brunch.
- The RCPOA conducted the first of 2 walking tours of Royal Canyon in 1999 with a Naturalist.
- Interest Groups were established in 2011 with the Gardening Group, followed in the next few years with the Book Discussion Group, Cooking Groups, a Parents Group, and a Hiking Group.
- In the '90s, our December Board meeting featured a Board appreciation dinner at the home of Secretary Jim Eddy. (Spouses are appreciated as well.)
- For amusement, Cheryl read the charmingly concise complete minutes from the December 6, 1999 Board meeting:

There was a meeting.
 Most everyone attended.
 We talked about several things.
 We still have money.
 A nominating committee was appointed.
 There will be a get-together in February.
 The meeting was adjourned.
 We had a nice dinner and social experience.
 That's all. J. Eddy, Secretary

Closing remarks: We socialize and we know our neighbors. Getting to know each other helps us with neighborhood security and improvement and that bond helps us get through the development issues when they arise.

7. Adjournment of Member Business Meeting

~16:06 PM — The Chair adjourned the RCPOA Member Business Meeting. "Back to the Future" program to follow.

III. Program

1. Slideshow Presentation of the Royal Boulevard Historic District

~16:06 PM — Presented by Greg Grammer

Greg Grammer was elected to The Glendale Historical Society Board of Directors in 2007 and served as President from 2011 to 2018. Under his leadership, The Glendale Historical Society has become a robust organization with nearly 750 members that provides a strong voice for historic preservation in Glendale. Greg was instrumental in the formation of the Royal Boulevard Historic District, and he and his partner Simon successfully nominated their 1936 French Revival home, McCall's House, to the Glendale Register of Historic Resources.

2. Slideshow Presentation on the Future of Glendale

~16:30 PM — Presented by Bradley Calvert

Bradley Calvert is a member of American Institute of Certified Planners and is the Assistant Director of Community Development – Planning Division for the city of Glendale. He oversees current planning, long range and comprehensive planning, urban design, historic preservation, and mobility. This work includes an update to the Downtown Specific Plan, streetcar feasibility study, Space 134 freeway park, design review and entitlement processes, and improvements to mobility.

3. Conclusion of Program

~17:00 PM — President Cheryl Frees-Yvega announced the conclusion of the Program.

- Cheryl announced that before we disperse, we have some prizes to raffle off. Cheryl asked Bradley Calvert if he would kindly draw the winning tickets for us.
- Concluding statement: "Happy 50th Anniversary RCPOA! We couldn't have gotten here without all of you, our Board members AND their spouses, our committee members, and you... our membership — our neighbors and friends."

Todd Yvega, Secretary

