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LA CANADA NORTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA)
Special Meeting – Speed Bumps
May 13, 2023 – 1 PM HELD AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST 66

The special meeting of the La Canada Norte HOA membership was held on May 13, 2023. This meeting was to discuss speed bumps only.

CALL TO ORDER

The speed bump meeting was formally called to order by President Louis Butler at 1:00 PM. Twenty-six homeowner lots were represented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Rick McCallum was first to give his report. Rick spoke with a paving company, Tucson Asphalt. Rick also spoke with a civil engineer, from the town of Sahuarita, speed bumps are only installed in private parking lots, not public streets. Speed bumps vs speed humps which are 12" by 3 ½", designed to reduce speed, it will cut down 40% to 60% of speed. There was a 2013 discussion about speed bumps and 2017 discussion of speed bumps at which time it was decided not to pursue. At the 2019 annual meeting it was voted not to get speed bumps. Rick stated that the HOA would have speed humps, not speed bumps.

Homeowners will have to purchase and the city will maintain once the HOA gets them in. Which streets to have speed humps? Famoso and possibly Colorete, cul-de-sacs which are feeders would also be included. 60% of the vote on speed humps from the homeowner lots that are affected are needed to continue the process. City would have a traffic mediation meeting to determine the need for the speed humps. Fire dept does not like speed humps especially since the HOA does not have the fire hydrants, flood control would be an issue, sidewalks are a consideration since the HOA does not have any.

Police dept is the next step, we will have to deal with the police three times, city traffic engineer or traffic monitor will decide on the need, tendency is to overestimate speeding.

Civil engineer quote will be \$1500 to \$2400 could be more, stripping \$3700, signage cost unknown, speed humps could be \$4500 per hump, as much as \$7500 (another quote). Two or three humps on Famoso would be required, city does not put only one hump per street, they will be 400 to 500 feet apart. Two speed humps could cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 which would include the costs above. The city would maintain the speed humps. Twenty-seven (27) lots will get to vote, these are lots on Famoso, Colorete, and cul-de-sacs. These homeowners can go directly to the city, if they want to pay themselves, the 27 homeowners do not need HOA. The 27 homeowners will then spread costs over those 27 homes.

Pros and Cons:

Cons: Increase noise in the neighborhood by slowing and accelerating, hard on emergency vehicles and slows response time, danger to motorcycles and bikes, vehicles may pull right to avoid speed humps, pushes traffic to adjacent streets, expensive for homeowners, water drainage issues.

Pros: Lower speed by as much as 40% to 60% and saves lives.

Liz Puhak, homeowner, states that she has not seen that much traffic. A study over 25 MPH showed out of 46,000 only fifty were above speed 50 MPH. Liz also asked who would be liable if an accident occurred, Board Member Rick McCallum stated that we, the La Canada Norte HOA, would NOT be liable. Liz stated that she is not in favor of speed humps.

Betsy Gifford stated that there is in fact a lot of traffic and speeders. Between the early school hours and between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM is the busiest and noisiest. Betsy walks her dogs twice a day and she sees this as a big problem.

A homeowner asked if we could close off the end of Famoso, Board Member Jim Mangini stated that he had asked the question of Paul Burton, from the City of Sahuarita, and no, we cannot close off the street it is a public street. We also cannot become a "Gated Community" because of that reason.

Larry Bailey asked if we do put in the speed humps will that actually slow the traffic volume, Board Member Rick McCallum said, no, it will not.

Terry Pickrell asked if the city will put in speed humps if homeowners take on the responsibility, Board Member Rick McCallum said, yes, but if the city checked with the HOA and the HOA was against it, they most likely would not install them.

Renee LeCours asked if the HOA could go to the city to address this. President Butler said yes, at a council meeting.

Board Member Bill Grinley was asked by President Butler if he had anything to comment. Bill stated that when he purchased his house and saw the traffic on Famoso he was, at that time, in favor of speed humps, but voted NO, at the annual meeting in 2019 after hearing the facts concerning the speed humps. Bill stated the cons: speed after going over speed humps, braking and acceleration noise. Bumps from pickup trucks and things falling out of the trucks. Bill counted fifteen cars in thirty minutes. How about children riding bikes, the police need to patrol the streets.

Board Member Jim Mangini stated that he spoke with Paul Burton this past Thurs, and that Paul quoted prices of speed humps to be \$6000 to \$8000 per speed hump, plus cost of the engineer and signage. The HOA has no choice of speed hump placement, the engineer will decide. Everything will have to be paid up front before anything can begin. Jim stated that he disagreed with Rick on the point that the HOA does in fact own the speed humps and the maintenance of

the speed humps will in fact be the responsibility of the HOA. Jim stated that the EMT's are slowed down by the speed humps by 6 to 12 seconds, that street sweepers will opt out of cleaning our streets, the cost of signage will be the responsibility of the HOA. Jim noted that he agrees there is a lot of traffic on Famoso, and that he sees the same four cars speeding on a regular basis.

Board Member Jim Mangini also spoke with Lt. Carlson of the Sahuarita police dept, with reference to the speeding problem on Famoso. Jim felt that if there was a patrol car in the development at least twice per month, this may help, that in NJ where he was a policeman this worked, especially when tickets were handed out. Police were present in front of Lou's house at least once, but this is not enough to slow down speeders. It was asked by a homeowner if a small roundabout is possible, Jim said that he asked the question to Paul Burton and Paul said, "no."

Roger Attleson asked if a patrol car with a mannequin would help to slow down traffic and speeders, Jim answered "yes, for a while, until someone noticed that it was, in fact, a mannequin."

Board Member Jim Mangini stated that if speed humps were installed by the HOA everyone in the HOA would foot the bill, everyone has to pay.

President Butler asked Linda Mangini to read Article VII concerning assessments. Article VII is in the La Canada Norte HOA By-Laws.

Board Member Rick McCallum stated, in order for the city to move forward, 60% who live on Famoso, Colorete, and cul-de-sacs must vote yes, but the HOA could vote no, which would end the speed hump discussion. Board Member Jim Mangini stated the HOA trumps the town on any discussion or vote.

After many discussions on what motions to vote on, it was decided that a straight forward vote on whether to vote to continue to investigate installing speed humps or what homeowner lots DID NOT want to continue investigating speed humps would be taken since more than half of the homeowner lots (26) were present at the meeting.

President Butler asked for a showing of hands for what homeowner lots wanted to continue to investigate on installing speed humps, a showing of six (6) hands FOR were counted. A letter was given to President Butler before the meeting from a homeowner who also has a rental as well as lives in the community, this homeowner has two votes for the speed humps, bringing the YES vote to eight (8) in favor of continuing to investigate speed humps.

President Butler asked for a showing of hands against further investigation of speed humps, the vote was counted twice AGAINST, a showing of seventeen hands (17) were counted.

There was one homeowner lot who abstained from voting, this brings the final count to twenty-six (26) homeowner lots accounted for.

President Butler then stated that the matter of speed humps is now a dead issue, and has been decided upon by the La Canada Norte HOA.

Renee LeCours thanked the board members who presented the speed humps information, she stated that she knew it was a lot of information to gather and that she appreciated the efforts.

Board Member, Rick McCollum said that he had an additional comment to make. Rick McCallum stated that he is resigning immediately, as on this date, from the Board of Directors of the La Canada Norte HOA. His letter of resignation was accepted by President Louis Butler.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

President Louis Butler requested and received a motion to adjourn, with a second. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned a 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Reith, Secretary

Date

Louis Butler, President

Date