

Minutes of Casablanca Communications Committee Sept. 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Syd Sonneborn at the pool #4 deck area at 10:00 AM. Approximately 18 homeowners were present.

Syd started the meeting with announcements on the up coming Shake Out Drill scheduled for October 20 at 10:20 AM. Residents are asked to practice the survival procedure of "Drop, Cover and hold on" and then come down to the association's tennis courts for a "Champagne" social which should start at about 10:30 AM.

He also reminded everyone that the City of Palm Desert will be conducting CERT (Community Emergency Response Team training) at the College of the Desert. **The training schedule came out after the meeting. Two sessions will be offered. One will be in December (Dec. 3,4, and 10 and the other will be in February (Feb 25,26 and March 3). Information on registering will be posted in our Bulletin boards. The \$30.00 class fee will be paid by the Association.**

The meeting then was opened up to the members attending. Almost all of the comments were on the painting project and landscape conversion to Xeriscape. All comments made on the painting scheme were positive. There were many questions raised on the schedule for replacing the torn out plants and how a home owner could have some input on the plant scheme around their own homes. Gail and Howard fielded the questions. Basically, the Association in working with the landscaper has developed a list of plants that will be used that fulfill the requirement of being drought and heat resistant and colorful. A home owner can interact with the Landscape Committee by contacting Management (Rhonda Drews). If space is available and the choice of plants are consistent with the plant scheme, the homeowner should be able to have their wishes taken into serious consideration. A home owner requested that the list of plants be posted on our web site in order that homeowner's who wish to, could coordinate what they plant in their patios to what will be planted outside in the common area.

Another homeowner requested that the Architectural Committee select a red paint color in order that the faux brick trim on homes could be freshened up too.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by: Syd Sonneborn, chair, Communications Committee