

October 25, 2005

Board President Dennis Merrill
Saddle Creek Community Services District

Re: Presidents Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee Report on Construction Noise and Animal Control Issues

Background

June 12, 2005 Mrs. Phyllis Richards, Mr. Walt Higgins and Mr. Dave Pugno were appointed to the Presidents Ad Hoc Citizen Advisory Committee on Construction Noise and Animal Control Issues. CSD Clerk Sue Russ, Maintenance Manager Greg Hebard and General Manager Charlie Martin provided staff assistance to the Committee.

The Committee's charge was to seek input from residents on any concerns or suggestions they might have with regard to the District's handling of Construction Noise or Animal Control Issues.

During their first meeting on August 4, 2005, it was determined, that given the relatively small number of residents, an informal approach would be the most effective method of gathering information. Essentially, individual Committee Members, who reside in various areas of the community, would have direct contact with their friends and neighbors during both private and public social functions.

On September 23, 2005, the Committee met to discuss their individual findings. During this meeting, Committee members reached consensus on the Findings and Recommendations that will be presented in the following section of this report.

Findings and Recommendations

1. Construction Noise: In general, the Committee found that while some residents mentioned that weekend construction noise had been a problem some weeks past, there were no significant number of complaints at present. Indications are that the major problems were corrected when the weekend gate staffing hours were increased. It was the consensus of the committee that presently, the cooperative efforts of Castle & Cooke and the CSD to manage this problem were reasonably successful.

Recommendations: While it is recognized that construction noise will occur during construction activities, the Committee recommends that Castle & Cooke and the CSD continue to cooperatively and aggressively monitor this area to assure that construction activities do not take place during prohibited times.

2. Animal Control Issues: Committee Members received the following comments and complaints on animal control issues, a) one resident complained that dogs were being allowed to run off leash, b) a few residents mentioned that dogs were being allowed to

swim in the lakes, c) at least one resident expressed concern that dogs located in back yards adjacent to the golf course had on occasion barked and disturbed golfers d) a few residents expressed concern that dogs were being allowed to walk on the golf course and on occasion the owners were not cleaning up after these animals and e) other residents remarked that owners were not always picking up the dog litter left by their animal when they were using the walking trails or on empty lots.

While there were obviously some residents who had concerns with this area, the consensus of the Committee was that the community in general did not currently view animal control issues as a major concern. The Committee did, however, feel that Castle & Cooke and the CSD should address the identified problems through an ongoing animal owner education process and personal contacts with those who are found in non-compliance. Additionally, the Committee felt that it would be beneficial if residents were informed who they could contact when they had an animal control problem.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that Castle & Cooke continue to cooperatively monitor this area and to promptly respond to specific resident complaints. Additionally, the Committee recommends that residents be advised to contact the CSD when they have specific complaints regarding animal control. This information could be placed on the CSD web site and would include an advisory that while the District may not have authority to address a specific complaint, such as animal activity occurring on the golf course, our staff will convey the complaint to the appropriate authority who can deal with the problem.

Conclusion

Committee Members believe that through their collective informal contacts they spoke with the majority of the residents and that given the small number of complaints and concerns they received, it is not necessary to hold a formal committee hearing at this time.

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Saddle Creek CSD Board Presidents Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Members

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