

thousand dollars from Kaiser to do an “eat right” campaign in San Lorenzo.

This year the Deputy Sheriffs Activities League (DSAL) and their FYI group (Furthering Young Inspiration) is looking to extend the program to middle school age children and is focusing on Bohannon Middle School. Director Medeiros has stood as a strong advocate for the FYI program.

HARD

Director Wydler is the official representative to the HARD Citizens Advisory Committee. Measure WW which was passed last year is for the purpose of land acquisitions or capital operating expenses and does not include ongoing maintenance expenses. The HARD Board has not decided how the million dollars for Measure WW will be spent in San Lorenzo, however they would be willing to meet with our Board and perhaps co-host a town meeting to discuss priorities.

We have also had their General Manager & Board members come to our meetings to discuss maintenance issues. They indicated that because of their severe cutbacks they have had a difficult time in keeping up with the maintenance issues, but encouraged residents to call to report maintenance problems. Association Board members and residents expressed concerns about our area getting fewer services than other parts of unincorporated County.

Alameda County Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Plan was an attempt by the county to comply with new environmental standards. After an initial review of the plan, many of us believed that the proposed plan would make it difficult for San Lorenzo to attract new businesses based on the new “standards” it would impose on any new businesses that would come into the area. For example, any businesses with 50 or more people would be required to put in male and female bathrooms with showers in their establishment as well as areas for bicycle storage. This would impact the businesses able to come into our area, and prohibit many businesses that we want to attract. The Administrator went to the various meetings and worked closed with Planning Commissioner Kathie Ready to draft recommendations for our Board to approve.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I want to remind everyone that each person who sits before you is a volunteer. We have volunteered to go through an election process, stepped in to fill vacancies or were

appointed to the board. As a volunteer board we are constantly in a learning process. The Homes Association is a complex Corporation with several sets of overlapping governing documents and I believe that as a board member it took me a least a year to begin to understand the different processes. I ask that when you criticize constructive or not that you remember we are volunteers. We receive no stipend and a few of us sit on this board while holding full time jobs. I believe as a Board we have accomplished many things this year but in all honesty not what I had hoped we could accomplish or are ultimately capable of. There are a number of organizational items that have been in limbo this year, due to the fact that the Board and the Administrator have had to spend an inordinate amount of time responding to issues of continued accusations of legal violations.

In the beginning of the year, Director Carr submitted to the Board and Administrator a number of procedures which she believed were in violation of the Davis Stirling Act. She requested a meeting with the Association’s legal counsel to discuss all the items in executive session with the Board. The Attorney affirmed we were in compliance with all legal statues, discussed internal Board operations procedures, internal conflict and problem resolution. However, these issues remain a point of contention at each and every meeting.

As a result of the organizational issues, the Board prepared discussed and adopted four resolutions for clarification and found it necessary and timely to adopt a Code of Ethics. These Resolutions did little to help the internal working of the board. In October 2010, the Board was presented with a recall petition for Director Carr. For the past several months the Board has spent a tremendous amount of time and funds to assure the membership a fair election would be held.

Late October, Director Carr filed a complaint with the Attorney General indicating she believed the Association was not following legal procedures. To date, not one accusation has proved to have any substance, but the Board and staff has to continue to respond to these charges which seems to be counterproductive for accomplishing much of the Association’s goals. Our staff time would be better served continuing to work on effective and responsible CC&R enforcement and continuing to foster a productive and sustainable village. Again I want to thank you on behalf of each of your Board members for allowing us to represent this community.