



SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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Election Special Edition

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ELECTION SPECIAL ISSUE

Included in this special edition of the Sunscape Way Happenings are articles written on behalf of the candidates running for a Board of Directors position. The articles are based on a series of questions given to them and the answers we have received from them. Each candidate received the same questions.

The questions were chosen by a combination of members of the Election Committee and Communication Committee.

It is not possible for everyone to know the candidates personally, so we are hopeful that these articles will give you an insight into the candidates ideas and plans to move the park forward and their thoughts for the future of our park.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

Your Vote is important! Remember to carefully follow the Ballot Instructions enclosed in your Annual Packet.

LOT # - Be sure your lot number is on the **OUTER** envelope so we can verify one vote per lot.

BALLOT ENVELOPE - put all ballots in this envelope, then put the sealed envelope into the envelope with the Lot#.

COUNTING PROCESS - Once **OUTER** envelopes are verified for the lot numbers, they are opened and the **SEALED INTERIOR** ballot envelopes are put in a separate pile. Once all the **INTERIOR** ballot envelopes (with **no** lot ID) are opened and sorted for counting. Ballots are then counted twice.

FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE TALLIED, YOUR LOT # MUST BE ON THE OUTER ENVELOPE.

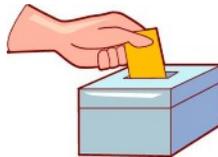


A Vision for Sunscape

We view Sunscape as a caring close community of adults sharing a RV oriented lifestyle based on respect for others and a shared business ownership, enjoying our rural setting and prideful of our corporate assets.

Attributes of a Sunscape Owner/Resident

- Warm, friendly and courteous
- Shows respect and tolerance for others
- Welcomes new and different ideas and programs
- Informed and involved regarding park issues
- Supportive of the fiscal needs of the Cooperative
- Follows the rules and by-laws
- Willing to allow others latitude to achieve results their own way
- Supports Sunscape by volunteering
- Participates in Park events and activities
- Maintains focus on solutions rather than problems
- Accepts accountability for actions and attitudes
- Represents Sunscape favorably to others



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Vern Beckstead

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

After being on the BOD for one term, I have given what time it takes to get the job done. As for the negative feedback I try to listen to the people and try to explain why things can and can't be done.

How would you respond to rumors?

I listen to the person or group and ask where they heard this and why they believe it to be true? Then try to explain what is the truth. However, if this concerns an employee it could be confidential.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

New owners should try to attend Town Hall and Board Meetings, ask questions about the way the park operates. At these meetings they will meet many people who are active in our government. Also copies of the articles and bylaws are available to them.

**(Vern Beckstead Continued)****What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?**

There is a weekly activity sheet available in the Welcome Center and Clubhouse as well as online. All regular meetings are open to all members and guests. When they get involved in activities, they will meet many people and make new friends.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

To be informed about the park you need to talk and listen to the people. Keep informed as to the what is going on in the committees where most of the ideas for improvements and the upkeep to our park come from.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

I believe the park is moving forward, although things move slowly, and things are getting done. I would like to see more members in meetings to hear and give input rather than rely on hearsay. If members have concerns, the board needs to know and my door is always open.

**Judy Conley****How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?**

I have served on the BOD 4 out of the last 5 years and am aware of the time required and am willing to continue to serve. I listen to both sides of issues, believe I am a fair person, and make decisions based on fact, & what is best for the majority of the members and the park.

How would you respond to rumors?

Rumors are a tough subject. When I am asked a question, I tell the person I will look into it and get back to them and try to find the truth. All members are encouraged to attend Town Hall/BOD meetings and ask about any rumor, give us the opportunity to get the truth out.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

Most new owners are aware of the friendly people and the amenities – it is what brought them here. Owners need to know our community is its VOLUNTEERS, the BOD/COMMITTEES are the heart of Sunscape, members are encouraged to sit in on different committees that might interest them and understand their expertise might save us making mistakes.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

My first suggestion is the Activity Sheet, all are welcome to all events. Website, ads in camping guides, and word of mouth (we always praise our park when we get a chance).

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

The best way to stay informed is Activity Sheet, Sunscape Way Happenings, Website, Town Hall, BOD or committee meetings.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

I feel the BOD meetings reflect the excellent job the committees and BOD are working together to go forward for the coming year. Our seasonal nature means a short time to get the job done, and we do it to the best of our ability. The BOD process improves as we grow. The road ahead is bright.

**Keith Cornish****How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?**

Current responsibilities consume a good portion of my time; 20 hours per week is not much different from what I now spend on Park business. Negativism is psychologically & physically counter-productive and my focus is on the positive and productive.

How would you respond to rumors?

Rumors are a fact of life, often based on inaccuracies & misunderstandings. Over the years, the Park has embarked on getting information to the members using open Regular and Special BOD and committee meetings, information sessions, agenda and minute postings and the Sunscape Way newsletter. In spite of all the efforts, there are those who choose not to be informed and rely on the rumor mill. Members need to become more responsible individually. What I can do is encourage members to find out the facts by attending, listening, reading and asking questions prior to passing on what they have heard.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

First, that we are a positive, progressive and fiscally responsible Park. Second, we are friendly, well maintained and have good amenities for a Park our size. Third, we are ‘member managed’ meaning the membership elects a BOD which is then authorized by our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to manage the Park with assistance from Managers (employees) and the MT and committee (members). Positive involvement from new members is essential for Park Improvement.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

Answered in the second question.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

Being informed is to be involved, making an effort as outlined in my answer to the second question.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

Our fiscal affairs are being managed very well; the BOD is utilizing the Managers, MT and committees to study issues and make recommendations. Park management is evolving as we learn; continual improvement forward with a positive/progressive attitude will improve our corporate/individual asset value.



Daryl Henderson

"Has chosen not to participate in this special edition"



Gerald Higginson

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

I would analyze the negative feedback (for or against), and use my assets of knowledge* and experience* toward the given subject and respond with what I consider to be in the best interest of park members. (* See my resume.)

How would you respond to rumors?

I would investigate the source of rumor(s); talk privately with the individual(s), and ask for their participation to set the rumor(s) straight.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

At this point, a new owner knows about our friendly community. I would introduce them to our various functions and committees and accordingly encourage them to become active in their interests and use their talents for the betterment of all.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

Internet, including the Sunscape site, Facebook (if so inclined), newsletter, rental, word of mouth from friends.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

My wife and I became owners in the park in 2002. Since that time, I designed, obtained a permit, and installed the electrical portion of the Maintenance Building, and the Welcome Center. Also, did same for the sewer pumps and numerous smaller electrical projects.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

The maintenance of our infrastructure needs more attention on an annual basis. I know of arising problems with our utilities. We need to focus on these problems instead of pursuing plans to demolish existing buildings to build new ones. I am opposed to borrowing money for such a project.



Richard Hinkle

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

Having been on the condo board and having been a union president I have had to face many times and find that honesty the best policy even if it isn't what they want to hear.

How would you respond to rumors?

There will always be rumors and you can't change people's attitudes, you can only give them the truth and let them decide what is rumor and what is true

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

New owners need to be aware of the opportunity to become involved in the functions of the park. Such as different committees and projects in the park. And be aware of all of the different activities available.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

See next answer.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

I talk to the people in the park as well as the above-mentioned media. I like to find out what people think and their ideas.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

I think that overall, we are in good shape overall but there are future problems that will need to be addressed.



Pat Olsen

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

I am aware of the hours that will be needed to do this position and am prepared to dedicate my time to do the best job I can. Negative and positive feedback goes with the job and believe I can deal with both in a professional manner.

How would you respond to rumors?

My first action would be to discuss with the board. I believe the Board President or designee should talk to the person/persons. It could be addressed at a Town Hall tactfully if it didn't concern a park employee. be addressed at a Town Hall tactfully if it didn't concern a park employee.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

At purchase, a new owner should be given a copy of the parks Articles of Incorporation, the By Laws, a copy of the ARC rules and an Activity Sheet. They should be encouraged to attend committee meetings, perhaps to join. I believe currently we are doing a good job of informing new owners.

(Pat Olsen Continued)

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

The resources I previously listed, the Town Hall meetings and weekly Activity Sheet are good sources of information.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

I am currently on the Finance Committee and I attend the Town Hall, the Board workshop and meeting. I also attend the yearly joint meeting of the Board, Finance Committee and Long-Range Planning. Rumors are always a part of the Park and it's a person's own responsibility to find out if they are true or blown out of proportion.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

I believe the overall condition of our park is in reasonably good shape. There is always going to be differences of opinions between board members and with the membership. I totally believe in the majority vote for the Board and especially the membership. I don't always agree with the outcome of a vote, but I accept it, move on and support it.



Dale Schoeneberger

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

As a past BOD member and secretary for three years I know the amount of time required for the position. We all have our own opinions whether we are members or BOD members, and being a BOD member does not mean WE are always correct. The negativity just might be an issue that WE as the BOD really need to listen to and discuss. I think I am intelligent enough to know the difference and make up my own mind.

How would you respond to rumors?

I drive thru the park multiple times a day and talk to as many people as I can. If I hear inaccurate information, no matter what it is about, and I know for a fact that it is inaccurate, I will address the person or group right then and there and also address it at the next BOD meeting along with the facts. WE as a BOD also need to furnish the membership with complete and accurate information.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-op?

Members, new or present need to know that this is our park. It was built by volunteers. If you would like change then you need to become involved. All meetings are open to all members. Meetings are where they can voice their opinion and receive information, not in the middle of the street or on their neighbor's patio.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the park, its activities and its people?

See next answer.

How do you stay informed about the park, its people and its politics?

I stay informed by attending Town Hall Meetings, BOD meetings and I receive and read the minutes from the various committees and the activity sheet.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting on Dec. 12th?

According to some committees the park needs a lot of work and upgrading.



Neal Wehmer

How will you handle the time requirements and negative feedback as a Board Member?

Having been on the Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee I understand the commitment required. I look at negative feedback as an opportunity to improve. I ask myself what can I do to turn the negative into a positive.

How would you respond to rumors?

Rumors are either true or false. If a person asked me about the validity of a rumor I would rely on the facts that I had to answer them. If I did not have enough facts to answer them I would try to help them find the answer.

What does a new owner need to know about our Park to become an integral member of our Co-Op?

The first thing I would tell them is to read the attributes of an owner. I would then suggest they scan our corporate documents. I would tell them to look at our web site, activity sheet and attend the town hall and BOD meetings. While I would hope that this would encourage them to be involved in the park, it is up to the owners as to the level of involvement they want.

What are the resources available for someone to be informed about the Park, its activities and its people?

The website, the Town Hall, the activity sheet and Board meetings are all good resources. Joining in activities also increases your information network.

How do you stay informed about the Park, its people and its politics?

Most of the same resources mentioned above, as well as the committee minutes. I also learn a lot by listening to what members have to say about different issues.

What were your impressions of the overall condition of our park from the last board meeting Dec12th?

Overall I think the Park is in very good condition, however I see the need for a stable maintenance Department. A scheduled preventive maintenance program would be beneficial to the upkeep of our buildings and grounds.