

2023 Annual Meeting summary

The meeting was held at the Diamond A Recreation Association club house on March 26. Following a buffet brunch at 10 am, the meeting was opened at 10:30 am by Craig Garcia who welcomed participants and provided an overview of the agenda.

- Dee Young was unable to attend the meeting but provided the financial report
 - Income, expenses, cash balance, and membership totals were remarkably like the prior year
 - A more detailed summary can be obtained from Dee
 - Several attendees suggested strategies for increasing the percentage of active DANA members from within the pool of eligible households
 - The DANA Board will review those suggestions at upcoming meetings

- Tom Jones reported:
 - The Nominating Committee's tabulation of ballots for the 2023 Board elections
 - All 5 board member nominees were elected
 - Updated information regarding how to deal with the nagging issue of roadside littering in and leading up to Diamond A
 - See "Littering" under the "Living Here" tab on the Diamond A web site
 - A review of DANA Board deliberations regarding deterioration of County roads throughout and leading up to Diamond A
 - The Board recommends that potholes and other hazardous road conditions should be repeatedly reported by multiple residents using the Sonoma Connect portal (<https://sonomacountyca.citysourced.com/>)
 - Bob Kraynak added comments based on his recent meeting with Superintendent Gorin; in short, there are currently no funds earmarked for re-surfacing county roads in or leading up to Diamond A
 - Tabulation of permit applications (both Planning and Construction) for all Diamond A properties in 2022
 - Property transactions in Diamond A (22 homes had been sold in 2021 and 6 in 2022)
 - Leo Merle provided more contextual information for real estate transactions in Sonoma County

- Stephen Pavy provided an overview of recent deliberations of the DARA board. His presentation stepped through a number of initiatives that the DARA Board has launched or is planning to launch in the coming year.
 - Summary power points will be sent out to Diamond A residents in the coming weeks
 - Attendees contributed to discussions regarding:
 - Strategies to increase the number of active DARA members from the pool of eligible residents (including joint efforts by DARA and DANA)
 - Range of planned events at DARA in the coming year

- Dave Duncan reviewed last year's activities of the Grove Street Fire Safe Council (GSFSC) including:
 - GSFSC home assessment activities
 - Evacuation drill
 - Wildfire mitigation through vegetation management
 - Weather alert radio distribution
 - Strategic planning

The meeting was adjourned by Craig Garcia at 11:45 am

- Tom Jones, Secretary to the Board of the Diamond A neighborhood Association