



SHHA FINANCIAL AUDIT IS COMPLETE By Bob Francis

We reviewed the accounting records for SHHA for the period of June 2001 through October 2002. The audit included examining, on a test basis, documents supporting the financial records and assessing the accounting practices used. We noted that several accounting procedures were changed during the past year to strengthen our accounting system. The detailed audit work is available for review.

We wish to thank non-board members Ben Bonner and Dan Benton who reviewed the audit work to provide fiduciary independence.

In our opinion, the financial records are in good order and the accounting practices used by SHHA are in conformity with good accounting practices.

BEWARE OF LOS ARBOLES TREE SERVICE!

Los Arboles Tree Service has been placing flyers in the neighborhood. We were contacted by the NM Dept. of Agriculture, who informed us that Los Arboles is not licensed and has been using improper tree sprays. **Please do not use this service!**

A few random thoughts:

Articles/Letters for the next Grit are due by December 1st. Please send them to the SHHA office, care of Lena Martinez. It's your newsletter too and your comments are welcome. Any personal comments can also be e-mailed to the acting editor, Ralph Rudolph, at Rudy11@comcast.net.

ATTENTION SHUTTERBUGS: PHOTO CONTEST!

The SHHA is having a photo contest for the 2004 Residence Directory. If you think you have the best photo of the Sandia Heights just submit it to the SHHA Office by December 31, 2003. If you are the lucky winner your photo will be featured on the cover of the 2004 Residence Directory.

- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area, reference 2003 Directory
- Photos must be able to reasonably fit on the cover of the directory
- Photos can be submitted either digitally or as a hard copy
- Be creative, good luck!

Item	Est. 2003 Actuals	Requested 2004 funds	Comments
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INFLOW

REVISION I 10-1-03

ACC Fees	\$2,288.00	\$2,600.00	
Advertising-Publications	\$21,228.00	\$20,000.00	
Interest Earned est.	\$860.00	\$700.00	CD amount reduced in 2003 for expenditures
Members Dues	\$130,632.00	\$140,000.00	Assumes approximately 1458 members
Wine Tasting	\$4,834.00	\$4,500.00	
Total Inflow	\$159,842.00	\$167,800.00	

OUTFLOW

Board & Committees

Annual Meeting	\$314.24	\$400.00	
BOD Expenditure	\$0.00	\$500.00	
BOD Rent Meeting Hall	\$200.00	\$400.00	
ACC	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	covenant books, supplies, waterbill stuffers
CSC	\$100.00	\$1,600.00	covenant books, postage, copies, etc
CSC Consolidation Committee	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	
Comm Service-Membership	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	New activities by Committee
Communications-Publications	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Exec. Committee	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Finance Committee	\$55.00	\$100.00	postage
New Development & Parks	\$100.00	\$750.00	Publications, brochures, access
For Cedar Hill Park	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	
Traffic, Safety & Signs	\$100.00	\$750.00	Poop stations, plastic bags, Discretionary
Need Ec/Board OK	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Board & Committee	\$42,755.00	\$33,300.00	

OUTFLOW - Operations

collection cost, dues	\$11,829.00	\$12,000.00	
Insurance	\$10,780.26	\$15,000.00	
Legal costs	\$22,574.73	\$30,000.00	Contingency only (Board approval required)
Office Expenditures	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	Leases, elec, water, security, supplies, telephone
Office Staff	\$37,074.17	\$41,000.00	
Tax, Federal	\$462.74	\$500.00	
State Fees	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Gross Receipt Tax	\$6,000.00	\$1,163.00	
Need EC/Board OK	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Operations	\$94,161.64	\$127,713.00	

One Time Capital Outlay	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
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TOTAL Outflow	\$138,116.64	\$161,013.00	
Less Total Inflow	\$21,725.36	\$6,787.00	
SHHA Reserve	\$21,725.36	\$28,512.36	Board approval required for expenditures

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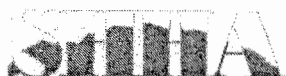
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Seven months ago a Sandia Heights couple who live on Juniper Hill Road, but not the block of #1-#14 JHR, used The Grit to comment on my request that our SH neighbors adhere to the speed limit when driving on this block. Although the couple certainly has a right to express their opinion on the posted speed limits, their letter also contained incorrect information, which, if believed by those who use this block, could put the residents and their property at risk. Indeed, when I talked w/ a SH security official about some of the misinformation in their letter, I learned that he took it to be true. I identified myself to the couple soon after their letter was printed and twice requested that they discuss it w/ me. It was my intent to ask that we jointly issue a clarification of the misinformation presented in it. They have not contacted me although they regularly walk their dogs in front of my house.

- (1) #1-#14 JHR is a 0.2 mile stretch of JHR. In its homes live approximately 25 adults and 11 children, some of whom walk on the street in order to get to the school bus stop and ride bicycles at other times. There are several other children who visit their grandmother on a regular basis and walk on the street. There are several hidden driveways. All of these humans and their property are put in danger by the plethora of speeding motorists who have to traverse this block in order to get to and from their destinations. The same can be said of commercial vehicles whose companies make a profit by delivering goods and services. From my many observations of the traffic, I can state with certainty that the vast majority of the motorists on this block do not have destinations or points of origin on this block. Some even go out of their way in order to use this block. #1-#14 JHR is one of the primary "cut through" blocks in SH. While everyone has a right to drive on this block, no one has the right to put our property and us in danger by breaking the law while doing so.
- (2) Some of us on #1-#14 JHR have been subjected to verbal abuse, obscene gestures and other road rage by speeding motorists, some of whom are our SH neighbors -- senior citizens, other adults and teenagers alike. Speeders have almost hit our vehicles as we attempt to come out of our driveways. I was actually chased by a speeder, perhaps a SH resident, who evidently became enraged at having to slow down as I pulled into my driveway one night.
- (3) The couple states that the speed limit should be set at 25 mph and that it was only "recently" lowered to 15 mph. Elsewhere they state that the excessive speed "problem is people driving ... at 40-50 miles per hour or more." Speeds of 25 mph and greater might have been acceptable 27 years ago when one of them began to live in SH. But SH is almost fully built up now. There are many more residents, vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists than there were 27 years ago. The roads, however, are still the same: narrow and winding w/ hidden driveways and vegetation growing to the edge and beyond, and no streetlights. Richard Mobarak, the Bernalillo County Traffic Engineer, states that the current 15 mph speed limits are supported by general national standards for the mix of vehicles and humans that we have on the roadways in SH. I have lived on this block for over 16 years, and I cannot remember the speed limit ever being 25 mph. I stated that to one of the couple prior to their writing the letter. Mr. Mobarak states that the present speed limit existed when he assumed his position 3 years ago. These dates and timeframes are "recent" only in the context of geological events. To state that the speed limit was "recently" lowered from 25 mph could lead some to believe that it is all right to drive 25 and above now because it was all right in the recent past. I believe it is a safe assumption that the current 15 mph speed limit was established concurrently on SH roads. Even if the speed limits were increased to 25 mph, motorists would tend to drive even faster than they do now.
- (4) There has not been a "frequent presence of a sheriff's department deputy...to enforce the new speed limit." The cops monitored the excessive speed of motorists on #1-#14 JHR fewer than 10 times during an 8 month period after the results of a May 2002 County speed study of #1-#14 JHR were released. During the three-day study, 1,479 vehicles traveled on this block, an average of almost 500 per day. Sixty percent were traveling over 25 mph when they hit the speed cord, an average of almost 300 vehicles per day. My guess is that only a few other blocks in SH can match or exceed this volume and excessive speed. The speeders brought on the cops, not an arbitrary "recent" lowering of the speed limit. Everyone needs to take responsibility for his or her own actions.

I again appeal to SH residents to drive gently and courteously. #1-#14 JHR is only 0.2 miles long. The difference in time to travel this distance at 15 mph and 25 mph is only 19.2 seconds. I know there are people in SH who are, or think they are, important and busy. But aren't the approximate 36 souls living on this block and their property worth 19.2 seconds of your time?

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