# Malibu East Dialogue

March 2006

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## Harry's annual senior fair brings out celebs



## Annual senior fair well-attended

## By Jack Winans

Rep. Harry Osterman put on his annual big well-attended show, the Senior Fair, at the



Broadway Armory Feb. 13. The huge armory gym was gaily decorated with a valentine motif and as usual, Harry showed his love of his 14th District constituents by smooching, gabbing with and greeting all comers. Harry, as he often does, was accompanied by his toddler son, Jack.

The crowd of hundreds of fair-goers was welcomed by dozens of booths manned by representatives of governmental, private and social organizations that offer senior services. Harry provided the seniors a welcome continental breakfast with a nice spread of pastries, coffee and juice.

Popular local 16year-old pianist Steven Solomon provided music. All of the booths provided giveaways such as pens and pill boxes. A raffle was held at closing with prizes from local cafés,



U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky

theaters, and bookstores.

All of our local political representatives were present, including U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (pictured above) who repeated her recent comments reported in a Chicago Tribune article concerning her distinct displeasure with the Medicare Part D program. In strong contrast, Osterman announced a seminar to be held at St. Andrew's at which state representatives will be available to explain the new program and other senior prescription programs. (See page 11.)



Rep. Harry Osterman, son Jack and State's Attorney Dick Devine

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A synopsis of the Feb. 28 board meeting notes will appear in the April Dialogue.

## Cable Committee Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006

By Elaine Winans

Attendance: 6 directors, 1 management representative and 16 residents Presiding: Chairman Thomas Vaughan

The information-packed, at times raucous, hour-and-a-half meeting covered the history of cable TV at MECA up to the present contract with USA Wireless. Information pass-outs included the current and proposed USA Wireless channel lineups, a proposed resident survey, information on our Web site's, (www.MalibuEast.org) TV page, a demonstration of Malibu East's Zap2it Internet TV guide and card-stock channel guides.

Property Manager Chris Chiodo opened the meeting with these comments:

Ten-plus years ago, 21<sup>st</sup> Century wired the building with then "state of the art technology." It would now cost half a million dollars to rewire the building with the newer technology that is available today.

USA Wireless is working with the antiquated wiring and has upgraded the taps (the splitters in your living room/bedroom wall) in the A-tier (the tier that had the worst reception) at USA Wireless's own cost. The reception in A-tier has been improved with this upgrade to the point where A-tier residents are now satisfied with reception. In addition, due to the improved signal reception, A-tier residents will eventually have the option of renting a "box" that will get all available channels including pay TV, at extra cost.

A new much larger 39-inch dish has been installed that is designed to eliminate the loss of signal during windy conditions (when the top of the building moves several inches). To deal with heavy snow, extra heaters have been installed to reduce interference from snow build-up on the dish surface.

### OPEN FORUM

## Resident comments/questions:

- 1) Several complaints of bad reception and one complaint of allegedly extremely poor reception and complete loss of service for extended periods. (See \*Editor's comments below.)

  Our manager took names and unit numbers and assured residents that he would personally accompany USA Wireless technicians to their units the very next day. Residents are urged to be steadfast in registering their complaints to USA Wireless and to the management office. There is no excuse for anyone not having good TV reception.
- 2) Resident of A-tier said that current reception was now greatly improved and completely acceptable.
- Question from resident concerning the USA Wireless service agreement. If one channel is out building-wide over the weekend, no service until Monday or the next nonholiday weekday. If there is a building-wide outage of multiple channels, technicians will service our building not only over the weekend, but also 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Report any USA Wireless related problems to the management office during its regular hours. After hours, call the numbers posted on the mailroom bulletin board and then report the problem with a phone call or in writing to the management office during office hours. Please give a detailed report, including your telephone number, the date, time, channels involved and the specific problem.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA**

1) Proposed channel lineup survey

The survey should include both suggested additions and deletions. We cannot have additional channels without deleting the same number of channels

When the system is eventually able to support "boxes," All USA Wireless channels will then be available at additional cost.

A subcommittee was set up to compile the survey/questionnaire.

2) Proposal for upgrading the remaining 11 tiers (B through M)

Discussed the possibility of the "taps" upgrade to the remaining tiers as was done to the A-tier. Would cost about \$360 per unit or \$180,000 in total. The money would come from the reserves and would not entail a special assessment or increase monthly assessments.

If we approve the expansion of the A-tier tap upgrades to the whole building, we will need to have access to every unit in a very specific order, top to bottom in each tier. It is impossible to skip one floor and continue the upgrade.

3) Proposed channel realignment
USA Wireless is proposing a realignment of TV channels for both technical and cosmetic reasons. The statement below is from its proposal.

"This is a suggested lineup that would replace what the building currently has in order to alleviate some of the signal issues [some problems are currently due to interference with other locally based electromagnetic transmissions] as well as making the lineup more user friendly."

The proposed realignment breaks the stations into contiguous groups such as local channels, movie channels, sports channels, educational channels, news channels, etc. It was noted that the proposed realignment took channel numbers beyond 100. Some older TVs would need the assistance of a newer VCR to get the higher channels.

A majority of the residents present approved of the realignment.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

\*Editor's comments: Follow-up assessment, by management and USA Wireless technicians, of one resident's complaint of extremely poor reception revealed that one of the resident's television sets was broken and the others had not been programmed for cable channels. The resident's incoming TV signal tested perfect.

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## Part 2: Paper By Jack Winans

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Most types of paper can be recycled and recycling paper uses about half the amount of energy needed to manufacture paper from virgin materials. The price of paper pulp from timber has risen, making new plants that use waste paper profit-

Put in paper area of bulk

Office paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, paper grocery bags (Used primarily for newspapers and cardboard)

Put down garbage chute
Dirty, waxed and plasticized cartons,
food containers.

Take to chain grocery stores

## White office paper

The most acceptable paper is white office paper, even with staples.

## Newspapers

The entire newspaper, including inserts, is acceptable, except for things like plastic, product samples and rubber bands. Newspapers may be stuffed in large brown grocery sacks, or tied with natural-fiber twine, but do not put them back in the plastic delivery bag.

## Phone books

Some phone books are made with special glue that breaks down in water, while other phone books use glue that interferes with recycling. Printed in your phone book should be information on the source and type of paper used, the nature of the binding, and where locally phone books can be recycled

## Mixed paper

Mixed paper is a catch-all for types of paper not specifically mentioned above.



## What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

NOTICE

hallways is primer only, the final

The project is a work in progress

and updated work schedules are

posted next to the management

The initial painting of the

determined.

shade of brown is still to be

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cerns, problems, etc. to: malibueast@awb.us

Cooking odors: High rise condominium living requires cooperation and accommodation between neighbors. If odors are emanating from your unit, please check to see if your vents are open and working properly. If you believe your vents aren't working, please call the management office and we will have the

office

Everything you can imagine from magazines to packaging is acceptable. The paper must still be clean, dry, and free of food, most plastic, wax, and other contamination. Staples are OK.

If you remove plastic wrap, stickers, product samples, and those pointless "membership" cards, most junk mail can be recycled as mixed paper. Due to new technology, plastic window envelopes and staples are generally OK.

## Paper that can't be recycled

Paper that can't be recycled as normal

maintenance staff look at it. Also, if you are cooking and are generating very strong odors, it may be a good idea to open your window a little bit to help remove the odors.

**Hallway remodeling update:** At this time the first phase of the project has started on the 45<sup>th</sup> floor and is down to the 24<sup>th</sup> floor and moving along very smoothly. Carpet installation (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase) has begun and has been installed or is in the process from the 45<sup>th</sup> floor down to

35<sup>th</sup> the Please note some areas may appear unfinished or improperly done; these matters will be addressed while the project is in progress through a weekly walkthrough to be held by the contractor(s) and management.

A notice, explaining in detail what work will be performed on your floor, will go out to each floor before work begins.

**Editorial comment:** Carol Beatty, chairman of the hallway renovation project, reports that the initial painting is primer only, the final shade of brown is still to be determined. The project is a work in progress, and updated work schedules are posted ext to the management office.

"mixed paper" includes: food-contaminated paper, waxed paper, waxed cardboard milk & juice containers, oil-soaked paper, carbon paper, sanitary products or tissues, thermal fax paper, stickers and plastic laminated paper such as fast-food wrappers, juice boxes, and pet-food bags.

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## Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain

## March holidays

March 1

Christian: Ash Wednesday — Lent **Begins** 

Begins the six-week season of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection.

March 14



Jewish: Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia. Begins at sundown the previous day.





"Festival of Color"; Northern Indian celebration marking the beginning of spring with a deluge of color. Various social classes are encouraged to interact with one another. Begins with the full moon.



Buddhist: Magha Puja Day/Sangha

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Celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha.

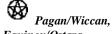
March 17



Christian: St. Patrick's Day

Celebration of St. Patrick, who is said to have brought Christianity to Ireland.

March 20





Equinox/Ostara

For Pagans, a time to welcome spring, new birth and new life, and the goddess-asmaiden. Heathens celebrate the end of winter, the arrival of spring, and the Goddess Ostara.

March 21



Zoroastrian: Norooz

"The New Day"; New Year celebration regarded as the most important day of the year. Customs include wearing new clothes, giving gifts, and settling disputes.



Baha'i: Nau-Roz (Naw-Ruz)

Observance of the vernal equinox



symbolizing spiritual growth and renewal. March 26



Zoroastrian:

Khordad Sal

Birthday of the prophet Zarathustra: celebrated the

sixth day of the Parsi month.

March 30



Hindu: Hindi New Year

Bikrami Samvat begins (start of new year,

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

## **EDGEWATER HISTORICAL** SOCIETY

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## AMERICAN THEATER COMPANY

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## CITY LIT THEATRE

"Somebody Foreign" Through March 13 1020 W. Bryn Mawr

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### PROFILES THEATRE

"autobahn"

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS/MEETINGS**

### Medicare Part D seminar

Friday, Mar. 10, 10am-noon St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church 5649 N. Sheridan Rd. For information, call Rep. Osterman (773) 784-2002

## **Bark Bark Club**

Moving at the end of March from 1106 West Granville to 5943 North Broadway

## MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Free dance classes

Thursday, Mar. 16–May 11 7:00pm — Windjammer Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Mar. 16 (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month) 2:00pm — Community Room

**Dialogue Committee meeting** 

Tuesday, Mar. 21

7:30pm — Community Room

Brunch

Sunday, Mar. 26, \$1

Noon-2pm — Windjammer Room

**MECA** board meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 28

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

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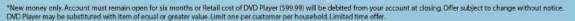


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## Dear Miss Etta Kitt,

I realize that many new people are not aware of all of our MECA rules. Perhaps even those who do know the rules just don't know that breaking rules



makes life at Malibu East a little less pleasant and relationships more confrontational. I often see people with carts, dogs and dirty laundry in the passenger elevators. Why can't we have signs around the building spelling out all the rules, and why don't the doormen enforce the rules?

Signed "Pushed Flat"

## Dear Pushed Flat,

I realize that you get tense when you see someone breaking the rules with impunity while you, personally, probably walk the extra 100 feet to do the right thing. Unfortunately all the signs in the world will not change those who always have an excuse for doing the wrong thing. Our doormen and other staff members are not policemen either, and it would be unfair to make them correct our residents.

People get annoyed and resistant to the elevator rules after they've made a trip to the end of the hall only to find that the freight is locked off and not responding. A little red and green light here would help to calm tempers a lot. But that's an issue for you to take up with the board at the monthly meetings.

So what's the answer? You are! Every resident who sees a glaring infraction of the rules can make the effort to politely and without censure inform the culprit that, when they flout the rules, they make it less pleasant for everyone in the building. Don't jump to any conclusions, though — MAKE SURE that the freight elevator IS available before you put your foot in your mouth. Your comments and suggestions may be met with some degree of hostility, but for the sake of the building, your family, and your friends, you, as a citizen of our small town of MECA, have the responsibility to make your concerns known.



## **Social Committee News**

## By Sandy Chaet

There will be a continental brunch on Sunday, Mar. 26 from noon to 2pm in the Windjammer Room. The cost will be \$1.00 per person.

Among the items being served are bagels, coffee cakes, donuts, orange juice and coffee. Last year, when we had this event, it was very much enjoyed by those present. People seemed to enjoy mingling and relaxing and requested that the Social Committee repeat this.

Starting on Thursday, Mar. 16 until Thursday, May 11 from 7–8pm, there will be dance classes for eight weeks (no class April 13). Our dance instructor is Lawrence William Bercini, who is our Malibu East neighbor. He is a 1998 World Amateur Champion, exhibition and dance sport competitor.

The classes will be held in the Windjammer Room on the fourth floor. There is no charge for the classes. You can attend all the classes or just come to those you wish. No previous dance experience is required; all ages and abilities are welcome. You can bring a partner, though it is not necessary.

Please dress comfortably, wearing loose and lightweight clothing that will allow freedom of move-Wear ment. leather-soled similar shoes (rubber-soled shoes like sneakers grip too much and prevent the ability to slide & swivel on the floor) and bring a water bottle. Everyone participating will be

required to sign a waiver.

Each week a different dance will be taught. The first hour will be instruction on the dance of the week, and the remaining 30 minutes will be 'open dancing.' During 'open dancing,' we will play music for all dances taught up to and including the current class. At the conclusion of each class, the students present will decide which dance will be taught the following week.

A flier will be posted by the mailboxes and laundry room each week announcing the dance for that week. The first dance will be the merengue. Dances offered will be ballroom, Latin, club dances and country and western. The choices are foxtrot, American tango, waltz, cha-cha, rumba, salsa, samba, hustle, nightclub two -step, East and West coast swing, polka and two-step.

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## Too close for comfort

## Editorial By Jack Winans Dialogue Editor

It's baaaaack!

Yes! The freight elevator has finally been repaired and returned



to use. I really missed it, didn't you? For the past couple of months, I've dreaded pushing the passenger elevator button and each time I've had to, I've anticipated all types of situations. Will there be someone with an armful of unbagged dirty clothes? Will there be several dogs demonstrating territorial rights? Will I be jammed into a corner with multiple carts? Or will I merely be one of 10 or more residents holding their breath to limit their intake of garlic and more exotic spices that seem to exude from so many residents' bodies packed too close for comfort.

So, for all of us who have missed that wonderful freight elevator, and finally have relief from all the above, let's make a resolution to forever-after comply with the rules outlining the proper use of our elevators.

- 1. The freight elevator is NOT a passenger elevator. Don't use it as such even if it is closer to you than the passenger elevators.
- 2. No carts on the passenger elevators. If you have large packages or are going on vacation and have several large pieces of luggage, be considerate of others and use the freight elevator.
- 3. All residents accompanying dogs must use the freight elevator and please always keep your dog on a leash in the elevator and in the hallways. Restrain your dog in the elevator at all times other residents with dogs may unexpectedly appear at the open elevator door.

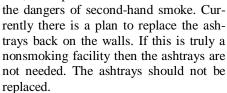
Our elevators are for the convenience of all — the rules help to maintain decorum and convenience — the system works only with the good graces and cooperation of all of us.

May your elevator day be exempt from surprises — may you all have a bland elevator day.

## Letter to the editor

From Michelle McClure
A call for a ban on smoking in the corridors and not replacing the ashtrays

I call for a total ban on smoking in all public places around the Malibu East Condominium, to help avoid



"We all know that tobacco kills. I want to tell everyone that tobacco kills non-smokers as well. Nonsmokers have a right to breathe clean air. We have a right to good health and to protect our friends and family. We need to clear the air of secondhand smoke, and I am calling for a ban on smoking in the corridors of the Malibu East Condominium and not replacing the ashtrays."

It is estimated that tobacco will cause 8.4 million deaths worldwide in 2020 and 10 million annual deaths in 2030, up from just over 4 million deaths this year. If the estimates are correct, tobacco will become the world's largest single health problem.

The U.S. National Toxicology Program has also classified environmental tobacco smoke as a "known human carcinogen." Secondhand tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 chemical compounds. More than 60 of these are known or suspected to cause cancer. Secondhand smoke can be harmful in many ways. In the United States alone, each year it is responsible for:

- An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are not current smokers
- About 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults
- Other respiratory problems in nonsmokers, including coughing, phlegm, chest discomfort, and reduced lung function, 150,000 to 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections (such as pneumonia and bronchitis) in children younger than 18 months of age, which

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result in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations

 Increases in the number and severity of asthma attacks in about 200,000 to 1 million asthmatic children

The 1986 U.S. Surgeon General's report on the health consequences of involuntary smoking reached three important conclusions about secondhand smoke:

- Involuntary smoking causes disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers.
- When compared with the children of nonsmoking parents, children of parents who smoke have more frequent respiratory infections, more respiratory symptoms, and slower development of lung function as the lung matures.
- Separating smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

### What Can Be Done About It?

I encouraged the management, board of directors, and residents of the Malibu East Condominium to lead the way and join with others and myself that already see the public health benefits of protecting the residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Page five of the Malibu East Condominium Rules and Regulations (Oct 2005) states:

Smoking is not permitted inside the Malibu East building except in individual units, on individual balconies, or during private parties in the Windjammer Room, at the discretion of the host. In addition, smoking is prohibited in the pool enclosure.

This rule should be enforced. No exceptions should be made. The ashtrays should not be returned to the walls in the corridors.

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## Park meeting

## By Jack Winans

Berger Park hosted a meeting to allow interested community residents to give

input on design and color choices for a playground to be built at George Lane Park at Thorndale and Sheridan on the lake. Only minimal



choices were available, but those present endorsed the concept. The park will be built in the center of the grassy area. The Chicago Park District has made a commitment to complete all current 22 playground projects by November.

The George Lane Park project is due to the efforts of 48<sup>th</sup> Ald. Mary Ann Smith, Principal Judy Taft of the Chicago Day School at Emanuel Congregation and President Sheli Lulkin of ASCO.

'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.



## **Medicare Part D seminar**

## By Jack Winans

Rep. Harry Osterman is hosting a Medicare Part D seminar to be held at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd. from 10am to noon, Friday, March 10.

Representatives from state agencies will be on hand to explain how the new program works and how it may affect coverage you may currently receive through other programs such as SeniorCare, Circuit Breaker and I-Save-Rx.

For more information contact Rep. Osterman at (773) 784-2002.

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## Board makes several important decisions

## MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

## MECA board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006

Attendance:

10 board members, 2 management representatives and 13 residents Not present:

Allan Eckardt, Richard Strauss

### OPEN FORUM 1

## Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Why aren't the yoga classes allowed to meet in the Windjammer Room when the dance classes are? Basically, because the Windjammer Room is designed for social activities and there's a distinction between a social activity and an athletic activity
- Compliments from residents on the hallway decorating progress and results.
- 3) Will the hallway painting be done after the carpets are installed? Some painting will be done after the carpets are installed, but not the baseboards.
- 4) Are there plans to restore the outside west wall to a single white color? This will be addressed this spring during the outside work, including the new entrance project.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

## Holiday fund

An April meeting agenda addition will address the use of additional determining factors to be considered when calculating employee holiday fund payouts.

### Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$3,301,954.05.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## 1) Social and Educational Sandy Chaet

Brunch and dance class plans. (See March Dialogue.)
Committee asked to plan events to

Committee asked to plan events to extend the use of the fourth floor deck.

## 2) Architecture & Aesthetics Carol Beatty

A revised schedule of the hallway redecorating project has been posted. Six new light fixtures installed on the 34<sup>th</sup> floor. The project should be completed by the first week in August. The AB and LM lights will be set between the doors

This special issue has been published because the February board meeting was held after the publication deadline for our March issue.

instead of offset as they were in the original installation. The distance between walls in the hallway varies as much as one and one-half inches, resulting in the need to stretch the carpet in some areas. There also is some temporary increase in sound reverberations as we have removed the wall coverings carpeting.

New procedures have been instituted to protect the carpets from "wheel tracks" during move-ins/ move-outs.

## 3) Public & Community Affairs Sandy Chaet

At the February Zoning & Planning meeting, Ald. Mary Ann Smith reported to us that cameras will be installed at several intersections. They will record cars going through the red light, and the owners of those cars will then be sent a traffic ticket. The intersections are Ardmore/Sheridan, Hollywood/Sheridan, Broadway/Hollywood,

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

Bryn Mawr/ Broadway and Foster / Broadway. Cameras will also be posted by the Thorndale El station. The re-zoning of Broadway was tabled until after the primary election on Mar. 21. There are plans to make Broadway more pedestrianfriendly by putting a median area in the middle of the street, making it easier for people to cross. There is also discussion about a new library. George Lane Park at Thorndale and Sheridan will have new playground equipment installed. The plans to improve Senn Park at Clark and Ridge were shown. The entrance/ exit to the teachers' parking lot on Ridge will be eliminated.

## 4) Sports and Entertainment Neil Warner

Will start a new eight-session yoga class with at least ten students.

## 5) Finance & Insurance

Tom Vaughan

Insurance value of building has gone from \$85 million to \$130 million.

### 6) Communications

## Tom Vaughan

Dialogue continues in the black. A video project featuring Malibu East amenities is in the development stage.

## 7) Building Maintenance & Services Carol Beatty

Two new boxes for toys put in the Children's Room.

The former sushi tenant space is being used to store the new hallway carpeting.

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Tabled for closed session.

## (Continued from page 1) **Chris Chiodo**

Spot extractors will be used for stains in the new carpet.

8) TV

### Tom Vaughan

The realignment of the TV channels is set for March 6.

A subcommittee is working on a poll of residents concerning their thoughts on different channels.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT Items requiring immediate board ac-

1) Approval of final payment to Golf Construction/north wall garage re-

Approved

- 2) Approval of new doorman uniforms The new doorman's uniform consists of a wine-colored jacket, black vest and trousers, white shirt and a matching patterned tie. Black shoes and socks will be worn with the uniform. The vests and jackets will be monogrammed with Malibu East Condominium and the Malibu East logo. Two extra partial sets will be ordered for substitute doormen. The purchase was approved unanimously.
- 3) Approval of emergency unlocking device/freight elevator doors

## 4) Review and approve proposal for new roof door

Door and frame of penthouse door damaged during storm,; temporary repairs done.

New door approved to be installed by Advance Glass Service

## 5) Approval of new flooring for Teen Room or Captain's Walk unit N-9 Many factors involved, including the

temporary storage of the old hallway lights and the new carpeting, the expense of carpeting the available large Captain's Walk room, and the wishes of the ping-pong players to have the Teen Room floor left as is. Motion made and passed to allow the use of the Windjammer Room temporarily for yoga classes until another space is made available. Up to \$2,000 will be made available to management for carpeting the NE corner space in Captain's Walk.

## 6) Hallway ashtrays

President Molins made an appeal encouraging the re-installation of hallway ashtrays. Other directors made statements against the ashtrays. Sheli Lulkin of ASCO was quoted as saying that other condominium buildings are removing their hallway ashtrays.

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A motion was made not to return the ashtrays to the hallways and no new ashtrays to be installed.

Motion passed.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT Items requiring future board action

New fencing around grass along Sheridan Road and Glenlake Ave-

> New bids will be ready for the April meeting. Signs conveying the Chicago city ordinance concerning "picking up after your dog" will be considered.

2) Due date on Sudler statements A notice of the due date will be included on the assessment statement.

## Items not requiring board action

Unit sales

12F \$220,000 12A \$400,000 38C \$280,000 (pending)

## 2) Lobby circulation/handicapped access project update

Various contractual and Chicago Building Department issues need to be settled before the start of the project. An expenditure of \$4,000 was approved for developing an updated plan of survey of the footprint of the building.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm and went into closed session.