

DCCR REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT
JULY 19, 2008

I'd like to begin by reiterating some things you have heard before. The committee has been and will continue to meet every other Thursday at 7 pm in the Library. All interested persons are invited to attend. The meetings run for an hour and a half. The first 45 minutes are confined to committee business and while observers are welcome discussion remains essentially among the committee members. The second 45 minutes are for open discussion.

The Board has before them a working draft of an Action Plan the committee intends to follow and revise as necessary. One of the first things the committee believes must be done is to determine the legal requirements for documents that would modify the DCCRs. This is strictly a legal question and we believe it should be resolved as soon as possible so the committee will have that guidance.

At the annual meeting a questionnaire was passed out to get a preliminary idea about what changes people would like to see in the DCCRs and which might have a chance of getting the required 70% approval. It was hoped that we would also get a better idea of how to design the survey. We received a lot of ideas from this initial attempt but the only suggestion that reached the 70% mark was for a single uniform set of DCCRs for all plats. After discussion, the Committee decided to submit the questionnaire again on the email and website with the following changes: (1) to add items from the results that were often repeated and (2) to give choices within the revision ideas also based on the results obtained to date. The revised questionnaire will be sent to the email membership soon, and will also be available at the SVRA Office and other locations. Email members will be able to respond by printing the questionnaire, filling it out by hand and returning it to specified locations or by attaching it to an email to specified committee members. Using this input as a guide later this year a questionnaire will be mailed to all members. A well-designed questionnaire is essential to the whole process because through it every member will have an opportunity to express his or her views.

The legal opinion and the mailing just mentioned will both require funding and, while we do not know the exact costs, **we are requesting the Board set aside an initial \$5,000.00 to get this effort underway.**

We would like the Board to know that many of the suggestions or comments the committee has received deal with current enforcement of the DCCRs. Although enforcement will be addressed in the DCCR revision ongoing enforcement is outside the committee's charge and remains a subject for the Board. We would like to know, however, **if the Board would be willing to consider interim solutions** should they be presented with them. There have been suggestions made to this end.

It appears the committee may often need either general or policy guidance from the Board on issues. We suggest when such issues arrive we address them in writing and get them to the Board at least a week before their next meeting so that they have adequate time to consider them before making a decision. Does the Board think this would be a satisfactory way to approach things?