

MLS Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 * Association Office

Meeting called to order 8:40 am by Chairman Jean Dunstan

PRESENT: Jean Dunstan, Chair; Sandy Bass, Diana Bingham, Nohemi Diaz DeLeon, Paul Evans, Cheryl Leifeste, Shelley Ostrowski and Jan Marie Ennenga (staff)

ABSENT: Linda Bauch, Ruben Hernandez

MINUTES

Meeting minutes from Oct. 4, 2013 were reviewed.

- ***MOTION #1 It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the October MLS Committee Minutes.***

SUPRA LEASE/NEW KEYSAFES EXCHANGE UPDATE

AE Jan Marie reported the old key safes are still trickling in. As to the one for one exchange, a total of 1899 boxes have been turned in. There are still 270 i-Boxes still assigned, plus another 331 reported as lost or stolen, for a total of 601 iBoxes missing. Of the 2000 new iBoxBT that were sent to Yuma for the exchange, only 156 of these remain in the office. Supra has not yet given a cut-off date for accepting the one-for-one exchange. The committee will look at this next month and will make a recommendation to the Board regarding refunds and credit after that date as the boxes will no longer have any replacement value for the association.

NEW BOX REPLACEMENT COST

- ***MOTION #2 -- It was moved, seconded and carried to clarify that the replacement cost for the iBoxBT (new) is \$125. The fee for the ibox (old) remains at \$100.***

2014 MLS POLICIES

In preparation for the Board of Directors January meeting during which the governing documents are approved, the MLS Committee reviewed the MLS Policies. It was noted that one of the policy items that was clarified earlier in the year, though a long-standing directive and practice, was not actually included in writing in the adopted policies. There were also a couple of typographical and grammatical errors corrected in the complete policy packet which will come before the board in January.

- ***MOTION #3 -- It was moved, seconded and carried to update the written MLS policy to reflect the long-standing practice of the association and position of the MLS Committee to include the following language in Policy #16: All listing photos shall be of the listed property and shall not include firm or agent signs, photos or other identifying information, unless the sign is incidental to the property photo.***

OFFICE STAFF ACCESS TO MLS

New business included a discussion as to the inclusion of provisions to allow administrative staff to access the MLS as an authorized user rather than using the credentials of their broker as is the current practice. There are security concerns with the current practice and there are system limitations as to the number of log-ins per user. It could be adapted from the system ARMLS uses which ensures that responsibility remains with the broker for oversight.

- ***MOTION #4-- It was moved, seconded and carried to direct staff to proceed with developing a policy, applicable rules and regulations, application form and fee structure that would allow administrative personnel MLS access credentials for MLS Committee Consideration.***

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OTHER

FORMS—The committee discussed a request to add “Buyer to Verify” to the Utilities section of the Residential Form Listing Form. By consensus, the committee determined this was more appropriately included in the purchase contract,

MLS TOURS—The MLS Tours continue to be well-attended, but there is concern that 10 listings may be too many to visit as the group races around and for those with listings on tour, it is extremely difficult to keep up. Staff will ask the group at the next tour if the number of listings is appropriate.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 at 8:30 am.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Marie Ennenga
Association Executive*