

MINUTES  
A.C.T.S. Annual Meeting  
Casa de Ejidal, Todos Santos, BCS, MX  
Saturday, February 16, 2019; 10AM-12PM  
Attendees: ~100 persons

AGENDA and MEETING NOTES

Welcome & Recap Purpose of A.C.T.S. – Vickie Butler, Vice President

- Legally recognized, Mexican, non-profit, volunteer organization.
- Cannot be involved in politics, but can be involved in the health, environment, safety, security, and well-being of the community.
- We have evolved to a more project-focused organization for the entire community. If there is a need, we can organize committees of support.
- Recognition of other community org. contributions such as Palapa Society, Padrino, Solo por Ayudar, Manos Magico, Vida y Prosperidad

Introduction of New 2019 Board Members

- New President: Sergio Jauregui. Thank you for your service Eduardo Ochoa.
- New Treasurer: Anita Harris. Thank you for your service Denise Steffenhagen.

Treasurer Report – Denise Steffenhagen, Treasurer

- March 2018: \$128,000 pesos
- February 2019: \$50,433.75 pesos
- See Treasurer's Report for details

Membership / PayPal – Denise Steffenhagen

- Join or pay membership dues suggested donation of \$500p/household online at [www.actsbaja.org](http://www.actsbaja.org)
- Set up PayPal to easily pay recurring membership dues

Website redesign – Laurel D'Angelo

- Moving off of WordPress, to be more secure.
- Information collected by all committees is posted here. Also, you can sign up for membership, pay membership dues (suggested donation) via PayPal, stay in touch with upcoming events and committee work, submit updates for the Phone Book and Map, read the Master Plan, and more.
- Email will be sent to the membership list when the website is live.

High-Level Recap of 2018 successes – Vickie Butler

- Saturday Trash pickup at Cleo's – reminder to tip the Drivers
- Road repair on Calle Las Playitas
- Road repair on Calle Horizonte
- Bomberos support
- Film Festival – deplasticificate awareness
- Phone Book: It's available now, suggested donation of \$150 pesos. Submit edits on the ACTS website.

- Security Map: See below for details.
- Comfort Care and Adios Amigos Kit – See below for details

#### Security Map – Tom Carroll and Vickie Butler

- Thank you to the Map committee including Anita Trammell, Tom Carroll, Wendy Rains, Vickie Butler.
- The Map is available now online as a PDF download, or in print for suggested donation of \$150 pesos for color, \$100 pesos for black/white. More will be printed, and available at El Tecolote Bookstore.
- The Delegado, Bomberos, Municipal police have received large, laminated copies.
- This is a living document. Suggestions for edits or additions can be submitted on the ACTS website.

#### Comfort Care & Adios Amigos Kit – Wendy Rains

- This program grew out of 2017 ACTS conference on Death and Dying, and is Hospice care, Palliative care and grief counseling, run by volunteers
- The program now has a core group of over 60+ trained volunteers, for 5 different departments, depending on need
- Adios Amigos: A new kit created by ACTS members available for suggested donation to help guide you, your friends, and family to prepare for the death in Mexico.
  - Preparation: Wills, Trusts, assigning a designee with keys, instructions and passwords
  - Post-Death: The first 24 hours, and The next 24 hours
- Separate from ACTS, Wendy Rains has purchased land in Pescadero to create an Aging in Place community – information to be provided as it becomes available
- Wendy Rains can be reached at [wendy@comfortcare.mx](mailto:wendy@comfortcare.mx)
- Visit the website [www.comfortcare.mx](http://www.comfortcare.mx) for more information

#### Illegal Cell tower construction – Laurel D'Angelo

- No illegal cell tower construction projects to report since December 2017.
- Stay vigilant, notify your ACTS group, who will work with the Delegado if you suspect any illegal activity in your neighborhood or around town.

#### Vecinos Vigilantes – Laurel D'Angelo

- This is about neighbors helping neighbors to help prevent or reduce crime and to get support you need if you are a victim of a crime.
- Prevention is key. Reporting crimes is critical, even though it's tough. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity.
- ACTS can help you start or re-engage your neighborhood watch program.
- Sign up for your neighborhood group!

#### New Todos Santos Delegado (Mayor) – Roberto Tito Palacios

- You know him from Mercado El Sol II. He decided to run for Mayor because it's about communication and helping people of Todos Santos, Pescadero, and surrounding areas. Not for one political party, so he registered as Independent.
- He's just getting set up. He doesn't have a computer in the office yet, so he has been unable to access Economic records, such as taxes and budget allocation information.

- Issues:
  - Water protection and respect, including efforts for re-routing water such as in La Posa.
  - Trash
  - Pushing for more police patrols, support/approval needed from La Paz. Some who were responsible for crime a few years ago are out of jail.
  - Street lights: Many repairs needed
  - Fires/Bomberos support: Truck repairs and equipment needs
  - Garbage trucks: Local businesses supported recent repairs, but this shouldn't be the way we manage this.
  - Taxes: Aligning systems with La Paz
  - Events: Wants transparency and follow-up with how much was raised for the town for each event, otherwise, they won't get a permit.
  - Audit Zoning: Commercial vs. Residential zoning needs to be audited, so that it is respected and doesn't get out of control.
  - Ecological park in the palm grove behind Baja Tiles, entry into La Cachora: Plus side, allows a place for residents to be in nature, and helps reduce crime. However, concerns with violation of environmental protection.
- Questions from audience:
  - Q: How do we have meetings for Elias Calles? We don't have streets, we don't have a park, we don't have regular police patrols. How are we not forgotten?  
A: Delegado Palacios needs help from the Elias Calles community to help evolve the area. If you need immediate help, reach out to Delegado Palacios. In the meantime, he will continue to fight for resources and support from La Paz.
  - Q: Did Pueblo Magico program end? Does that change who can build here now?  
A: The program ended, but Delegado Palacios promises protection for Todos Santos.
  - Q: Houses are draining grey and black water into the primary school on Camino La Posa. Can you enforce those houses to use the new sewer, or create a ditch to improve the drainage?  
A: Sergio Jauregui (New ACTS President) and Delegado Palacios offered funds to connect to the new sewers, and the home-owners still refused. Delegado Palacios will connect with the home-owners directly to enforce the law and address the issue.
  - Q: What is your position about building on the dunes?  
A: Delegado Palacios' goal is to connect the Municipal permissions with the location of where building is intended. There are laws against it. And many lawsuits are in progress now. But in the event you see construction beginning on the dunes, reach out to ACTS. Know that it's critical to hire a lawyer to help ensure laws are enforced. Need to work together – Delegado Palacios, the authorities, and the Community.
  - Q: Slow Down Pescadero – a man was killed recently. Can we get topes replaced on the main road?  
A: Yes, Delegado Palacios is working on solutions to address speeding in Pescadero.

