

Special Meeting of the EE HOA Board of Directors

A special meeting of the EE Board was held on the 29th of October at the Ramada. The meeting opened at 1:00 PM with Board President Eric Ellingson defining the purpose of the meeting as a presentation of the efforts of a homeowner-based 'Paint Group' to develop an expanded selection of trim colors for homes in EE. The basis of the Group's efforts is the notion that the Norfolk Brown trim color for the wood surfaces of our homes is dark, foreboding, and heat absorbing. The Group has worked with Dunn-Edwards Paint of Tucson to identify a group of compatible trim colors which will preserve the Southwestern theme of our subdivision.

The first part of the meeting was a presentation of the five colors proposed. These included the following Dunn-Edwards named colors:

Brown Eyes

Tan Plan

Iron Ore

Sedona at Sunset

Thundercloud

A panel containing large samples of each of the identified colors was on display at the Ramada during the meeting, and will remain on display until the Annual Meeting in January of 2013--to provide interested homeowners with the opportunity to see the actual selection of colors which will be part of the ballot question to be voted.

A slide show of computer-generated images was presented during the meeting. The slides showed the new colors 'painted' (i.e., superimposed) onto the wooden trim of various styles of EE houses; the slides were very revealing.

To view the same images that were presented during the meeting, go to a site set up by the Group: <http://eepaintcolors.shutterfly.com/pictures> .

If you have questions or comments for the members of the Paint Group, send an email to: paint@esperanzaestates.net and the message will be forwarded to the Group.

If you have questions or comments for members of the HOA Board regarding the new colors initiative, send an email to: board@esperanzaestates.net and the message will be forwarded to each of the Board members.

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Following the slide presentation, a Question and Answer session was held. Questions asked by various homeowners in attendance were varied, and will assist the Group as it works to formulate the final wording of the proposed amendment to the CC&Rs that would allow any additional colors to be used on the trim of houses in EE, while not requiring any homeowner to over-paint their Norfolk Brown trim with another color.

Following the Q&A session, a 'straw vote' to gauge the sense of the homeowners in attendance was taken. The first question was: *"Do you have a favorable opinion of the proposed measure to expand the allowable trim colors for our homes?"* The opinion of those in attendance at the meeting was favorable. A second question was then asked: *"Do you think that Quad homes should be treated differently?"* A single favorable vote was cast.

The next task for the Color Group is completion of a final draft of wording to amend the CC&R's to permit a larger selection of trim colors to be used on EE homes. After it has been reviewed by HOA legal counsel, a copy of the resolution will be included in the mailing for the 2013 Annual Meeting, along with ballots including the 'for' or 'against' vote on the question.

It is worth noting--for any homeowners who are not concerned with the outcome of this issue--that an Annual Meeting ballot cast without a vote 'for' the CC&R amendment will be, in effect, a vote against the resolution to change the CC&Rs. A favorable vote of 51% of the EE households is required to change the CC&R's.