

Today, 8/14/8 Third Laguna Hills Mutual held a special board meeting, which was televised on channel 6, to present the 3rd version of the 2009 Third Mutual budget to the residents. During that meeting, a brand new method of voting was introduced on camera by the President of Third, Cynthia Conners. It seems that if you don't get the result you are looking for the first time you vote, you simply vote over and over again until the result is the one you want.

This was demonstrated nicely today when the question of removing \$109,000 from the landscape budget designated as "weed pulling" was put on the block. Conners had a motion and a second, and, had gone through the process of getting comments from directors and from the members present. Then she called for the vote.

At that time those voting in favor of removing the money from the budget were directors Burrasca, Moore, Paulus, Lippert & Feldstein. Those opposed were Vogt, Hatch, Matson, and Muennichow. The vote was tallied by Conners, who announced that, "The Motion Passed."

Then ... in a flurry of activity on the dais, she asked for the directors to raise their hands again so she could get a RE-COUNT. She called for those in favor and the same directors raised their hands and then she called for those opposed and the same directors again raised their hands to be recounted, BUT, this time Conners raised her hand high.

She then declared that the "vote" was a tie and therefore the motion was defeated. SHE CALLED FOR A RE-COUNT AND THEN COUNTED IT AS A SECIND VOTE. Ah! Cyn-

thia, we'd like to know just exactly where that little action is in Robert's Rules? When her action was questioned by both members in the audience and members on the board, she blew them off and continued with the meeting.

After the meeting, one of the "in favor" directors was asked, "what had happened?" and the response was, "Well this is the way it is on this board. She just votes until she gets the result she wants."

The \$109,000 was eventually successfully removed from the total budget but only after a great deal of verbal wrangling and histrionics and from a completely different part of the budget. The removal was tagged with an "*" to remind the incoming board that they need to review service levels during the fiscal year.

Immediately prior to making a final allocation, Director Isabel Muennichow raised her hand to be recognized and said, "The asterisk isn't binding, is it?" Muennichow has been personally responsible for adding back dollars to the budget once they have been removed year after year after year.

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