

Dasmariñas Village Association

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Fellow residents,

We are currently in the midst of preparations for our Annual General Meeting after going through a very difficult 2020. Through this challenging period, with your continuing support, we were able to manage the COVID crisis fairly well.

UPDATE ON COLLECTION OF DUES:

We are happy to report that about two thirds (2/3) of households have paid the 2021 annual dues, notwithstanding the vigorous campaign conducted by a small group of people, three in particular - Sabino Padilla III, Betty Aw, and Susan Chung - against the dues increase. Sabino Padilla III has gone to the extent of filing a case requesting the DHSUD to order DVA to cease and desist from implementing the collection of the increased dues.

This group is obviously using the increase in dues to undermine the scheduled March 14, 2021 Annual General Meeting.

UNDERMINING OUR SCHEDULED MARCH 14, 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This group is trying to create a self-made crisis. When given the chance to run for the Board of Governors, none of them offered themselves as candidates to enable them to properly pursue their advocacies. They instead resort to posting inaccurate messages online and filing lawsuits. They continuously criticize and object but offer no alternatives or solutions.

And yet now, two weeks past the deadline of submission of candidates, they attempt to hold hostage our 2021 Annual General Meeting, perhaps until they can find a way to bypass the democratic way that DVA has been conducting its annual meetings for years.

Would you want DVA to devote time and financial resources to fend off a few disgruntled members? Members of this group filed written complaints and in some cases lawsuits not just against the current Board of Governors, but also against previous Boards dating as far back as ten years ago.

It is telling that none of the lawsuits filed by members of this group were ever validated by a favorable court ruling. In fact, members of this very same group participated in an illegal election on July 9, 2017 where they attempted to usurp the validly elected Board of Governors by proclaiming themselves as elected with a vote of only 58 members. Shortly after this group declared themselves as the legitimate board following their 'supervised election', they ordered the DVA Finance Dept. Head to immediately stop the processing of all expenses. Fortunately, their rump election was eventually declared by the HLURB as illegal and void.

Members of this group have requested residents to boycott the upcoming Annual General Meeting and withhold or withdraw their proxies. Their hope may be that in the absence of a quorum, they will be able to again conduct an illegal election. What this group does not tell you is that by asking you to boycott the upcoming meeting, they are asking you to intentionally violate the Magna Carta for Homeowners. Section 8 of the Magna Carta makes it the duty of a homeowner to attend meetings of the homeowners' association.

We urge all our members to participate in the meeting. We are not asking you to give your proxy to any person in particular or to vote in any particular way. It is enough that you attend by videoconference or give your proxy to someone that will attend the meeting so that DVA can move on and get back to the more urgent business of running the Village.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Best regards,

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