

# Application for Residential GRCA Board of Directors

## Mark Slicker

A resident of the Courts for the past six years. Currently President of The Courts Board and has worked with the GRCA Board on many Committees. He has read and is familiar with the GRCA governing documents, is not involved in any litigation, is current with his assessments, and has never been convicted of a felony.

## Platform

I have attended most Board meetings over the past several years. Our current GRCA Board (along with Executive Director, Jim Funk, at the helm) is taking us in right direction--it is extremely important that we sustain, and if possible, accelerate this forward momentum! We cannot afford to retreat, get diverted or slow down!

### **I believe we need to:**

- Continue the momentum that came out of last year's Excellence Fund Program--we need to update our surroundings to maximize our property values.
- Responsibly manage our overall costs and monthly assessments, without compromising quality and services.
- Instill a "Best Practices" philosophy into Landscape, Building and Administrative operations--provide the best service possible to everyone we serve.
- Do a better job of getting homeowner input and with staff communication. Make better use of technology in going this.

**In summary**, we need to elect proven, energetic and committed GRCA Board members, who will continue to drive the substantial progress underway. I have a proven track record that demonstrates my effectiveness and commitment—to both the condominium half of Gainey Ranch, and the single residence half of our community. Vote for me—and I will serve you well.

## Background

Over the past five years, I have been on various GRCA Board Committees, serving as:

- Co-chair of the Executive Search Committee that recruited Jim Funk, our Executive Director, to Gainey Ranch.
- Chair of last year's Excellence Fund Committee, which was instrumental to the implementation of new funding for our common area improvement needs.
- A member of the 2009 Dues Committee, which determined that our overall dues are in line with area high end communities, but need to be controlled carefully to keep them in line.
- A current member of the Maintenance Committee, supporting Jim Funk and the Board's efforts to better manage the overall costs and keep Gainey Ranch services at the quality levels we all want and expect.

Also, I served the Courts Community for the past five years, initially as Chairman of the Interim Management Committee, during particularly difficult transition period, and since then as President of the Board.

- We brought our reserve levels back up to satisfactory levels and returned to a sound financial footing-while undertaken some much needed improvements.
- We replaced our tile roofs without a special assessment and initiated a tremendously successful in-sourcing project, which Maintenance managed, that replaced our Irrigation system for 60% less than outside bids.
- We started working with Maintenance on developing standards, setting up more disciplined schedules and the bidding of outside contracts. These efforts have reduced our overall Maintenance by 25%, while improving overall service levels.

In earlier years, I have served on HOA boards in both Colorado and Minnesota.

My business experience, over a 30+ year career, includes senior executive positions with ongoing Board of Director interface. Specialty areas include Human Resources, Operations and Administration, Compensation and Organization Planning.

Eileen and I spend a lot of time volunteering with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy—working/hiking in the McDowell Mountain Preserve—Scottsdale's other Crown Jewel!!