

**Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization**  
**Board of Advisors Formation Meeting Minutes**  
**9:00 a.m. April 13, 2014 at 467 No. Orchid Tree Lane**

**All recently elected members of the Board of Advisors were in attendance:**

- Roseann Bleiweiss
- Jerry Braun
- Jeff Clarkson
- Kathy Cohn
- Byron Lohman
- Greg Probst
- Curt Watts

**Discussion of "Old Business":**

We thanked Roseann Bleiweiss for doing a great job of capturing the minutes of our Organization Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. These had been previously shared with Jerry and Curt. Based on an exchange of subsequent emails with Jeff, a few modifications are needed.

A few points relative to the Bylaws need to be finalized based on changes made at the Organizational meeting.

Changes and clarifications to the Bylaws were discussed, and the following two amendments that were passed at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting by a unanimous vote of the membership present will be made:

1. Adding the parenthetical "(including business occupants)" after the word "residents" in the first sentence of Section 1 of Article V (Membership) of the Bylaws to make the wording consistent with the City's ordinance.
2. Changing the word "at" to "attending" the two times it appears in the first sentence of Article XI (Amendments) of the Bylaws.

Further discussion was held about whether both business property owners and business occupants would need to be extended voting rights. This may need to be reviewed again in the future.

Jeff will contact Lee Bonno at the City to get clarification on this from the City's perspective. He will also check with her on the amount of membership dues charged by other neighborhood organizations.

Curt asked whether we wanted to include the actual vote tallies for the Board of Directors in the meeting minutes for record keeping. After discussion, there was agreement that this is not necessary.

The revised meeting minutes will be sent out to the entire Board for review and comments.

### **"New Business":**

There was a brief review of the next steps required for Sunrise Park to be recognized as a PSNIC Neighborhood Organization by the City of Palm Springs.

Officers need to be elected for the organization from our Board of Advisors. The list of officers needs to be submitted to the City along with the following items:

- An "Organization Application"
- Petition signed by attendees of the Organizational Meeting
- Approved Bylaws

These go to Lee Bonno who will present these for approval by the City Manager, David Ready, and the City Council of Palm Springs.

Curt provided a list of "Issues or Areas of Concern from the Orange Interest Cards (33)" collected at the Organizational Meeting. These are as follows:

- Neighborhood watch/crime = 24
- Neighborhood signage (e.g. Blade Signs) = 11
- Board involvement = 5
- Neighborhood businesses = 9
- Historic Sites/preservation = 9
- Communications Committee = 3
- Traffic/Street Improvements = 22
- Social events/ special events = 10
- Planning / zoning and city relations = 14
- Future fund raising activities = 8
- Finance = 1
- Other = 8 (lowering speed limits on Amado and Farrell, Bylaws/governance documents/SOPs, COD (2), Vacation Rentals & noise (3), Code enforcement/disaster preparedness)

This information provides some further input on priorities for the organization as well as volunteers to help in addressing these issues. There were 5 individuals who indicated interest in Board involvement. Two of these individuals did not nominate themselves for Board positions at the meeting. There was discussion on whether they should be approached to see if they want to be considered to be added to the board. The majority of the Board felt that, since they did not self-nominate at the meeting, this would not be necessary.

There was some discussion of possible ideas for neighborhood launch events, fund raising events, and priorities for the organization. This will be pursued in future meetings.

Jerry proposed the idea for consideration that Board members who did not have an "Officer" position be willing to volunteer to lead in key areas of interest for the neighborhood. There was no further discussion at this time on this issue, but this could be revisited later.

There was discussion about whether we want to expand the Board of Advisors, which is allowed to offer better geographic balance or to bring in skills not presently represented on the Board. It was decided to see what interest there was among the current seven Board of Advisors for the various Officer positions which would help identify what skills we might need to bring in.

After discussion, the following Officer positions were approved:

Chairperson = Curt Watts

Vice Chairperson = Kathy Cohn

Secretary = Jerry Braun

Communications Chair = Roseann Bleiweiss

Treasurer = Byron Lohman

It was decided to pursue two possible additional Board of Advisors members at this time:

- John Kennedy from Orchid Tree Lane, for his Financial expertise.
- Mike Scebbi, resident of South of Tahquitz, to provide geographic balance to our Board.

Curt will contact them to see if they are interested in meeting with the Board to discuss being added to the Board. Up to two more Board positions could be added at a later time.

There was a brief discussion on the blade sign designs for input on font and design.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m., location is to be determined. Three possibilities include Kathy's home, Curt's home, and Byron's office space.

**Meeting was Adjourned.**