

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING
September 26, 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Roseann Bleiweiss, Kathy Cohn, William Follett, Byron Lohman, Bruce Maughan, Carolyn Mayfield, and Curt Watts.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

- I. The proposed agenda was accepted without changes.
- II. The minutes from the July 25, 2015 meeting were approved.
- III. Public Comments
There were none.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. Chairperson

Curt reviewed the calendar of upcoming events and provided an update on the work of the ONE-PS governance committee, which has completed its initial work. There is a schedule for its recommendations to be considered for approval by ONE-PS. It has concluded that the Brown Act does not apply to ONE-PS or the neighborhood boards, but recommends that ONE-PS elect to follow some of the act's provisions for transparency and inclusiveness; the neighborhood boards are not expected to do likewise. The committee has also recommended that ONE-PS apply for tax-exempt status for itself and assist the individual neighborhood organizations in incorporating, if they choose to do so, and applying for tax-exempt status. The committee also recommended that ONE-PS obtain directors and officers liability insurance for the members of ONE-PS and the neighborhood boards. There is a meeting scheduled for September 28, 2015 for anyone interested in discussing the Brown Act conclusions.

- B. Vice Chairperson

Kathy encouraged the Board members to attend the Mayor/City Council candidate forum the evening of Wednesday, October 14th.

- C. Secretary

No report.

- D. Treasurer

Byron presented the financial report. The current bank balance is \$9,957.33.
(Documents attached.)

E. Communications Officer

Roseann reported that we have 177 email contacts, many of them for couples, and more than 250 people on Nextdoor.

V. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Watch

Will reported that the City has given its final approval to the locations for installation of the neighborhood watch signs. Approximately two-thirds of the affected property owners he and Ken contacted have approved and no one has objected (although several did not respond at all). After discussion, it was agreed that the Board's June 27, 2015 approval to spend up to \$2,000 is sufficient for the program to proceed. Will and Curt will coordinate ordering the signs and having them installed. There was discussion about how to handle requests from individuals to have signs placed in additional locations. The Board will discourage but address such requests on a case-by-case basis because the City does not want more signs in our neighborhood than those recently approved.

B. Modernism Week

Byron reported that the memorandum of understanding will be essentially the same as last year's except that we may have a different initial meeting place for check-in. He and Roseann will work that out. We need to begin identifying houses for the tour.

C. Blade Signs

Curt reported that, after the last order for signs, four more people have paid to have a sign installed. There may be another one or two who will soon pay. After discussion, the purchase of 10 additional signs was approved at a cost of approximately \$1,500.

D. Future Social Events

Roseann reported that she has received two offers for locations for social events. Discussion turned to Byron's offer to host a social at 2061 East Paseo Gracia, which is currently being remodeled. The Board accepted the offer with thanks, and discussed the details. The social will run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., soft drinks and wine will be served with refreshments, and there will be background music. The Board approved \$500 for the event. Byron has offered additional funds since this will also serve to promote his listing of the house for future sale. He, Roseann, and Mia Robinson will plan the event. Notice will be provided through emails, Nextdoor, and Facebook. RSVPs will be required a week before.

VI. Updates on City Projects

Curt reported that the City-wide paving project has begun. The streets in our neighborhood to be paved this year will be done in the next two months. The Hot Spots report on proposed pedestrian, bicycle, and road safety projects was evaluated by the Measure J Commission, which has approved a three-year program with expenditures of \$1 million each year. Its recommendations now go to the City Council. The issue of vacation

rentals is still in process and the City is beginning to work on how to address vacant buildings.

VII. New Business

The ONE-PS Ecology Committee is considering proposing a ban on or regulation of leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods. Curt distributed an informational hand-out on the subject. Board members should provide any comments to Kathy for her to express our collective opinions at the next ONE-PS meeting.

VIII. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments

Byron expressed concern about the lack of traffic signs when entering the southern part of our neighborhood on Arenas or Saturnino. Curt said that issue could possibly be addressed by ONE-PS or Public Works during implementation of the safety hot spots projects since one of them includes signage and traffic calming measures in this area. Byron also indicated that realtors are now organized on the issue of the smoke detector inspection fees the City requires in connection with the sale of single-family homes. Palm Springs is one of only four cities in the country with such a requirement.

Roseann reported that a group she works with approached the airport about renting the unused boxing club building for a small museum about the Salton Sea during Modernism Week. They were turned down even though the building is unused.

Will expressed concern about possible expansion of activities at the airport. He encouraged the Board members to follow the issue, particularly now that a master plan update is in process.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Berkshire Hathaway office.

Recorded by Bruce Maughan, Secretary

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