

TO: David Ready, City Manager
City of Palm Springs

FROM: Curt Watts, Chairperson
Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization ("SPNO") Board of Advisors

DATE: April 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Report of SPNO Annual Meeting

The first Annual Meeting of the Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization ("SPNO") was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Mizell Center located at 480 S. Sunrise Way (at Ramon Road). In addition to the list of property addresses represented at the meeting, attached hereto are copies of the Meeting Agenda, Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes, twelve-page Power Point Presentation displayed during the meeting and two-page Nextdoor Flyer distributed to attendees.

A total of 28 households "checked in" at the registration desk and received ballots for the planned election of the new Board of Advisors during the meeting. Several properties were represented by more than one attendee (although votes taken during the meeting were restricted to one per property).

Following a general welcome by Chairperson Curt Watts and introduction of the current members of the Board of Advisors, the following topics were discussed (followed by actions as indicated below):

- 1) Vice Chairperson Kathy Cohn reviewed the 2014 neighborhood priorities which helped guide the Board's activities during the last year.
- 2) Last year's accomplishments of the Board and Organization were reviewed by individual Board Members Roseann Bleiweiss, Kathy Cohn, Byron Lohman & Curt Watts. They included:
 - Official establishment of the organization per City procedures, election of the first seven-member Board of Advisors and addition of two representatives as provided in the Bylaws from properties located south of Tahquitz.
 - Fundraising activities this past year including contributions from individual members, the film screening of "Mona Lisa is Missing" at the local Camelot Theatres and a Modernism Week 2015 Home Tour.
 - Ongoing communications with the neighborhood which were extensive and utilized Nextdoor, Facebook, our e-mail contact list of Members and our website www.SunriseParkPS.com.

- The approval and funding of neighborhood identification blade signs which resulted in nineteen (19) installations around the perimeter of the neighborhood.
 - Meetings with Police Department representatives regarding neighborhood crime issues and initial discussions toward establishing a Neighborhood Watch program.
 - Participation in the City's Festival of Lights Parade and plans to have a booth for SPNO at the upcoming annual PSNIC Picnic.
 - Input to the City on several issues impacting the neighborhood including bike routes, planned repaving of City streets and policies affecting vacation rental properties.
- 3) Board Member Bruce Maughan introduced several amendments to the current SPNO Bylaws proposed by the Board of Advisors including the establishment of "staggered terms" for future Board members, clarification of officer duties and further definition of the difference between "Eligible Members" and "Members". (The proposed bylaw amendments were reviewed with City staff prior to the Annual Meeting and after their description to meeting attendees the proposed amendments were adopted unanimously at the Annual Meeting by a show of hands of all in attendance – limited to one vote per property/household).
- 4) Chairperson Curt Watts outlined the procedure for electing the next Board of Advisors, to serve until the next Annual Meeting in March 2016. The seven individuals who "pre-nominated" themselves in advance of today's meeting were introduced and one additional nomination was received from the floor. The eight nominees were:
- Roseann Bleiweiss
 - Kathy Cohn
 - William Follett
 - Byron Lohman
 - Bruce Maughan
 - Carolyn Mayfield (nominated from the floor)
 - Mike Scebbi
 - Curt Watts

Following brief statements from each nominee, ballots were completed and then collected by those responsible for tallying the votes (with results to be announced later in the meeting).

- 5) Vice Chairperson Kathy Cohn acknowledged meeting attendee Lee Bonno representing the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Kathy then described progress on establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program for the Sunrise Park Neighborhood. She also introduced Lt. Gus Araiza of the City's Police Department for comments and Q&A from attendees. Two additional representatives from the Police Department were also in attendance and participated in this portion of the meeting.

- 6) Chairperson Curt Watts reviewed the Survey Form distributed to everyone for input regarding neighborhood priorities for next year. A total of 23 survey forms were submitted and the results tabulated after the meeting. (A summary of the results is attached hereto along with a comparison to last year's input).

- 7) Based upon the report from the individuals tallying the 23 submitted election ballots, Chairperson Curt Watts announced that the seven (7) members elected to the Board of Advisors for next year would be:
 - Roseann Bleiweiss
 - Kathy Cohn
 - William Follett
 - Byron Lohman
 - Bruce Maughan
 - Carolyn Mayfield
 - Curt Watts

- 8) Closing Announcements included the March 28th PSNIC/ONE-PS Picnic to be held at Ruth Hardy Park and the April 18th Meeting of the newly-elected Board of Advisors.

Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization
Annual Meeting Attendance - March 21, 2015 Property Address
Property Owner may differ from Attendee(s)

Property Address

2171 E. Amado Rd.
1934 E. Andreas Rd.
1777 E. Arenas Road
444 N. Burton Way
2051 E. Calle Felicia
2125 E. Calle Lileta
2141 E. Calle Lileta
276 N. Debby Dr.
1864 E. Desert Palms Dr.
246 N. Luring Dr.
1828 E. McManus Dr.
1881 E. McManus Dr.
1989 E. McManus Dr.
2155 E. McManus Dr.
361 N. Monterey Rd.
265 N. Orchid Tree Lane
400 N. Orchid Tree Lane
1880 E. Park Dr.
2121 E. Park Dr.
2125 E. Paseo Gracia
2223 E. Paseo Gracia
2087 Paseo Roseta
2177 Paseo Roseta
2249 Paseo Roseta
266 N. Saturmino Dr
212 N. Sunset Way
265 N. Sunset Way
289 N. Sunset Way

Property Owner(s)

Martin Goldstein
Malcolm McKay
Stephen G. Sullivan
Kenneth Nelson
Therault Living Trust
Carolyn J. Mayfield
Mike Frick
Carl A. & Kathleen C. Cohn
Barbara Banniza
Blake G. Goetz
Jay I. Lippmann
McLean/Lohman
Marilyn Lugo
Richard Bleiweiss
Vincent M. Imhoff Trust
Robert Bracken
Robert Thompson
Michael W. Gricus
Robert J. Graf
Bruce R. Maughan
Thomas L. Duecker
Mike Scebbi
Robert A. Elmore
Watts/Welden Trust
Curtis W. Watts
William Follett
Carol M. Cianfarani/Mike Bullock
Alex C. Dethier



Neighborhood Organization
Annual Meeting, March 21, 2015, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Mizell Center

AGENDA

- **Registration and Refreshments** 15 minutes
- **Welcome** Curt Watts
Introduce Guests & Current Board Members Board Chair
Review Today's Agenda 10 minutes
- **Review 2014 Neighborhood Priorities** Kathy Cohn
(Based on Input at 2014 Organizational Meetings) Board Vice Chair
5 minutes
- **Review 2014 Accomplishments** Board Members
20 minutes
- **Discussion of Proposed Bylaws Changes** Bruce Maughan
Explanation of Changes Board Member
Approval by Members 10 minutes
- **2015 Board of Advisors Election** Curt Watts
Introduction of Self-Nominations and Statements Board Chair
Additional Nominations from the Floor 30 minutes
Self-Introductions by Nominees from the Floor
Votes Cast by Members (Tally results during next item[s])
- **Public Safety Updates with Lt. Araiza, PS Police Dept.** Kathy Cohn
Introductory Comments Board Vice Chair
Comments from Lt. Araiza followed by Q&A 15 minutes
- **Discussion of Future Priorities for Organization** Curt Watts
Review Survey Form Board Chair
Discussion & Completion of Surveys 15 minutes
- **Announcements** 10 minutes
Election Results (including length of term)
PSNIC (One-PS) Picnic March 28, 2015, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Ruth Hardy Park
(SPNO seated together)
Next Board Meeting April 18, 2015, 9:00 am (includes selection of Officers)
Adjourn

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Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes - SPNO

Definition of "Eligible Member":

- The term "Eligible Members" will be defined to include "property owners, residents and business occupants" within the boundaries of Sunrise Park.
- This is the definition prescribed by the City's ordinance governing neighborhood organizations; previously, "business occupants" were inadvertently omitted.
- The defined term "Eligible Member(s)" will be used consistently throughout the Bylaws.

Definition of "Member":

- A "Member" will be defined as an Eligible Member who has given his or her contact information to the Communications Officer in order to receive updates and regular communications from the organization (beyond the Annual Meeting Notice).
- Both Eligible Members and Members are allowed to vote under the terms of the Bylaws.

Staggered Terms for Board of Advisors:

- The existing Bylaws call for the Board of Advisors to be comprised of seven members serving one-year terms. The current Board believes it is advisable to stagger the terms of Board members to prevent a situation where a Board comprised of all new members would have no prior institutional knowledge of the prior Board's actions and policies.
- To accomplish the goal of staggered terms, the Board is recommending that the top four vote-getters in the 2015 Board election be elected to two-year terms and the next three top vote-getters be elected to one-year terms.
- After the 2015 election, all Board members would be elected to two-year terms with three Board members elected in even-numbered years, and four Board members elected in odd-numbered years.

Officers' Duties:

- The proposed amendment clarifies that expenditure approvals in excess of \$100 are to be approved by the Board (and not just the Officers of the Board – i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, etc.).
- The Secretary will no longer be responsible for official correspondence of the organization. In practice during the past year, each Officer and Board member has written correspondence consistent with his or her duties.
- As directed by the Board, the Communications Officer will be specifically authorized to conduct electronic polling to collect opinions from the membership on certain issues that come before the Board (for instance, blade sign design choices).

Turn over to view Annual Meeting Agenda

RE-CAP OF "SURVEYS" OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

<u>March 2015 Annual Meeting (23)</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not a Priority</u>
Street Improvements	20	1
Neighborhood Watch/Crime	16	1
Neighborhood Identification/Blade Signs	14	4
Speeding/Traffic Issues	13	3
Fundraisers	10	5
Vacation Rentals/Noise	10	6
<u>Write History of Sunrise Park Neighborhood</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>
Social Events	5	10
Host a Modernism Tour of Your Home in 2016	3	4
<i>Write-Ins:</i>		
Homeless	2	
Upgrade Field Lights at Stadium	1	
Festival of Lights	1	
Vacant Lot Landscape Care	1	
"Night Sky" Lighting Promotion	1	
"Slow for Children" Signs at Saturnino & Baristo	1	
Bulk Trash – Baristo	1	

April 2014 Organizational Meeting (33)- Feedback from Orange Contact Cards

Neighborhood Watch/Crime	24
Traffic/Street Improvements	22
Planning/Zoning & City Relations	14
Neighborhood Signage/Identity	11
Social Events/Special Events	10
Involvement of/with Neighborhood Businesses	9
Historic Sites/Preservation	9
Future Fundraising Activities	8
Vacation Rentals & Noise	3

February 2014 Formation Meeting (General Comments/Concerns - No vote/survey taken)

No free newspapers in driveways
Crime
Speed Limits
Pot hole/road improvements (especially Amado)
Vacant homes
Burying utility lines/wires
Vacation home parties (noise levels)/Management Co. Involvement
Number of vacation home rental permits the City issues per neighborhood: Monitored? Cap?
Need to gate certain businesses to keep out homeless
Parking at Amado/Sunrise
Dog owners (pooper scooper)
Parties/social get-togethers to network and meet neighbors