

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING
July 25, 2015

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

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

- I. The proposed agenda was accepted without changes.
- II. The minutes from the June 27, 2015 meeting were approved.
- III. Public Comments

A neighbor had indicated an interest in discussing a matter with the Board, but changed his mind and did not attend. It was agreed that an opportunity for public comment would be provided at Board meetings, limited to 3 minutes per person unless extended by a vote of the Board.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chairperson

Curt reviewed the calendar of upcoming events and provided notice of two additional events. A candidate forum will be sponsored by ONE-PS and the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, October 13th. Neighborhood board members are encouraged to attend to assure a well-attended session. In addition, ONE-PS will participate in the Pride Parade on Sunday, November 8th and will have a booth at the Pride Festival November 7th and 8th.

In Kathy's absence, Curt also provided an update on the work of the ONE-PS governance committee. It expects to complete its work by fall. A preliminary conclusion has been reached that the Brown Act does not apply to ONE-PS or the neighborhood boards, but ONE-PS may elect to voluntarily follow some of its provisions for transparency with the Palm Springs community. The committee is also considering applying for tax-exempt status for itself and the individual neighborhood organizations. Finally, it is looking at obtaining an umbrella liability policy for members of ONE-PS and the neighborhood boards. He and Kathy will continue to monitor progress on these issues.

B. Vice Chairperson

In Kathy's absence, Curt provided her report (see above).

C. Secretary

No report.

D. Treasurer

Byron presented the financial report. The current bank balance is \$9,466.63 after the two neighborhood blade sign payments authorized at the June meeting. (Documents attached.)

E. Communications Officer

Roseann reported that we have 168 email contacts and 249 people on Nextdoor. There was discussion about the benefits of regular communication with the neighborhood, perhaps quarterly. There was agreement this could take the form of an email update of organization and Board activities followed by posting the update on Facebook and Nextdoor.

With the arrival of local election season, there was discussion about the use of Nextdoor in connection with campaigns. There was agreement that the Board would not seek to limit such discussions. People will be reminded again how to control the discussions they choose to follow on Nextdoor.

V. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Watch

Curt began the discussion by reporting on several related matters. He reminded the Board of the city app that can be used to report problems such as graffiti, which had recently occurred in our neighborhood. The City has begun issuing a periodic report of code enforcement incidents reported to it. In addition, discussions have begun about expanding the neighborhood watch concept to assist neighbors in preparing to help each other in the event of a disaster. There will be a meeting on the subject August 11th. Curt will attend and invite Ken Nelson to attend as well.

Will reported that the City approved all 29 of the locations the Board approved in June for neighborhood watch signs. The next step is to obtain agreement from the affected property owner for each of those locations. The subcommittee had prepared a draft letter and agreement form. After discussion, the Board approved the draft with minor revisions. Members of the Board identified people on the list they will approach directly to obtain their signatures. The letter will be mailed to the remaining neighbors.

B. Blade Signs

Curt reported that the City completed the installation of the last 27 blade signs this week. There are now 46 signs in place—16 sponsored by individuals and 30 paid from organization funds. After discussion, it was agreed that Curt will prepare a communication to go out to the neighborhood acknowledging those who sponsored signs and providing an opportunity for other neighbors to sponsor signs as well. The plan is to place another order in early fall.

Curt also reported that the recent installation had caught the attention of a resident living on one of the cul-de-sacs north of Alejo. Curt had explained to him that the Sunrise Park neighborhood does not include that area, raising again the question of whether the boundaries of our neighborhood should be expanded. After discussion, the Board determined it would not support expanding the boundaries because the two likely alternatives would result in either doubling the size of our neighborhood or creating an irregular boundary that would not be easy to describe. He will have a discussion with the City about the possibility of forming a new neighborhood organization bounded by Sunrise, Alejo, Farrell, and Tachevah, and he will offer our Board's assistance to people in that area if they want to form a new organization.

C. Neighborhood priorities

The Board discussed the interest in holding social events in the neighborhood. A variety of options were discussed—a small social attended by Board members and a few guests invited by each Board member, morning coffee in someone's front yard open to people within a few block radius, potlucks, an event tied to a larger event held in Sunrise Park such as Opera in the Park, and an open house in a vacation rental. Roseann offered to post a solicitation of ideas and interest on Nextdoor. Will and Roseann will put together a subcommittee of people who have expressed interest in neighborhood social activities and report in September.

VI. New Business

Curt asked the members of the Board to prepare to discuss in September the current direction and focus of the organization. Are we focused on the right things? Are the residents of the neighborhood and Board members getting what they expected from the formation of the organization?

VII. Updates on City Projects

Curt reported that none of the streets in our neighborhood will receive a slurry seal this year. Street reconstruction will begin soon and occur over several months; our neighborhood has several of those streets. Work has commenced for bike lanes on Alejo, which includes some road resurfacing. The Hot Spots report on proposed pedestrian, bicycle, and road safety projects is expected in September. The City is compiling a list of vacation rentals and will provide that list to neighborhoods leaders, who can use the list to report properties that are being used as unregistered vacation rentals and to report violations by registered rentals.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Berkshire Hathaway office. The Board will not meet in August.

Recorded by Bruce Maughan, Secretary

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