



Neighborhood Organization, [www.sunriseparkps.com](http://www.sunriseparkps.com)  
Annual Meeting, March 30, 2019, 9:00– 11:00 am  
Palm Springs Teachers Association, 180 N. Luring Dr.

### **DRAFT Annual Report and Minutes**

The Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization (SPNO) held its Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Registration, Complimentary Continental Breakfast catered by, Aspen Mills began at 9:00 a.m.

Ken Nelson, Chairman, called the business meeting to order at 9:33. He introduced guests Paul Hinrichsen, Bob Heinbaugh, and Chris Ruitz, Co-Chairs of the ONE-PS Neighborhood Support Committee. He then introduced the other members/officers of the SPNO Board of Directors: Kathy Cohn, Vice Chair; Paul Zak, Treasurer; Brad Dunkin, Communications Officer, Andrew Green, member, Neil Wortman, member. Michael Hudson, Secretary, was out of the country.

**Public Comments:** Member Craig Ewing announced the formation of a Movie Classics Club in Palm Springs. Films are screened at the PS Cultural Center/ The Camelot Theater.

**Priorities – Accomplishments:** Kathy Cohn & Ken Nelson spoke to the SPNO accomplishments since last March, 2018, in response to the priorities identified in last year's survey of the members priorities and interests. The survey is conducted at each Annual Meeting. Members had expressed interest in supporting charities in the city. SPNO contributed a \$1,600.00 Scholarship to support one adult student enrolled in an online high school diploma program through the PS City Library. SPNO also contributed \$500.00 to the Well in the Desert, a charity suggested by our members.

Members also suggested neighborhood socials. On May 3, 2018, a Free Happy Hour was held at the PS Cultural Center & Camelot Theatre, and a spokesperson shared the offerings of the Cultural Center. On Nov. 9, 2018 Neil and Shari Wortman hosted Fall Happy Hour. Our 2019 Modernism Home Tours was postponed to 2020 allowing more advance time for recruiting suitable homes and better scheduling of our neighborhood's tour.

**Treasurer Report:** Paul Zak provided a report on the SPNO finances. Because our Annual Meeting is in March, but our fiscal year is the calendar year, the report included information on expenses and income across 15 months. The beginning bank balance 1/1/18 was \$20,268.25; the ending balance on 12/31/18 was \$13,449.29. The major expenses were for General Liability and Directors/Officers Insurance, neighborhood socials and meetings, and donations. The balance as of the most recent statement on 2/28/19 is \$13,418.98. The proposed Modernism Tour in February 2020 will be important in maintaining our current activities and obligations.

**Board of Director Elections:** Board member Andrew Green explain the cycle for election of the seven (7) members of the Board of Directors Board. The 7 members serve 2-year staggered terms. Four positions were open in 2019. The incumbent candidates were Kathy Cohn, Brad Dunkin, Ken Nelson and Paul Zak. Mr. Green called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Since there were four candidates for four open positions, Member Green entertained a motion to elect the slate by general consent (acclamation). The motion was approved and the slate of four candidates was elected unanimously by voice vote.

**SPNO Bylaw Amendments:** The Board of Directors recommended amending parts of two Articles of the SPNO Bylaws. (The amended bylaws are posted on the SPNO website: [www.sunriseparkps.com](http://www.sunriseparkps.com) )

**ARTICLE IV - NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES** -The Board recommended extending a segment of our southern border to include The Sunrise Park between Baristo and Ramon, and from Sunrise Way to Pavilion Way. This area includes the PS City Library, The Boys and Girls Club, Mizell Senior Center, playground and picnic areas, Parks and Recreation Buildings, the Power Baseball Stadium, Skateboard Park, and the PS Swim Center. The motion to approve these changes was passed with an enthusiastic unanimous vote.

**ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS** – The Board recommended, inserting a 5-word phrase that will add flexibility to the assignment of roles to the offices. The phrase, “unless otherwise determined by the board.” was added at the end of Section 4.J. and Section 5.C. The motion to approve these changes was passed with a unanimous vote.

**PS Police Officer David Etchison**, filled in for one of SPNO’s Police Liaisons, Officer Cook (e-mail [joseph.cook@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:joseph.cook@palmspringsca.gov) ). Officer Etchison shared that thefts were the most common crime in our neighborhood. He shared crime prevention tips, such as good lighting on your property at night, cameras, interior lighting and radios/music/TV on timers when you are away, and locked mailboxes. In response to a question about the homeless in The Sunrise Park, he said he is one of the officers assigned to the homeless program in Palm Springs. He shared the housing, physical and mental health resources made available. But many of the homeless are so affected by addiction, that they do not accept most of these services. He reminded us that being homeless is not a crime.

**College of the Desert, Palm Springs Center Director, Dr. Scott Adkins**, updated the neighbors on the academic and skill-based curriculum and programs that will be offered at the new Palm Springs Campus by 2022-2023. They include Heating and A/C, welding; health occupations; hospitality; and digital arts and related subjects. There will be collaboration with the city, school district, and other community businesses and organization. Dr. Adkins also shared the great strides COD is making in time to degree and graduation rates. Many new services and resources are advancing these goals. Demolition will begin soon at Tahquitz Way and Farrell Drive, with continuing consultation with the stakeholders and community.

**SPNO Social:** The next social will be Opera in the Park, Sunrise Park, April 7, 2019, 1:00-4:00 pm. Bring a picnic. Sit with your neighbors!

At its April 13, 2019 SPNO Board Organizing Meeting, the board elected the following officers:

<b>Board of Directors Members</b>	<b>Terms of Office</b>
Chair: Ken Nelson (ONE-PS Rep)	March, 2021
Vice Chair, Kathy Cohn (ONE-PS Alt)	March, 2020
Secretary, Michael Hudson	March, 2020
Treasurer, Paul Zak	March, 2021
Communications Officer, Brad Dunkin	March, 2021
Member, Andrew Green	March, 2020
Member, Neil Wortman	March, 2020

The Board of Directors scheduled its six meetings in the odd numbered months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Teachers Association, 180 E. N. Luring Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Thank you, PS Teachers Association, and Former board member, Rita Baird for your service.**  
*Attachments: SPNO Bylaws amended March 30, 2019; SPNO 2019 Annual Meeting Sign-in Sheet.*