



Neighborhood Organization

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Annual Meeting, May 1, 2021, Meeting 9:00– 10:30 a.m. Via Zoom

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Vice Chair Kathy Cohn called the Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization (SPNO) Annual Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After welcoming the neighbors and guests, she shared some Zoom features and procedures for the meeting. She then introduced the other current members of the board: Ken Nelson, Brad Dunkin, Michael, Neil Wortman, and Marty Danielson.

SPNO Accomplishments/Updates

Kathy gave a brief history of the SPNO, which was formed in March, 2014. It was incorporated as a 501 (c) 4 non-profit in 2016. It is affiliated with Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs that was created by a City ordinance to foster communication between neighborhoods, of which there are 49, and city government.

SPNO has held 3 Modernism Week Home Tours which have been the primary source of revenue. Because of the pandemic restrictions, SPNO was inactive as were most of the neighborhood organizations. The custom has been to hold 2 socials each year, as well as participating in the Festival of Lights Parade, National Night Out, and the ONE-PS and City of Palm Springs Annual Picnic. We have made charitable donations to the PS Public Library and the PS Boys and Girls Club in our neighborhood. In February, 2020, we had a very successful Modernism Week Home Tour: *“Close to Everything, Far from Ordinary”*

Treasurer, Michael Hudson, presented a brief financial report. A full report will be posted on the SPNO website. The current bank balance is \$18,856.

The 2021 Board of Directors Election was conducted. Kathy explained that typically, the board members 2-term are staggered, but because of the shelter-in-place order in March, 2020, no elections were held. As a result, all seven positions are open. Each of the seven self-nominated candidates introduced themselves to the residents and made a short statement. There were no nominations from the floor. Attendees were instructed to vote for up to seven (7) candidates, and that only one person per household/business is eligible to vote. The election was held via a Zoom Poll. Election Results:

Bob Peterson
Brad Dunkin
Byron Radcliffe
John Cummings
Kathy Cohn
Ken Nelson
Marty Danielson

Denise Goolsby, Manager of the Office of Neighborhoods explained her role assisting neighborhoods with formation and accessing City resources. She shared some of the important issues that the City is facing. During the pandemic, she has delivered much of the City's messaging with regard to COVID-19 regulations and resources. Denise answered questions, including one concerning the College of the Desert project. Denise put her phone information in the Zoom Chat: 760-323-8255, denise.goolsby@palmspringsca.gov.

P.S. Sustainability Manager Patrick Tallarico, announced that a new state law will go into effect next year that will change the collections and disposal waste. In addition to trash and green waste, food waste will become a third category requiring an additional bin. The City is working with PS Disposal on the logistics. Single and multiple family and businesses will have differing collection methods. Information will be forthcoming. Patrick encourage neighbors to access the website: yoursustainablecity.com for more information.

Patrick urged neighbors to do their part to minimize the effects of the draught. Specific ways to be proactive include checking sprinkler systems for leaks, misdirected and excessive watering, and working with your gardener on these issues. And be sure your garden service has fully converted to electric leaf blowers. Rebates are still available.

PS Police Dept. Liaison, Officer Andrew Tiedeman was unable to attend.

The new board members will discuss future activities and projects for the Organization. Some possible ideas include charitable projects: Boys & Girls Club, Mizell Center, Meals on Wheels, PS Library, Summer Camp. Volunteers are encouraged to get involved with any of the projects that emerge. Email the SPNO, sunriseparkno@gmail.com.

The board will also plan an SPNO Social for Fall, 2021.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

Next SPNO Board Meeting via Zoom, today **May 1, 10:45**.

Agenda items: Election of Officers, Set Meeting Schedule, Insurance payment

Thank you to our more recent former board members for your service:

Michael Hudson, Andrew Green, Neil Wortman, Paul Zak, Rita Baird

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kathy Cohn and Brad Dunkin