

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Palm Springs Teachers Association, 180 N. Luring Dr., Palm Springs, CA

January 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Kathy Cohn (Vice-Chairperson), Brad Dunkin (Communications Officer), Andrew Green, Michael Hudson (Secretary), Ken Nelson (Chairperson), Neil Wortman, Paul Zak (Treasurer; attended via Facetime).

Neighbors in attendance: Shon Tomlin

Call to Order: The Vice-Chairperson Kathy Cohn called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

I. Review and Approve Order of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda of the meeting was approved unanimously with a request from Kathy to change the word “advisor” to “director” under Old Business, item V. D.

II. Public Comments

Shon T. asked about street repaving. Kathy updated the Board about the process; including how the city does street inventory, street ratings from worst to best and budgeting. Repairs are based on worst to best. Last year part of the neighborhood got skipped over. **Also, main “artery” streets take priority.**

Shon raised a second question about addressing a residential property maintenance issue. Board members spoke about a previous similar neighborhood residential issue which was handled by the Palm Springs Code Compliance department. **Brad and Michael offered to forward to Shon sample emails they had sent to the city regarding similar situations.**

III. Approve minutes from the October 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Approved by all Board members including Paul via Facetime.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chairperson (Ken Nelson)

- Calendar of Upcoming Events
 - Ken provided the Board with an updated Sunrise Park Community Calendar for January 2019. The Board discussed opting out of a Spring Social for 2019 due to other major events happening around the same months. These events include, the Annual Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization (SPNO) meeting in late March, the NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA) conference and other events.

B. Vice Chairperson (Kathy Cohn)

- Update on ONE-PS
 - Kathy announced that she is the new Chairperson of ONE-PS.
 - The ONE-PS Annual Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 26. Paul will also attend.
 - ONE-PS is working towards having non-incorporated residential and commercial areas in the city into organized neighborhoods. **This was in response to a strong suggestion from the City Council, given the transition to Electoral Districts.**
 - The ONE-PS Picnic will be on Saturday, March 23, 2019.
 - Brown Bag sessions are held on Thursdays the next one at City Hall.

C. Secretary (Michael Hudson)

- Michael is working on documents for the annual SPNO meeting. He reiterated that he will be absent due to travels and will be back in mid-April.

D. Treasurer (Paul Zak)

- Paul submitted the Treasurer Report electronically.
 - Paul informed the Board that we are up to speed on filing the SPNO taxes. However, due to the government shutdown filing for IRS electronically is not available at this time due to the downed website.
 - Paul briefed the Board on SPNO finances. Our current balance is \$13,449.27. We spent \$6,800 last year and we are right on target. He also ran thru the standing expenses, i.e. Insurance, general liability insurance and etc.
- Paul began a conversation about the Boards use of PayPal.
 - The Board discussed why and how we use PayPal and if we need PayPal for Modernism. Questions were raised if we actually have an account, if so what is the password, and do we really need an account? Paul will find out from Byron Lohman (previous Board member) if PayPal was setup.

E. Communications Officer (Brad Dunkin)

- Brad informed the Board that the new website is up and running.
 - The new site is organized based on the old site.
 - Can change photos easily, only takes a few minutes.
 - The site is more interactive.
 - Brad is working with Michael to get minutes from 2017 and 2018 up on the new website.
 - Contact Brad if you have questions or anything to add.

V. Old Business

- ### A. Andrew Green, Brad Dunkin and Kathy Cohn report on visits with agencies in “The” Sunrise Park
- Andrew has sent an email to the Mizell Center but nothing else to add.
 - Kathy mentioned that Margaret Keung is now the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club. Brad and Kathy reiterated a conversation they had with Margaret. They are pleased to be part of the neighborhood. The Boys and Girls Club has been having some issues due to the homeless having to vacate the park after closing. After the park closes the homeless move over to the Boys and Girls Club area.

B. Amendments Bylaws

- Article IV - Neighborhood Boundaries is approved.

- ### C. Motion to amend the Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization Bylaws under Article VII - Officers, Section 4.J. and Section 5.C to state “...unless otherwise determined by the board”. Submitted by Kathy Cohn, Vice-Chairperson on December 15, 2018.

- Ken moved to accept the changes.
- Neil raised a question about the future of the organization.
- Motion approved unanimously.

- ### D. Appoint a Board of Director member to serve the remainder of Rita Baird’s 2-year term expiring March, 2020.

- Kathy moved to appoint Andrew Green, Someone seconded the motion. Was it Paul or Brad motion approved unanimously.

- ### E. Adopt-A-Highway and the section from 111 to Palm Springs (Ryan Uhlenkott)

- Brad is following up with Ryan who will attend the February SPNO meeting.

F. Annual Meeting ONE-PS Check List to guide prep work.

- Michael presented the postcard mailing draft. Kathy had revisions to add to the text.
- Paul has voter registration forms.
- Michael has started working on documents/handouts (Check-In Instructions, Ballots, Survey and Agenda). Once completed Neil will make color copies.
- Paul, Ken and Brad will work on yard signs. We need about 15 yard signs.
- Neil and Shari will oversee food.

VI. Updates on City Projects

A. SPNO Street Paving

- Reported by Kathy under item II. Public Comments.

B. 60 Fwy

- A 60 freeway truck lanes project between Beaumont and Moreno Valley will begin in the near future. It has been reported that there will be one lane going west for about 2 years.

C. Development Projects

- Kathy informed the Board on City projects.
 - The new downtown park is starting soon.
 - The Virgin Hotel is being delayed because of a legal conflict due to prevailing wages.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion to change board meeting schedule back to six meetings a year, held in odd numbered months
and consider a different day and time if current or other facility is available.

- All were in favor.

VIII. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments

- Michael will give Paul the key to the SPNO mailbox. Ken also has a key.

IX. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Next Board meeting February 16, 2019.

Minutes submitted by,
Michael Hudson, SPNO Secretary