

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
MARCH 18, 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The third Annual Meeting of the Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization ("SPNO") was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Palm Springs Teachers Association Offices located at 180 N. Luring (at Andreas Road). In addition to the list of property addresses represented at the meeting, attached hereto are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting including:

- Meeting Agenda
- Member Survey on Neighborhood Issues

A total of 34 households checked in at the registration desk (compared to 52 in 2016 and 28 in 2015). Ballots for the election of new members of the Board of Directors were distributed as part of the check-in process.

Following a half-hour period for socializing, a general welcome by Chairperson Ken Nelson was followed by the introduction of Officers David Etchason and Juan Vasquez from the Palm Springs Police Department. The officers (who are primarily responsible for addressing homeless issues in the City) responded to a series of questions from neighborhood attendees. Topics covered included the general trends in neighborhood crimes, vacant office buildings, impact of drug abuse on the homeless, graffiti, speed limit enforcement and pedestrian safety.

Ken introduced Denise Goolsby who replaced Lee Bonno last year as the City's new Manager of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Individual Board Members addressed recent SPNO Accomplishments and Updates as follows:

- Ken Nelson & Will Follett – Commented on the crime prevention workshop held last fall and the recent installation of Neighborhood Watch signs.
- Roseann Bleiweiss – Commented on the success of our recent Modernism Home Tour which included 7 homes plus 7 condominium units at the Desert Holly Complex. There were 240 attendees and revenues of \$12,400 from this year's event. Modernism Week organizers have indicated it might be good for our neighborhood to "take a year off" since some of our homes have been on tour multiple times and Modernism Week would like each year's offerings to remain "fresh". While Roseann is not running for re-election to the Board, she stated she would be happy to run this event in the future if desired.
- Neil Wortman – Commented on the upcoming ONE-PS Picnic and our recent social events for neighborhood members.
- Curt Watts – Commented on the City's ranking system for needed street improvements and the Sunrise Park street sections expected to be addressed in 2017 which include:
 - o Debby
 - o Michelle

- Cerritos (between Amado & Alejo)
- Desert Palms (between Sunset & Saturmino)
- Saturmino (between Amado & Desert Palms)
- Monterey (between Amado & Alejos)

Curt announced that the Board recently approved a budget of \$4,500 to finish installing neighborhood blade signs at the remaining 40 locations that currently don't have them. He also stated that our participation in the December 2016 Festival of Lights Parade was limited to only a few volunteers due to the City's uncertainty just weeks before the event as to how many neighborhood helpers would be needed. We will continue to participate in the future if the opportunity is made available.

- Kathy Cohn – Commented on the role she and Ken Nelson were taking in representing Sunrise Park in ONE-PS. There are now 43 recognized neighborhoods (we were #34 when we were recognized 3 years ago). In addition to their attendance at the monthly ONE-PS meetings of all neighborhood representatives, Ken attends the Code Enforcement & Public Works Committee meetings and Kathy attends the Communications Committee meetings. There is a new ordinance being drafted for City Council consideration that would more accurately describe the current relationship and independence between the City and ONE-PS.

Roseann Bleiweiss commenced the Board election process to selecting four (4) Members to serve two-year terms (alongside the remaining current three (3) Board Members who have one year left in their terms).

- The four (4) people who had self-nominated themselves in advance of today's meeting were announced including Kathy Cohn, Brad Dunkin, Ken Nelson and Curt Watts. Each of the nominees introduced themselves and described their interest in serving on the Board.
- The floor was opened to additional nominees. Michael Hudson was nominated by Roseann Bleiweiss and Herbert Schultz was nominated by Neil Wortman. Michael introduced himself and described his interest in serving on the Board; Herbert was not in attendance and Neil spoke on his behalf).
- The ballots were collected for tallying in an adjacent room.
- While the counting was underway it was announced to everyone that when the new Board meets, there's an option to appoint up to four (4) additional Board Members for one-year terms to help provide broader neighborhood representation and/or additional needed expertise to benefit the Board. Anyone interested in being considered for one of these possible one-year terms was encouraged to contact a Board member.

Kathy Cohn then updated everyone on the current status of College of the Desert's planned campus and potential eminent domain action for the Palm Springs Mall location. COD is currently planning to open some temporary classroom space in late August or early September on adjacent property owned by Camelot Theatres. In response to a question about people getting involved in

the decision-making process on this issue, Curt stated that due to varying views among neighbors, the Board is not currently expected to take a specific position but encourages everyone who's interested in expressing their opinion to contact COD directly.

Curt presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Byron Lohman who had to leave the Annual Meeting early. Revenues to the organization exceeded \$52,000 since we began in January 2014 through the end of December 2016. Approximately \$46,000 of that revenue came from our Modernism Home Tours and about \$5,000 from member contributions. Total expenses during the same time period were almost \$24,000 (including \$9,900 for neighborhood blade signs, \$5,250 in Home Tour expenses and a little over \$2,000 each for Neighborhood Watch signs and social events). The bank balance at the end of 2016 was \$28,694.46.

Ken commented that a special event was being considered for Saturday, October 7, 2017 on earthquake preparedness which would include distribution of emergency kits to attendees.

Everyone was encouraged to complete the previously distributed Survey of Members about Issues and Themes for 2017-2018 to help guide the Board in its activities this next year.

General comments from the floor were made regarding an interest in having a 4-way stop sign re-installed at Amado & Sunset and installation of a signalized left-turn arrow for southbound traffic on Sunrise Way into the Boys & Girls Club entrance across from the Ralphs Shopping Center.

Prior to her announcing the Board election results, Neil publicly thanked Roseann for her previous years of service on the Board.

Based on the ballots submitted, the four continuing & new Board members are Kathy Cohn, Brad Dunkin, Ken Nelson and Curt Watts (who join remaining Board Members Will Follett, Byron Lohman and Neil Wortman).

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at which time Board Officers for the next year will be selected.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Recorded by Curt Watts, Secretary

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