

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING

May 21, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Palm Springs Teachers Association Offices, 180 N. Luring @ Andreas

Board Members in Attendance: Roseann Bleiweiss, Kathy Cohn, Will Follett, Byron Lohman, Ken Nelson, Curt Watts and Neil Wortman.

- I. Meeting Agenda - The proposed agenda was accepted as previously distributed.
- II. Public Comments – None.
- III. Minutes – Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2016 were approved as previously distributed.
- IV. Officer Reports:
 - a. Chairperson – Ken Nelson
 - Ken distributed a SPNO Community Calendar which he had prepared to assist in planning future SPNO events & activities.
 - b. Vice Chairperson – Kathy Cohn
 - Kathy reported on the recent ONE-PS Vacation Rentals Brown Bag luncheon to discuss a set of recommendations from ONE-PS for future changes in the City’s current vacation rental regulations.
 - Kathy also commented on input being provided to the City Council during budget hearings relative to needed street repairs and the ONE-PS recommendation that the City Council adopt a long-range strategy to bring streets up to a “satisfactory” level citywide. In this context, Byron noted the recent ongoing problem with street repairs required on N. Saturmino between Amado and Alejo due to repeated water line breaks.
 - c. Secretary – Curt Watts
 - Curt reported on the dialogue occurring with NextDoor to update Neighborhood “Leads” for SPNO. He also distributed a one-page summary of the duties and characteristics of a good lead as described on the NextDoor website.
 - Kenn Catterlin of the new Sun Villas NORG (being formed north of Alejo) is helping to facilitate the needed change in neighborhood boundaries on NextDoor to properly reflect the Alejo boundary between our respective neighborhoods.
 - d. Treasurer – Byron Lohman
 - Byron reported that there had been no change in finances since the April 9, 2016 Board meeting. The current bank account balance is \$20,811.29.
 - Steps will be taken to change the bank account signatures substituting Ken’s name (as the new Chairperson) for Curt’s (as the former Chairperson).
 - e. Communications Officer – Roseann Bleiweiss
 - Roseann stated that she and Curt will be working in the near future to update the SPNO website and send out communications regarding recent officer changes, meeting minutes and information on recent activities and/or upcoming events.

V. Old Business:

a. 2017 Modernism Week Home Tour

- After discussion, the Board confirmed its desire to host another annual home tour during the 2017 Modernism Week. The preference is to have our tour the second weekend of the 10-day event which would put it on Saturday, February 25, 2017.
- There is a need to confirm the participation of several new neighborhood volunteers to handle “vetting” by Modernism Week organizers of our selected homes. This became somewhat challenging this last year. Expanding the group of volunteers organizing and administering the event will also be pursued.

b. Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch Event

- There have been no specific plans made for this event yet which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016.
- The focus of the event will be how neighbors can safeguard their homes and personal property (and not an attempt to form a more traditional neighborhood watch program with block captains).
- Kathy and Will are to discuss further and coordinate on initial plans for the event.

c&d. Social Events

- The possibility of an informal neighborhood social event prior to summer has been dropped and Will and Roseann will research the possibility of a fall social event on Saturday, October 8th around 4 pm at the New York Company Restaurant on 1260 S. Palm Canyon. Will has previously spoken with the restaurant operators who are interested in having such an event at their establishment. Estimated attendance would be about 50-60 neighbors.

e. Possible Recruitment of South of Tahquitz Canyon Way Board Members

- Curt reported on his research to identify potential Board members from south of Tahquitz Canyon Way. He focused on SPNO members who participated in the original organizing efforts for SPNO and those who have attended annual meetings and special events. If the Board wishes to pursue the possible expansion, his intent is to begin narrowing this list of potential Board members and see if they might be interested.
- The topic will be further discussed by the Board before anyone else is contacted. It was suggested that former Board members Bruce Maughan and Carolyn Mayfield could be contacted to see if they had any input on the list of potential members (since Bruce and Carolyn previously represented this area of our neighborhood).

VI. Updates on City Projects

Kathy provided updates on the following City projects (as listed on the Meeting Agenda).

- a. Palm Springs Police Department; 5 new officers in training, 2-3 interviews and potential hires within a month. Body cams by end of the year for all officers.
- b. ONE-PS approved resolutions to authorize filing for incorporation, and tax exempt status, revisions of by-laws to support this action. Filing week of 5/16/16. Kathy

stated that she will be working on the SPNO incorporation & filing in June with our bylaw changes targeted for an October 22nd neighborhood meeting (for discussion & approval).

- c. Guide to Palm Springs Neighborhood Publication; Desert Publications will share at no cost its photo collection of neighborhoods. Ads are on sale now.
- d. ONE-PS/Measure J 7-year Street Repair Proposal: Push back from 2 council members. Need public comments when on Council Agenda. Lisa Middleton & Christine Hammond (of ONE-PS) to coordinate.
- e. Bike Lane Staff Report released today: On Council agenda in a month or so related to City budget. Needs our careful consideration of Farrell in particular. Also relates to speed limits and parking.
- f. Vacation Rentals Policy Recommendations (ONE-PS) - previously discussed. 1 FTE Manager position in proposed City budget.
- g. October 22 is our date for our Fall Special Meeting (Public Safety and Incorporation & Bylaws). It is also the Modernism Fall Preview Weekend. Kathy recommends that we go forward with our meeting as it shouldn't create a major scheduling conflict.
- h. Lee Bonno is retiring from her position as the City's neighborhood coordinator (moving to San Diego).

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments – None.

IX. Adjourn

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, July 16, at 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Teachers Association Building.

Recorded by Curt Watts, Secretary

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