

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 15, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Palm Springs Teachers Association Building

Board Members in Attendance: Rita Baird, Kathy Cohn, Brad Dunkin, Will Follett, Ken Nelson, Herb Schultz, Curt Watts, Neil Wortman and Paul Zak.

I. Approve Order of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was approved with a request from Paul Zak that the March 17, 2018 Sunrise Park Annual Meeting be added to the Community Calendar.

II. Public Comments – None.

III. Approval of May 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the previously distributed Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2017 with abstentions noted for those Board Members not in attendance for the full meeting (Rita Baird, Herb Schultz and Neil Wortman).

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chairperson Ken Nelson – Ken reviewed the Community Calendar and also commented on upcoming ONE-PS Brown Bag luncheon events (with special mention of the July 20th “NUSA Data Download” event for those interested in knowing more about the participation of ONE-PS in Neighborhoods USA). He also highlighted the October 1st ONE-PS & PS Library Forum for Council Candidates and the October 3rd National Night Out being hosted by the PS Police Department at Sunrise Park Stadium. Paul Zak asked about outreach to “communities of color” for the October 3rd event (due to potential fear of any police involvement in immigration enforcement issues). Kathy responded that this has been discussed. The next follow-up organizing meeting with the City will be in August. She can’t attend so would appreciate any other interested Board members to do so.

B. Vice Chair Kathy Cohn

- 1) Vacation Rental Department Update – Kathy commented on the City’s Vacation Rental Department’s activities including the first quarterly stakeholder meeting which Kathy and ONE-PS Chair Phil Strout attended. She encouraged anyone interested in this topic to visit the City’s website for more information. Neil voiced his dissatisfaction with the Department’s failure to provide timely information on the process for licensees to submit information required by the revised ordinance. Kathy reported there had been a 65% increase in the number of complaints being responded to (not necessarily an increase in complaints but rather due to the new process the City is using to provide quicker response to complaints through the use of City Code personnel). It was noted that information on meetings like this should possibly be distributed via our email contact list to keep neighbors better informed about activities related to Sunrise Park neighborhood ranked priorities (i.e. vacation rentals, traffic/speeding, etc.).

2) Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) National Conference – Kathy noted that ONE-PS will be hosting the national conference May 14-18, 2019 and will present a “preview” to attendees of the 2018 Conference being held in Birmingham, Alabama.

3) Palm Springs Guide to Neighborhoods – The second edition will be published this fall so that the publication can be available for the NUSA preview presentation noted above. Otherwise, the second edition would probably not have been published for another year (to give two years between updates). August 18, 2017 is the deadline for neighborhoods to update their individual one-page articles and/or photos.

C. Secretary Curt Watts – Nothing to report.

D. Treasurer – Position is open due to resignation of prior Board Member Byron Lohman.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Treasurer position. Paul Zak was nominated by Kathy Cohn and seconded by Neil Wortman. No other nominations were received. Paul Zak was unanimously elected to the position of Treasurer. Ken, Kathy and Curt will work with Paul on transitional items like being added to the organization’s bank account and presentation of future financial reports to the Board. The type of bank account being held is being modified due to our new 501(c)(4) status.

E. Communications Officer Brad Dunkin – Brad requested that information needed for website updates be submitted to him so he can work with the website administrator to complete those. The Board discussed the potential need to change administrators now that we have a new Communications Officer.

V. Old Business (including Top Neighborhood Priorities)

A. Progress on Incorporation – Kathy updated the Board on the various filings related to the group’s incorporation.

B. Blade Signs – Curt state that forty additional neighborhood blade signs had been ordered based on the Board’s prior approval of the increased budget of \$4,883.23 (versus \$4,500.00). He briefly reviewed the planned locations for the additional signs and noted that two previously installed signs had apparently been stolen.

C. Ad Hoc Planning Committee for October 21st Special Meeting on Earthquake Preparedness – Brad, Neil and Rita volunteered to work on the plans for the October 21st meeting and presentation on earthquake preparedness. Top priorities will be to confirm the event location/date and determine the number and cost for earthquake kits that will be distributed (one per household in attendance).

D. 252 N. Sunset Way – The Board discussed the status of the proposed demolition of the house at 252 N. Sunset Way and the City’s Historic Preservation Board’s decision to issue a 90-day stay for the demolition. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Board would not take a specific position on the matter but would attempt to keep the members of the neighborhood informed of any meetings or other opportunities for them to express their individual views on the matter.

- E. ONE-PS Home Tour – It was noted that ONE-PS is still in need of additional homes for their Fall 2017 Modernism Week Preview home tour. They currently have five homes that have been approved by Modernism Week organizers. They need a total of 6 to 8.

VI. Updates on City Projects & Programs

- A. Farrell Drive Updates – The City has agreed to install flashing speed monitoring lights on Farrell Drive in an effort to help slow down traffic. In addition, they are considering putting striping to delineate between parking in front of the homes and the traveling lanes which may also help lower vehicular traffic speeds.
- B. Safety Hot Spots – The installation of sections of sidewalks to fill in gaps along the northern side of Baristo Road adjacent to our neighborhood will proceed soon. The planning and installation of a similar project on Amado will hopefully begin in this Fall.
- C. Street Paving – The scheduling of previously determined street paving projects is being adjusted to work with Desert Water Agency's water main projects so DWA work can be completed before street paving is undertaken.

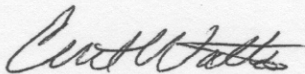
VII. New Business

- A. ONE-PS Volunteer Opportunities – Paul Zak indicated his interest in helping with the October 1st Candidate Forum. Kathy will provide Paul with the appropriate contact information to get involved. Other good volunteer opportunities this Fall include the Modernism Preview Home Tour, the ONE-PS Booth at the Pride Festival and the Veterans Day Parade.
- B. New Neighborhood Organization – The newest NORG is Whitewater Club which is the 44th group recognized.

VIII. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments

Herb commented on the Healthcare District's two million dollar grant funding to help address homelessness in the Coachella Valley and the incentive mechanism to encourage the various cities to increase their individual budget allocations toward this effort.

- IX. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am. Next Board Meeting: Saturday, September 16th at 9 a.m.



Prepared by Secretary Curt Watts – August 4, 2017

Approved:
September 16, 2017