

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

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

July 21, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Rita Baird, Kathy Cohn (Vice Chair), Brad Dunkin (Communications Officer), Andrew Green, Michael Hudson (Secretary), Neil Wortman, Paul Zak (Treasurer). Absent: Ken Nelson (Chair)

Neighbors in attendance: Jay Lippmann

Guests in attendance: Bob Heinbaugh, Paul Hinrichsen

I. Review and Approve (or revise) Order of Meeting Agenda

Approved unanimously.

II. Public Comments

No public comments.

III. Approve minutes from June 2018 Board Meeting

Approved by the Board with one abstention (Rita Baird absent from the June 16, 2018 meeting).

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chairperson (Kathy Cohn filling in for Ken Nelson)

The Board discussed additions to the calendar of events.

- Potential additions included the One-PS Modernism Week Fall Preview tour on October 20, 2018. Note, this falls on the same day as an SPNO Board meeting. Also, adding the Festival of Lights Parade and Pride Parade.

B. Vice Chairperson (Kathy Cohn)

- Kathy provided information on Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) National Conference and their Call for Proposals. NUSA is seeking proposals to present workshops on topics related to neighborhoods. Kathy spoke on interest in Diversity, Youth and Aging. The Board discussed submitting a proposal to NUSA which would be due by September 17, 2018.
- Three board members attended the July ONE-PS Brown Bag Session.
- Kathy shared information concerning the aggregation of electrical service providers. Desert Community Energy (DCE) has announced it will delay indefinitely its effective date for aggregation of electrical services due to an adjustment to the estimated cost savings. Southern California Edison (SCE) has adjusted its rates which impacts DCE's business model. Information can be found at DesertCommunityEnergy.org.

Consider boundary expansion for Sunrise Park:

Guest speakers Bob Heinbaugh and Paul Hinrichsen co-chairs of the ONE-PS Neighborhood Formation & Support Committee spoke to the Board. They explained guidelines with a handout for

expansion of neighborhood boundaries. Highlights included; defining the proposed expanded boundaries, updating the SPNO by-laws to include these boundaries and communicate our proposal to the Office of Neighborhoods and the City Manager. A checklist was provided to the Board. The timeline is up to the Board with agreement that we would want to be prepared by our next annual meeting in March. Action items:

- Rita and Paul to review by-laws and rewrite boundaries.
- Neil and Brad will reach out to organizations covering the new proposed Sunrise Park boundaries.
- Michael will send historical formation of SPNO documents to Paul Hinrichsen.

C. Secretary (Michael Hudson)

- Michael reported progress concerning a residential abandonment issue at Sunset and Park.

D. Treasurer (Paul Zak)

- The last SPNO bank balance was \$14,488.
- Invoices for the website migration will be \$479.40 and renewal of the SPNO domain for 9 years will be \$226.44. Paul moved to approve \$705.84 for website expenditures for Brad. Approved by the Board.
- Neil reported a ballpark figure for Modernism week at \$3,500.

E. Communications Officer (Brad Dunkin)

Brad reported:

- Brad is working on the website migration. The domain name has been renewed with GoDaddy for 9 years. The website hosting has been purchased for 5 years.
- Available minutes from the old website have been downloaded, however, other previous meeting minutes may need to be retrieved and scanned to be accessed from the new website.
- The new website will allow board members to use Goggle Docs.
- Brad sent out a Board Member Bios Template. All Board members will send back the completed template with photos to Brad.

V. Old Business

A. Prioritize Survey results from annual meeting

- Discussion to add accomplishments and send out a blast to members.

B. PSPD: Stuff a BearCat with donations.

- The "Stuff the BearCat" event was mentioned. Citizens are encouraged to make donations at and for this event at the Palm Springs Walmart. The event will benefit the Mizell Senior Center and its Meals on Wheels program.

C. Report back on contacting SPNO members who volunteered to work on projects

- Kathy and Ken followed up on reaching out to volunteers. Kathy did receive one reply from a volunteer and Ken has not received any replies.

VI. UPDATES ON CITY PROJECT & PROGRAMS

A. Sunrise Park Neighborhood Street Paving

- Street paving is out to bid.

B. Sidewalk Gaps Grant Application.

- Kathy discussed Sidewalk Gap Closure Improvements. A grant application is in the works for further funding of filling in gaps in sidewalks.

VII. New Business

- A. Consider boundary expansion to include our namesake, Sunrise Park.

Discussed above, under item IV. B.

- B. Palm Springs City Council will adopt Election by Districts. Many steps and informational meetings are underway. Final vote is 12/19/18. View website for interactive maps, demographic data, schedule of info meetings and Council Action dates. Council intends to keep entire NORG's in one district.

See District Elections at <http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/government/city-clerk/district-elections>

- C. Desert Water Agency

The Sunrise Park neighborhood has been having an issue with watermain leaks. 32 patches have been reported. Noticeable leaks have been occurring on and around Debby Drive and Michelle Road.

- D. SPNO Modernism Tour progress, Neil/Roseanne

Neil is working with Roseann Bleiweiss on the Modernism Week tours. He is working on getting specifics from Roseann to provide to the Board. It was mentioned that Modernism is our largest, if not our only source of income.

VIII. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments

Rita has volunteered to organize the Fall Social. It was mentioned to roll our Fall Social in the special meeting.

IX. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Next Board meeting September 15, 2018.

Minutes submitted by,
Michael Hudson, SPNO Secretary