

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 16, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Palm Springs Teachers Association Building – 180 N. Luring

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

I. Approve Order of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda for the meeting was approved as previously distributed.

II. Public Comments

Neil commented that he felt it was inappropriate, as reported in The Desert Sun on September 13th, that the City's Planning Commission had called upon the Little Tuscany neighborhood organization to solve concerns being expressed by the community regarding impacts of the "Mirage" mirror house art installation in its neighborhood.

III. Approval of July 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the previously distributed Board Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2017.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. Chairperson Ken Nelson - Reviewed the previously distributed Community Calendar. After discussion, the Board approved scheduling the 2018 SPNO Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, subject to availability that day of the PSTA Building. There was a brief discussion on the upcoming Oct. 1 City Council Candidate Forum (being sponsored by ONE-PS & the Library), as well as the Oct. 3 National Night Out event being held at Sunrise Park. The Board approved moving the November Board meeting from Nov. 18 to Nov. 4 to better accommodate personal schedules around the Thanksgiving Day holiday. There will be a need for at least 12 volunteers to "wrangle" the balloon and carry our neighborhood banner in the December 2nd Festival of Lights Parade.
- B. Vice Chair Kathy Cohn - Commented on the City Council's upcoming Study Session to publicly discuss the City's current annual operating budget concerns. There are several related discussions under way within ONE-PS. The next edition of the ONE-PS Neighborhood Guide is being published in January 2018 (earlier than previously expected) so that it can be used in advance promotions for Palm Springs hosting the NUSA National Conference May 14-18, 2019. Volunteers are being recruited to serve on various advance planning committees needed for the conference. Having now completed the arduous organizational incorporation process, Kathy's coordinating with new Treasurer Paul Zak on future deadlines for filing financial reports in the future associated with that new status.

- C. Secretary Curt Watts – Updated everyone on the current status of getting the final phase of neighborhood blade signs installed. He also advised the Board that he would be resigning in the near future from his duties as Secretary and as a Board Member since he'll be selling his house and moving out of Sunrise Park. The Board approved Rita Baird as the successor to the Secretary position effective with Curt's future departure. The possibility of appointing someone to take over the unexpired term of Curt's Board position will be discussed at the November 4th Board meeting.
- D. Treasurer Paul Zak – Walked the Board through the latest financial reports showing the SPNO current checking account balance as of 9/16/2017 of \$20,269.25. It was agreed that future financial statements would be distributed to the Board by Paul via email. In addition, Ken, as Chairperson, would be added to the Bank's email distribution list so that both the Treasurer and Chairperson receive any financial updates directly from the bank.
- E. Communications Officer Brad Dunkin - Was not in attendance, but has asked that he provided with any outstanding documents to be posted on the SPNO website. He'll be working with the previous website coordinator Davey Acker (previously utilized by Roseann Bleiweiss) but will also be exploring alternate local resources to get the website update services we need. There was a discussion and desire expressed by the Board for distributing future agendas in advance of Board meetings to neighbors on our email distribution list, so that they can be better informed of what the Board is working on and can plan to attend Board meetings if interested.

V. Old Business (including Top Neighborhood Priorities)

- A. Progress on Incorporation – As previously noted, Kathy is coordinating the handover of future report filings to other Board members in alignment with the duties of their positions.
- B. Earthquake Preparedness Event – Rita updated the Board on prior planning for the Special Neighborhood Meeting to feature an Earthquake Preparedness presentation. Based on the uncertainty of being able to get this event successfully scheduled this year, the Board agreed to postpone until a future time and consider just having some type of social event in November/December to bring neighbors together.

VI. Updates on City Projects & Programs

Kathy commented that the City's monthly Stakeholders Meeting is scheduled for the third Thursday of every month from 4 pm to 5:30 pm in Room C of the Palm Springs Police Department Training Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, November 4th at 9 am at the PSTA Building.