

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
October 22, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.  
Palm Springs Police Department Training Center  
200 Civic Drive

I. 38 Individuals representing 30 Properties/Addresses were in attendance (based on the front table check-in) including:

2288 E. Amado Road	Alfred Salazar
1957 E. Andreas Road	Neil & Shari Wortman
2013 E. Andreas Road	Ted Luciani
2122 E. Baristo Road	Sheila Williams
444 N. Burton Way	Ken Nelson
2125 E. Calle Lileta	Carolyn Mayfield
2141 E. Calle Lileta	Mike Frick
475 N. Cerritos Drive	Steve Henke/Greg Probst
255 N. Debby Drive	Brad Dunkin
276 N. Debby Drive	Kathy Cohn
1864 Desert Palms Drive	Barbara Banniza
333 N. Farrell Drive	Jeff Clarkson
1828 E. McManus Drive	Jay Lippmann
1880 E. McManus Drive	Marie Irwin
1881 E. McManus Drive	Byron Lohman/Michael McLean
1894 E. McManus Drive	Neil Cohen
2155 E. McManus Drive	Richard & Roseann Bleiweiss
2286 McManus Drive	Tim Thomas
223 N. Monterey Road	Lee Cabot Wilson
328 N. Monterey Road	McCabe/Greenburg
224 N. Orchid Tree Lane	Ken Bertwell
265 N. Orchid Tree Lane	Robert Bracken
400 N. Orchid Tree Lane	Robert Thompson
2236 Paseo Gracia	Joanne Martha Gill
258 N. Saturmino Drive	Shon Tomlin
266 N. Saturmino Drive	Curt Watts
212 N. Sunset Way	Mia Robinson
265 N. Sunset Way	Mike Bullock
486 N. Sunset Way	Eric Dingler/Rob Reinhart
2132 E. Terry Lane	Lester Edelbert/Mary Cardas

II. Incorporation & By-Law Changes:

SPNO Chairperson Ken Nelson welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced Vice Chair Kathy Cohn to present the Board of Advisor's recommendation to incorporate SPNO as a non-profit organization and approved related changes to the SPNO Bylaws.

Kathy described the discussion that took place at the March 5, 2016 Annual Meeting regarding the merits of incorporation. She stated that based on the positive response received at that time, and the Board's subsequent research of the process, it is the Board's recommendation to the full membership to proceed with incorporation as a non-profit organization and adopt related changes to the current SPNO Bylaws.

After fielding several questions from members in attendance today, a motion was made by Neil Wortman and seconded by Tim Thomas to adopt the Board's recommendation which was read aloud in full by Secretary Curt Watts in full as follows:

### **RESOLUTIONS OF SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization (the "Organization") that it converts from an unincorporated association to a California nonprofit public benefit corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers of the Organization are authorized to adopt the Articles of Incorporation substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with such changes as the officers of the Organization may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out the purposes of these resolutions, as the Articles of Incorporation of the Organization.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Organization are authorized to adopt the amended Bylaws substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, together with such changes as the officers of the Organization may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out the purposes of these resolutions, as the Bylaws of the Organization following its incorporation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Organization is authorized and directed to make such filings and applications as are required by the California Corporations Code, to execute and deliver such documents and instruments and to do such acts and things as such officer deems necessary in order to obtain such licenses, authorizations and permits as are necessary or desirable to fulfill such legal requirements as are applicable to complete the incorporation of the Organization, and to pay the necessary filing fees.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Organization is authorized to consult with tax and legal counsel to ascertain the availability of exemptions from taxation under federal and state tax codes and, if such exemptions are available, the officers of the Organization are, and each hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and file all necessary applications for exemptions from such taxes with the appropriate state and federal tax authorities, and to pay the necessary filing fees.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Organization be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute all documents and to take such action as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out the purposes of these resolutions.

By a hand vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, the membership approved the Board recommendation.

### III. Crime Prevention Presentation by Palm Springs Police Sergeant Melissa Desmerais

Prior to the presentation, Vice Chair Kathy Cohn announced that the SPNO Board of Advisors recently approved a contribution of \$1,000 to the PS Police Officers Fund to assist the families of the two recently killed Palm Springs Police Officers.

Sergeant Desmerais provided hand-out materials and discussed steps that can be taken to reduce neighborhood crime. Topics included:

- Recent statistics of crime within the Sunrise Park Neighborhood.
- Proper method of reporting crimes – Police Department does not have access to read neighborhood postings in NextDoor (although they can and do post informational items and updates to be read by NextDoor participants).
- #1 problem in preventing crimes is that people leave windows open, doors unlocked and garage doors open.
- #1 theft is bicycles. Recommend registration of bicycles with the Police Department to allow their identification and return to the rightful owner if stolen and subsequently confiscated by the Police.
- Recommend compiling an inventory of personal property (especially unique jewelry items) with photos and registration numbers so that stolen items can be claimed if recovered by Police. Keep multiple copies of the list in various locations so available if needed (and to avoid the only copy of the list being stolen as well).
- Classification of crimes. For example, if a residence is broken into it's a felony, even if a door is unlocked. If a vehicle is unlocked, and items of less than \$950 are stolen from it, it's a misdemeanor theft. If the vehicle is locked and broken into, it's a felony. Much less likely for items to be stolen from a vehicle if it's locked.
- SPNO Stats
  - Since May 1, 2016, there were 14 petty thefts (mostly bikes, items from vehicles or things left outside on front porches). Safest place to keep a bike is behind a locked gate or interior area.
  - There were also 8 residential burglaries since May 1<sup>st</sup>. In 3 cases the homes were unlocked or car window was rolled down and the garage door clicker was used to gain access. Two cases involved domestic disputes and may have been an estranged husband involved. There were 3 “legitimate” smash break-ins.
- Most crimes are one of “opportunity”. Don't hesitate to talk to a neighbor who has left a garage door up to encourage them to close it.
- Homeowners are encouraged to install an alarm system.
- Homeless issues were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Recorded by Curt Watts, Secretary

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