

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization

BOA Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2008

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM at the home of Rick Vila and Ken Lyon at 2792 N. Avenida Caballeros. Refreshments were served.

The following BOA members were present: Rick Vila, Scott Kennedy, Dean Nicastro, Ron Oliver, Nat Gozzano, Timm Fryman.

The following BOA members were present via teleconference: Jackie Tatum, Nicki Randolph.

The following RCENO resident was present: Ken Lyon.

Announcements-

Rick Vila attended the PSNIC meeting on 6/12/08 and shared information about that meeting:

- The ONI has funds left over for the current fiscal year that any neighborhood organization can request for neighborhood projects. Rick will follow up on how to access these funds before the deadline.
- Anyone can participate on any of the PSNIC subcommittees with the exception of the finance committee.
- The City offers a CERT program (Civilian Emergency Response Training) for residents first come first served.
- The PS Library is having a roundtable meeting on 6/23/08 at 6:30 pm at the Library.
- Rick encourages all RCENO board members to attend a PSNIC meeting.

Minutes of the May BOA Meeting were approved.

Officers Reports- Timm F. requested help in gathering email addresses of all neighbors.

Old Business:

Membership Drive – various methods of enrolling members were discussed including door-to-door canvassing, billboard-bus stop advertising, public access channel 17 advertising, website/online access to membership enrollment information, a “sponsored” t-shirt/membership drive. Ron Oliver is spearheading the membership drive which will begin as soon as possible.

50th Anniversary Celebration – Scott K. circulated a 4-page outline of ideas related to this event (attached). He and Nat talked the BOA thru the outline and there was a general discussion of ideas, including: the need for an RCENO press kit for potential sponsors/promoters; Nicki stated that a neighbor of hers has an event production company and that she would talk with him about helping with our anniversary event; several potential sponsors were identified (Trader Joes, all local grocery stores, Here TV, the Logo Channel). Nicki and Jackie will coordinate contacting potential sponsors after Scott and Nat provides them with the “who, what, when and why” of the anniversary events.

Rick suggested that Annual BBQ and Annual Home Tour be two separate events and that the Fall RCENO event be limited to a casual BBQ geared to bring together the residents of the neighborhood. A date of October 25, 2008 was decided on as the date of this event.

The proposed Annual Home Tour (as described in Scott’s outline) would be held during Modernism Week in February 2009. This event would be offered to non-residents (as well as residents) as a way to raise funds for the RCENO. It was decided that if it can be done for little to no cost, RCENO will have a Home Tour during the 1st weekend of Modernism Week 2009.

Scott, Nat, Jackie and Nicki will work together to flesh out these two events.

Scott also presented ideas on other possible neighborhood events including a Tree Dedication Ceremony, the Creation of a Neighborhood 50-Year Time Capsule, an Annual Home Improvement Grant, an Annual Homeowner Award, and producing RCENO T-shirts that could be sold during any and all of the upcoming events. (Please refer to his attached outline.) Nat presented a sample t-shirt. Jackie had the idea of donating a park bench in Victoria Park from the “Residents of 2008/2009” as an alternative to a time capsule.

Website Update- Nat reported that the RCENO website is now accessible from the www.racquetclubestates.com website. Click on the “neighborhood org” link. Rick offered to draft a “mission statement” to be used on the RCENORG site. The website will include a calendar of events, copies of by-laws, meeting minutes, membership info and news.

The new email address for the RCENO is: RCENORG@gmail.com
Board members can use this email address on any correspondence or communications. Email sent to this address is automatically forwarded to Timm F. who will forward it to the appropriate party. Board members may use their personal email addresses if they prefer.

New Business:

Scott K. brought up the idea of what could be done to improve the condition of the totem pole located in Victoria Park as it appears to have some “deferred maintenance” issues. It was decided to discuss this issue further at a future BOA meeting.

Rick closed the meeting by sharing some thoughts from a speaker at the most recent PSNIC meeting: To sustain active participation from neighborhood organization board members and residents it is important to set clear goals and expectations and have clear job descriptions that are best suited to the individuals strengths. It is important to take a personal/one-on-one approach and to acknowledge/thank individuals for their contributions.

The next meeting of the BOA will be Saturday, July 12, 2008. Location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.