

Racquet Club Estates
Board of Advisors Meeting

October 17, 2009

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m at Victoria Park. This meeting was our second general membership meeting of the year. See attached .pdf for general member list sign in for attendees.

Board Members present were Rick Vila, Lauren Scarbro, Scott Kennedy, Nat Gazzano, Ney Fonseca, Dean NiCastro, Joseph May.

Board Member Rick Vila made welcoming remarks, gave a general overview of our association and established a quorum.

Action was for Lauren to send an email to Ron O. for Sept meeting minutes to be distributed via email to the board for approval/record. (Action completed, email sent on 10/18/09 to Ron)

Rick opened up to general membership for introductions and comments.

Finance Coordinator Report – General numbers were provided (Dean was a little late) from Sept meeting data points(\$9,600 funds prior to blade purchase)

Rick gave an update on the Blade Sign installation. Proto Blade sign was shown to the group. Signs will be ordered directly by RCENO from the vendor (vs the city), since we tripped the \$5k threshold for competitive bid process in their procurement dept. Rick has sent separate email on this to the board prior to this meeting (ref).

PSNIC update (from Rick, who attended for Ney this past meeting)

- City Program available – “Citizens on Patrol” , voluntary police associates (without the guns)
- Project LifeSaver – Recovery system for “at risk wanderers”, Contact for this program is Bill Johnson. Cost of transmitter is approx \$300. Nationwide availability, successfully have recovered loved ones in the past.
- Swine Flu Update - Vaccines available soon for high risk individuals.
- Community Awareness Academy upcoming events:
 - 11/7 *(8am-12pm) – Safeguarding Computer ID and Street Crime Awareness
 - 11/4 Gang Graffiti and Firearm Controls Discussion
- On 10/24 Eric Freed will be discussing green architecture in the context of a film “Planet in Peril” at 6:30pm
- There are two new neighborhood organizations forming (#24 and #25!)
 - Mountaingate (on the left as you come in to PS from LA on hwy111)
 - Vista Norte (Borders our neighborhood on the south)
- Shade Structures- They are throughout the city, residents build them over/beside the garage areas). They are illegal and against code. City has decided for now that enforcement will be reactive vs pro-active. Will respond if neighbors complain based on unsightliness or danger (flying away in the wind). Call the code enforcement hotline – 760-778-8434.
- Census – it’s coming and we need to participate in order to ensure the city gets it’s allotment of grant funding. For Part Time residents can report in BOTH places, so don’t ignore that survey!! Also opportunity for PT employment for Paid Volunteers
- PSNIC subcommittee is not getting much of a response to there survey distribution on things like electric vehicles, sustainability issues, etc. Ney reminded everyone it had been distributed and to fill out and submit back in. Action is for us to resend out as a reminder to submit responses.

- “Russ and Julie House Concerts” <http://www.russandjulie.com/houseconcerts.html> was mentioned as possible idea for fundraising events during lean times. Individuals volunteer to sponsor a house concert for a small fee (vs. expensive seats at say a formal dinner) in order to raise monies. May want to be something RCENO considers in the future as a fundraiser.
- Good Neighbor Awards moved to April. Ney reports we have sent in our submission.
- Donna suggested in our email mailings we ask folks if they are aware of neighbors not using computers have access to printers/etc. that they print out our emails and manually distribute. Important – Do NOT put in mailboxes. It is illegal. The Post Office called us (i.e. Scott) on our using mailboxes to distribute the invitations to our neighborhood picnic. Also a resident reminded Ken and Rick when they were out making deliveries it was not allowed. David Ready (City Manager who was present) says the city reserves a “space” in the Palm Springs Sun that we can use when we need to promote an event or member information.

Home Tours Discussion – Start Early was the message once again. Nat Gozzano has volunteered to Chair this sub-committee. Others volunteering to assist on this project are Ney, Jeff Taylor, Donna, Joseph, Rick and Scott. Nat placed a sign up sheet on the membership table for anyone wanting to refer a home for consideration or assist with the event. Nat has that sign up sheet.

David Ready, City Manager spoke briefly re: Measure G. Information only on what it is and isn't. Made Q&A (already distributed via separate email to our association members with email). It is part of our Utility tax, would not had to have this measure if there had not been changes in the federal law. It establishes an even playing field for provides of phone services to pay their share of taxes. It also assures your 911 calls will be answered by a local dispatcher vs CHP. It catches up with Technology on the way services are being offered.

Donna mentioned she has Rick M. cell phone number if we ever have any issue with the Park (it came up because our picnic got sprinkled on, adding additional ambience). Donna also mentioned that the Wexler adjacent City meeting is now replaying on the local TV for your viewing pleasure. The developer/City have been sent back to the drawing board to reconsider development options with the land (density, etc).

General members questions at the end were for crime stat updates (we didn't have any, wished we had thought to ask David while he was still there. Rick was able to confirm that they were down period over period, but no specifics. Joseph reminded everyone about the wandering cat eating coyotes and to stay safe. Someone (I didn't write down who) announced they had taken up residence poolside at a part time residents home and were operating from that property, as well as lounging and drinking poolside. The other general membership question was regarding if any further discussions re: burying utility lines. Rick reported no, it needs a champion as it will take a sizeable agreement from our members to proceed because of the additional expense per household via taxes. Perhaps times were a bit lean right now to be considering and building consensus, although he personally would like to see them buried. Scott Kennedy agreed to do investigative work on what it would take and how much money it would cost to underground the utility lines.

A motion was made to adjourn at approx 11am, all agreed, and the picnic ensued. Thanks to the picnic committee and neighbors who assisted for all their hard work on a successful event. We had approximately 60 attendees, we collected \$380 (before offsetting costs) from the membership dues table and raffle ticket sales. (Rick, it went up \$20 after you left with a late payment).