

**RCENO BOA Monthly Meeting and Semi-Annual General Meeting
May 14, 2011 (10am – 12pm)
Host: Vista Del Monte School (Joseph Scudder Principal)**

Board Present: Rick, Robert, Dean, Donna, Bob, Lauren, Scott, Barbara (absent Ray and Ron)

Sign in sheet – general attendance (emailed separately, 5/16/11 to Rick and Ron)

1. Welcome and Introductions (Rick, attendees).
 - a. Included special guests, Lee Bonno (City of PS), Joseph Scudder (Principal), Melissa (Teacher) and Nate Otto (Hot Purple Energy)
 - b. Reiterated membership was free; contribution of dues is voluntary/ optional and not required.
2. Financial Report (Nicastro) –
 - a. Current on hand balance \$21,735.52
 - b. Tax Filings – completed, ready for review and signatures prior to submittal to IRS.
3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Not available. Need to be provided (Oliver) for review and approval by next meeting.
4. Officer Reports – none other than item 2
5. Presentation: “Energy Solutions” by Nate Otto of HotPurpleEnergy :
 - a. Know your Consumption
 - b. Lower your Consumption
 - c. Produce Clean Power for your Home
 - d. Enjoy Saving and Do the Right Thing
 - e. HotPurpleEnergyGeneral discussions/Q&A followed.

Donna shared her expenses and savings from her installation/system. Discussed grants/rebates, average payback duration are currently 5–6 years.

Discussed swimming pools and expenses associated with it, Nate suggested that folks switch out their pumps to the “Intell Pentair” Pool pump for an effective change to lower your footprint.
6. Presentation: Joseph Scudder Principal and Melissa (5th grade teacher) Vista Del Monte
 - a. The “Perfect Attendance Award” ceremonies will be held on 6/8/11 in the general purpose room at 9am and we are all invited. This will be to award the students with perfect attendance this school year their bicycles that our donation of \$3000 was used for. This was their highest year yet, with 48 students (to date) now eligible.
 - b. We are also to attend the 5th grade “promotion” ceremony the next day, 6/9/11 at 9am (also in the general purpose room)
 - c. Melissa solicited for volunteers to work/support the school. Ideas encouraged as well. She currently is looking for individuals who would like to participate in the reading with kids program (one on one). Anyone interested can call the school (Melissa or Mr. Scudder) at 760-416-8176.
7. PSNIC Report/T-shirts/Animal Shelter (Chaban)
 - a. RCENO one of 26 formally recognized neighborhood associations, 4 additional hoods in the process of establishing themselves.
 - b. 2 concerns raised at the last PSNIC meeting (Lee is working with representatives PSNIC , as well as the city departments to escalate and assure responsiveness)

- i. Crime
 - ii. Code enforcement
 - c. Donna requested we keep an eye out for our elderly neighbors, signs that something is amiss (such as newspapers piling up, etc) and just occasionally check in on them and their well being.
 - d. The Fire Department will host their annual Fish Fry on 6/4/11 at 6pm at Ruth Hardy Park. It is \$10 for food and entertainment.
 - e. The Palm Springs Follies show on 11/19/11 at 7pm will be a fund raiser for the PS Animal Shelter. \$25 of each ticket sold will go to the new shelter.
 - f. PS Animal Shelter is asking the neighborhood orgs if interested in making a \$2500 donation as a “friends of shelter” contribution level. At this level a kennel will have the neighborhood logo placed on it.
 - i. **Open Action: Vote deferred/tabled until after new board established.**
 - g. Garage Sale Permits from the city – hood discounts are available. Typically \$19 per home, 3 homes together on same block and part of a neighborhood organization can get the same rate for the same day event. Also a discount available for an entire association.
 - h. There will be a candidate forum (ok, I didn’t write anything else, so I have no idea what this means)
 - i. New low income housing available for PS residents “Rosa Gardens”, 200 new 1 to 4 bedroom apartments. Located on Rosa Parks Road in Palm Springs.
 - j. Reminder: Awnings and temporary carports are required to have a permit issued by the city
 - k. General Discussions :
 - i. Graffiti – Reported that walking to the meeting this morning, graffiti had appeared on the sidewalk at intersection of Via Miraleste and Racquet Club. Members reported that they are having good response from city’s graffiti hotline (Lauren provided 760-778-8469) so encouraged to use it.
 - ii. Citrus Drive – can we have one in our hood? Already over for this season (per Lee B). Donna to check with the Mesa Drive organization who participated on the details for our possible participation in the future.
8. BOA Elections
- a. Review of Process (Vila)
 - i. Officers voted on by the board. Officer elections will be held after new board elections at next regular meeting (June).
 - ii. Emphasized that the only difference between a board member and a general member is “voting” rights, and even if not on the board, still welcome to attend monthly meetings and participate.
 - iii. Reviewed the 5 current board members with expiring terms this election:
 - 1. Rick
 - 2. Ron
 - 3. Scott
 - 4. Ray (resignation received, will not seek re-election)
 - 5. Lauren
 - iv. 2012 expiring terms will be:
 - 1. Donna
 - 2. Dean

3. Joseph
4. bob
5. Barbara
6. Robert
- v. One vote per household/address for board vote.
- vi. Established each household would submit written vote (without any hanging chads) with five names identified
- vii. Candidates then proceeded to identify themselves and gave a brief speech (background, reason they wanted to serve, etc.)
- b. Election (all) – Candidates and Vote tallies (tallied by Robert and Donna)
 1. Lori (9 votes)
 2. Terry (13 votes)
 3. Scott (15 votes)
 4. Lauren (15 votes)
 5. Rick (17 votes)
 6. Ron (16 votes)
 - ii. New Board member is Terry Towne. Existing re-elected members, Rick, Lauren, Scott and Ron. Term is 2 years. Welcome Terry and thank you Lori!
9. Sub Committee Reports
 - a. Newsletter (Vila, Oliver) – watch for it, coming soon!
 - b. Scholarship (Maccarillo, Perry)
 - i. Subcommittee considering “name” for project, contenders are :
 1. What to do with the Monies?
 2. Curb Appeal
 3. Neighborhood Beautification
 - ii. Anything done will address external only, such as façade/lawn/ paint
 - iii. Potential Concepts (the goal is to keep it simple):
 1. Flat Out monetary gift
 2. Matching
 3. Grant Applications
 - iv. General Membership Discussions:
 1. There are 3 public programs for elderly /low income we could explore ideas/concepts with or referrals.
 2. We could send letter to each home owner in our hood announcing the program and soliciting participants
 3. RE: City Programs: Lee Bonno suggests that they may be more “bureaucratic” than we desire, but the contact at the city that could provide the best guidance would be Dale Cook.
 - v. Solicited for volunteers for the subcommittee from the general membership. Joining Barbara and Robert are: Tricia Jurovie, Stephen Pickard, Thomas Brewer, Lori Robb and John Russell. Barbara / Robert have their contact information.
 - c. Firehouse Project (Perry) –
 - i. Robert met with our local station fire chief, Scott Ventura and asked him “what can we do for you?” – Their current need is to refurbish the kitchen (it is original). Did not want us to get involved in the exterior.
 - ii. General member Ken Lyon suggested that, as an organization, we put pressure on the city (Jen Anderson) to maintain the exterior (the posts have been painted by the way finally!).

- iii. Chief Ventura suggested the refurbishment costs would be \$3000 they are trying to raise.
 - iv. A motion was put forth by Perry for a \$1000 donation towards the project. Discussion ensued about the needs and appropriateness (vs. city providing) and it was suggested that we invite Chief Ventura to our next board meeting to discuss. All agreed, motion rescinded, no vote was held.
- 10. Storage of RCENO supplies (Scarbro) –
 - a. All materials owned by the organization have been picked up /dropped off at Lauren’s house for safekeeping.
 - b. Bob Merliss has access in the event Lauren is not home.
 - c. Lauren reported she still has the open action to inventory everything she collected and provide a list of the assets.
- 11. Rotation schedule for upcoming meetings:
 - i. June – Bob and Marty’s
 - ii. July – Dark
 - iii. August – Rick and Ken’s
 - iv. September – Robert and Dennis’s
 - v. October – General Meeting at the park
 - vi. Nov – Joseph and Gene’s
 - vii. Dec – TBD
- 12. Website Maintenance (Perry/Vila) – Issue with keeping website current and Nat’s availability to do so.
 - a. Robert has been working with Nat and the website is improving in this aspect (it is still a rock'n “grant winning” website!).
 - b. Robert spoke with Nat (who owns the domain) about options on keeping up to date, including paying a maintenance fee or transferring ownership via purchase by RCENO from him.
 - c. Nat does not want any monies, and will continue to do this on a voluntary basis for our hood and will work harder to keep it updated.
 - d. There is an annual domain fee at \$60 that Rick authorized reimbursement for (\$ is within his authority without board vote).
- 13. October 2011 Picnic Planning –
 - a. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone wishing to work on this Subcommittee.
 - b. Volunteers are: Lauren and Steve, Gene Graham (and Joseph?), Jeff Taylor, Mildred Johnson, Bob and Marty. In addition, Donna/Barbara and Scott are also willing to assist as needed with any tasking.
 - c. Lauren has the sign up sheet and will contact the subcommittee to seek a chair for this group to get started with planning.
- 14. New Business/Projects/Q&A/Misc:
 - a. Joseph May requested that we consider our continued financial support/ contribution to Vista Del Monte School.
 - b. SCE is chopping off palm trees at residences. Hacking the top and not removing the trunks when interfering with power lines. Discussions ensued about “options” were with SCE (additional charges for total removal, demanding that they don’t touch the tree, allowing time for home owner to address before doing it (i.e. notification). Someone (Gene maybe?) has the action to contact SCE to see what the scoop is. Donna shared that Asplund Tree Service will trim trees with power line interference for free.
 - c. Article was read by Rick re: modernism week attendance (25,000, generating \$7mill in revenues) – Stressed the importance of RCENO reporting in our portion of sales (tour/gallery reception/cheetah) to the

gathering of such information (which Rick did, so we are in the \$7M!!!) to assure that the “positive” magnitude of the impact on the city is not lost (like the annual international film festival in Jan, etc).

- d. Donna selected the raffle winner (a marvelous RCENO t-shirt): John
- e. Lauren counted heads, and outside of board members and special guests, it was 17 attendees.
- f. General discussions about communications (getting email addresses corrected) and access to membership lists (Barbara).

15. Meeting Adjourned