

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization

BOA Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2009

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM at the home of Ney Fonseca.

The following BOA members were present: Rick Vila, Dean Nicastro, Scott Kennedy, Ney Fonseca, Nat Gozzano and Joseph May.

There were no RCENO general members present.

- **Members comments** Rick reviewed the bureaucratic bungling that led us to having only six street sign blades up. He reported that the remaining sign blades should be up by mid-December.
- **Officer reports/comments** Dean reported that we have a bank balance of \$4880.35.
- **PSNIC updates** Ney reported on the latest PSNIC meeting. The Desert Sun has been publishing articles once a month featuring different neighborhoods in Palm Springs. Apparently the next few months are wide open for neighborhood organizations to submit information about their areas for transformations into articles. He had the questionnaire that needs to be filled out to submit to TDS. Rick suggested that our local historian, Scott Kennedy, fill it out and submit it to TDS. It was discussed how this would be a great bit of publicity to have it published in January or February right before the home tour.

Ney also brought a brochure about how a neighborhood becomes an historic district. In addition he also reported that the Palm Springs International Film Festival is seeking volunteers from neighborhood organizations to help work the festival. To his delight the festival is highlighting films from Australia.

- **Picnic Review** The picnic brought \$380.00 into the coffers of the organization. The picnic cost the organization \$400.00. Despite the net loss of \$20.00 it was agreed that the picnic was a success. There were an estimated 65 people in attendance and everyone was commended for their hard work. It was suggested that we look into how we could make money on it next year. Perhaps we could mail our flyers and utilize our once a year city-sponsored mailing.
- **Home Tour** We set the date for the home tour: Sunday, February 14, 2010. The price will be \$45.00 per ticket. A motion was passed authorizing \$250 to announce our tour on modernismweek.com. There will be a link to our site where the public can purchase home tour tickets via Paypal. Nat will contact moderismweek.com and e-mail last year's attendees.

There was a discussion over whether or not we should print cards or posters. We already have one house lined up and we agreed to have a total of 7 plus a place to hold the reception, perhaps m-modern gallery on Racquet Club and Palm Canyon. We would like to have the houses lined up by the December board meeting. If there are any suggestions for possible homes e-mail them to Nat.

It was agreed that we should attempt to match the fabulousness of last year's event and we discussed possible candidates for our "celebrity" guests. Of course no one could match up to the lineup last year of Wexler and Krisel but suggestions ranged from Chita the Chimpanzee to Ruta Lee. We all know that Chita is Rick's next-door neighbor and we learned today that Ruta Lee was the original owner of Ney's house. Rick will look into inviting Ms. Chita while Ney looks into inviting Ms. Lee. I suggested we somehow get **Huell Howser** involved. Other names were also brought up for discussion.

- **Other open business** It was reported that RCENO member Ray Trim expressed an interest to become an active member of the board. A discussion was held about how we can make that happen. It was also brought up that our by-laws are in need of revising.

Scott brought up the problem of the huge new security lights in the back parking lot of the Riviera. He will call Code Enforcement representing RCENO.

It was reported that there have been thefts of Brute trashcans in the neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.