

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
BOA Meeting Minutes

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

The meeting commenced at 10:05 AM at the home of Bob and Marty. Thank you!

The following BOA members were present: Rick Vila, Dean Nicaastro, Scott Kennedy, Robert Perry, Terry Towne, Bob Merliss, Barbara Maccarillo, Lauren Scarbro . Absent: Donna Chaban, Joseph May, Ron Oliver. (Quorum was present for all votes)

The following RCENO general members were present: Marty Kapff, Gene Graham, Steve Schultz and one gentleman from Alexandar Way that I did not get his name.

1) Welcome and Introductions (R. Vila) – Agenda’s distributed.

2) Financial Report (Nicaastro):

- \$21,241 current balance on hand.
- Taxes need to be prepared and submitted. This will be our first submittal as a non profit. Proposed that Sienna (from Dean’s office who prepared previous submittal) be hired to prepare this years taxes. Discussions held, Motion made to pay her \$200 for tax prep, unanimous vote “aye”.
- Still need additional signatory on our bank account (besides Dean and Rick). Will wait till after annual officer election in June to determine who this will be.

3) Officer Report(s): - none

4) Approval of BOA Minutes: March minutes reviewed and approved (all present in favor with 1 abstain (Lauren who missed the March meeting did not vote))

5) PSNIC Report – (R. Vila for D. Chaban)

- 31 NORGs: most recent add is Parkview Mobile Estates
- Desert Horticultural Society annual Garden Tour 4/15/12
- City wide spring cleanup (PS Disposal) starts this week (items to be placed curbside no later than 6am Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> for pick up during the week)
- City still interviewing for Measure J oversight commission members. Approx. 130 applicants still in the running.
- Elvis Presley Estate house has applied to become an event house. Dean shared with the group that as a child, he and his buddy were riding their bicycles and got thirsty and stopped at a house to drink from the garden hose... and out walked Elvis who gave the boys a coca-cola. Best story of the day by far.
- Newsletter by NORG "The Mesa" was shared. It goes to their members electronically or maybe in the form of a blog. We had short discussions on still wanting to get traction on doing something similar, but with no actions.
- City PSNIC sponsored neighborhood meeting was a success, well attend and lots of fun. It is reported that the food was good and we got compliments on our RCENO booth.

#### 9) Intersection of Caballeros and Via Escuela

- Rick was contacted by Vista Norte PSNIC org President, David Lee. This is an adjoining neighborhood to ours. They are petitioning the city for the addition of a four way stop at this intersection due to dangerous traffic conditions and prior accident history due to the limited view. He sent Rick copies of his correspondence to the city along with photo's documenting accidents that Rick passed around for us to review. Mr. Lee has asked that RCENO support their request to the city by submitting a letter. After some discussions, it was concluded that RCENO (Rick action) would send a letter to the city requesting the city evaluate the corner in support of Vista Norte's concerns (but that we are not in favor of a stop light) but would be ok with a four way stop sign. All the board members present were amenable to this approach.

#### 10) Elections and May General Meeting

- May general membership meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm at Vista Del Monte school
- Gene to ask Joseph to coordinate availability of the school general purpose room that day with J. Scudder (Principal).
- Lauren volunteered to prepare and coordinate with printer the mailer if we wanted to communicate the meeting via US Post to individual homes. After discussions, and conclusion it is important to get as many home owners to attend as possible, a nomination was made and vote passed (unanimous) to allow Lauren to generate and mail postcards to homes not to exceed \$500.
- Elections at May meeting and subsequent officer election at June meeting
  - Board members up for re-election at May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting are:
    - ♣ Donna, Dean, Joseph, Bob, Robert and Barbara
  - Each household is allowed one vote to elect the board at the May meeting.
  - Officers will be elected at our June Board meeting, voted on by the board elected in the May meeting. Ron/Donna, Dean and Rick current officer position are all available to any board member for consideration, as well as current officers can

seek re-election as well. Rick stated his intention not to run for President. He also communicated that Donna (not present) had told him her intention is to run for re-election to the board, but not for VP.

- Much discussion then ensued about the role of VP as it relates to involvement with PSNIC and those demands (meeting attendance and expectation to volunteer for their sponsored activities). Discuss our by-laws that make it a requirement for the PSNIC representative to be the VP and the pro's and con's and whether we wanted to try to have the by laws modified. (i.e. to be any board member). It was decided not to amend at this time (all amendments to by laws have to be presented and voted on during a general meeting) and leave as it, VP position will be the PSNIC representation for our RCENO.
- Terry agreed to coordinate the meeting, Scott will assist her.

## 11) Historic District

- Scott Kennedy heading up subcommittee, which is exploratory only at this time. He reports that his notes show others that have shown interest in participating in this subcom are Robert, Bob, Donna and Joseph. Group discussed "others" that may be interested, (Richard, Jeff Taylor were possibilities)? Also discussed who could be committee advisors, suggestions were Brian McGuire and Ken Lyon.
- Rick provided name (Patrick McGrew) to Scott of person he can contact who has already prepared a briefing package on what it means to be a historic district and the implications. Asked that he be contacted to see if available to brief this at our May general meeting.
- Scott reported that the list of documents/documentation to prepare application is extensive and requires one to define every lot in the hood. Criteria would have to be developed (examples of some may be: roofline, brick, breezeway, carport, etc, etc, as many or few as decided by committee), then each home would need to be classified as contributing or non contributing, and then modifications "allowed" to these homes is typically constrained by the homes classification within the district. Scott's concern was that this is a huge amount of "work" to move out on and just how far did the board want to go with it at this time before we get to deep into process/work/effort. After discussions, the consensus of the board was effort at this time will be exploratory in nature by the sub committee, meaning understanding what it means to be a historic district, what the effort it would take to do this/how long /etc, but not the details (i.e. survey of each home, generation of criteria of contributing vs non contributing). After the exploratory phase, Scott suggests the next step would be for the subcommittee to do a "mini survey" on a small subset of selected homes (both contributing and non contributing) to assess what a full scale endeavor would take and if feasible and agreeable by RCENO.
- Tidbit: Royal Hawaiian Condo's (700-800 block of Palm Canyon) were first historic district with the City, in 1986.

## 12) New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other:

- Next years Home tours Discussion
  - Robert to action to talk to Jacque about next years schedule and availability of dates for us to work with Modernism calendar
  - Steve suggested we purchase one of Nat's pieces and either sell raffle tickets during the check in process or give a raffle ticket to each ticket buyer. Idea was well received, Terry suggested we think about giving each ticket holder one with purchase of a tour ticket, then make additional tickets available for sale to increase ones chances as a fundraiser mechanism.
- Robert suggested we consider making a contribution to Well in the Desert, who provide meals and food distribution to the needy and are running low in funds. Rick stated we needed to understand more about the issue and how we would contribute/what it would be used for. Terry suggested, based on prior experience with another organization, we generate a "format" / form for applications for funds with an associated timeline for all "grant applications" to be submitted, then an annual date where all received are evaluated, and amounts distributed and awarded to the applicants. We all liked this concept and Terry took the action to generate a draft form and be on the agenda to discuss this concept at the May general meeting. We all thought our current two general meeting dates may be good dates to set the process around (applications due in May, awards by October). We are proud of the money in the bank, but also feel it is important that we are making contributions to our neighborhoods betterment.
- Someone ran into a person at the market wearing a Vacation Palm Springs t-shirt, and the artwork looked very similar to ours, but in blue. Someone from the fashion police will investigate further and we look forward to future updates on this topic.

Reminder: Our next meeting will be our general membership meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> and include board elections and/or re-elections for six seats. Encourage your neighbors to come and get involved. We have a great hard working board and we should all be proud of our accomplishments. Thanks all around and let's keep the momentum going!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm