

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of December 8, 2012 @ the home of Robert Perry  
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting  
By, Joseph May**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:08AM. Board members in attendance were: Terry Towne, Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Barbara Maccarillo, Joseph May, Bob Merliss, Donna Chaban-Delmas, and Rick Villa. There were a few neighbors as well.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$28,716.60. Approximately 250 tickets for the home tour have been sold to date.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from November were approved.

**Officer Reports**

Terry reports that the city Park and Rec will be holding meetings to discuss events and or issues regarding city parks. Neighborhood organizations are strongly urged to send representation. The first meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM and Donna has volunteered to attend.

The Measure J committee is still accepting ideas for Measure J funds. Applications are due January 31. 2013. Rick suggests that we come up with ideas and submit. He would like to see us taking on the median strip landscaping project along Avenida Caballeros and Racquet Club Road. Rick volunteered to take on this project and Jeff Taylor said that he would help. Joseph suggested that if landscaping was too costly that we also look into at least paving the strip with decorative bricks or cobblestone.

There was no PSNIC report.

**2013 Home Tour**

Robert announced that we have four homes. One house has dropped out, Paul Kaplan has secured two homes, and Terry's home will be on the tour as well as Nate's. Clearly more homes are needed and they are needed soon. There were suggestions to secure homes that are in progress of being restored. Robert will be continuing to look for three more homes and all are urged to keep an eye out. Ken announced that the owners of the vintage cars are very excited to have their cars on display. We need to secure the remaining homes so that we can get the program written and printed.

A discussion about the celebrity guest took place and Robert announced that Ron Oliver has yet to secure a celebrity. Ron did say in an email that he could ask Udo Kier or Tristan Rogers if we couldn't find anyone else. Robert has been attempting to secure Barbara Eden. Jeff Taylor said that he could try to get Stefanie Powers as our guest speaker. It was agreed that Jeff would try to secure Ms. Powers and if he could not get her than we would continue our search for someone else. Rick suggested that we should agree on a dollar amount that we would be willing to spend for our celebrity speaker. Robert proposed that we spend up to, but no more than, \$2,000. This would include hotel and honorarium and would only be for a "top tier" celebrity. We voted that we could spend up to \$2,000 to secure a celebrity speaker.

Donna said that she would find out what t-shirts the docents wanted. Bags will also be given to the docents. Rick suggested that the design on the bags be changed every year. Donna said that she would speak with Lauren about selling the surplus of t-shirts that we have perhaps at the new Saturday street fair. It was suggested that we look into selling artwork from local artists in the homes.

### **RCENO Website**

Robert announced that our new website is coming along nicely. It will be one consolidated site with links to Facebook and Nextdoor. It should be up and running in about three months.

### **New Business**

We established a 2013 meeting schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location, home of...</b>
January 12	Ron Oliver
February 9	Robert Perry
March 9	Rick Villa
April 13	Bob Merliss
May 11	General Membership @ Vista del Monte School
June 8	Terry Towne
July	No meeting
August 10	Lauren Scarbro
September 14	Joseph May
October 12	General Membership and picnic @ Victoria Park
November 9	Terry Towne
December 14	Robert Perry

Robert suggested that next year after the Festival of Lights parade that we pay for the dinner out of RCENO funds. He proposed that we spend up to \$700 for dinner for board members and guests who help us with the parade. It was voted and approved.

This Tuesday PSUSD will be awarding RCNEO the Golden Apple Award for our contributions to VDM school. Barbara, Terry, Donna and Joseph volunteered to attend. Rick said that he might attend.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.