

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of January 11, 2014 @ the home of Terry Towne
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicasastro, Joseph May, Lauren Scarbro, Donna Chaban-Delmas, John Russell, Terry Towne, and Rick Vila. There were several members of the community present as well.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$35,147.66. We have about 75 tickets left to sell for the home tour.

Approval of Minutes

There were two corrections mentioned for the December minutes. These will be corrected and those will be mailed out. They were approved.

Officer Reports

Terry reported that PSNIC has not met and the next meeting will be next week.

She did mention that there is an effort under way to identify streets that need repairing. She will make an announcement on Nextdoor and ask for neighborhood input. She reiterated that this is for repairs needed in our neighborhood only.

Neighborhood Watch

Terry reported that the city would reimburse NORGS for the purchase of up to five Neighborhood Watch signs. The city will give us up to five signs to be installed on the back of existing stop signs. If we want additional signs we have to pay \$25 for a post plus the cost of the signs. Terry recommended that these could be useful at the obvious borders of the neighborhood.

Rick asked if there was any research that has proven the effectiveness of such signs. Donna offered some anecdotal evidence and Terry said that she would ask at PSNIC if such research exists and will also do an Internet search herself.

The Board looked at the four designs and concluded that if we did go ahead we would chose the sign labeled "Palm Springs Eye." Terry will report back with research at the March meeting.

Rick asked the group to report any missing blade signs to him. Lauren mentioned that she had one. Rick will inventory the missing signs. The idea of a

neighborhood watch volunteer, with a magnetic sign to put on their car, would be discussed in March.

Newsletter

The newsletter template will be brought to the group in March. Terry will open a Constant Comment account.

Guest Speaker- Steven Price

Mr. Price is one of two speakers for the reception of our 2014 home tour. The other is Allison Martino. Steven asked the group what they wanted in the talk and the following suggestions were offered. Link Palm Springs at mid-century to Los Angeles at the same period (Mr. Price and Ms. Martino are experts of mid-century LA) and keep the discussion "light" for our audience. He agreed to keep it at 20 minutes.

Steven wants a list of what houses are on the tour so he can drive by and look at them, Robert will provide him with that list. We will need an LCD projector and a screen. Joseph will bring an LCD and John will set up the projector and all.

2014 Home Tour

We spent the bulk of the meeting discussing the 2014 home tour, here are highlights of that conversation:

- Tickets for kids (under 12) are ½ price
- Atomic Ranch is providing magazines
- We will get 500 tote bags to give away at a cost of \$600, bag stuffing party at Lauren's the weekend of our next BOA meeting
- Guest speakers will get a \$200 gift certificate at Spencer's
- A motion was made and approved to spend a total of \$6,000 for Home Tour related expenses
- Ray Trim is coming to help Donna with the management of the docents
- So far we have 19 docents but need 28 to have four per home. Robert will mail Donna a list of homes so that she can make assignments
- All volunteers are invited to February meeting at Robert's house and the chairs will be needed
- Ken is working on the classic cars and the books; he needs bios of the speakers
- Polo shirts will sell for \$35 and last year's shirts will sell for \$10
- Rick will order booties and bracelets
- Comps will be given to the mayor, city council, fire chief, police chief and Lee Bono
- Joseph will deliver the beverages to Terry's car the night before
- We need two people to work the lines at check-in Joseph will see if Jenny Dillon and Eric can help out (btw he did and they can)

New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other

- We discussed the upcoming city picnic and our booth; we need to bring all of our plaques for display.
- We discussed the email regarding a new development behind the Wexler homes; Ken will look into it to see what is happening with the property.
- There was a brief discussion about the need for an historian or archivist and John volunteered to take on that role.
- There was an update on the communications pole being installed at VDM ES, it is being moved back a few feet as some neighbors objected to it where it was.
- There was a brief discussion about undergrounding power lines. Jeff Taylor asked if Measure J funds could be used for such a project. Donna suggested that a Facebook Group be created for the purpose of undergrounding all power lines in the city. It was discussed that such a project would need a leader who was willing to take it on. Jeff said that he was going to look into it and would like to talk with PSNIC. Terry said that anyone could come and present public comments at PSNIC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

2014 meeting schedule:

Date	Location, home of...
1/11/14	Terry Towne
2/8/14	Robert Perry
3/8/14	John Russell
4/12/14	Ron Oliver
5/10/14	Multi-purpose Room VDM ES
6/14/14	Lauren Scarbro
8/9/14	Terry Towne
9/13/14	Joseph May
10/11/14	Victoria Park
11/8/14	Rick Vila
12/13/14	Robert Perry