

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of March 08, 2014 @ the home of John Russell
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Lauren Scarbro, Donna Chaban-Delmas, John Russell, Terry Towne and Rick Vila. There were 12 to 14 members of the community present as well.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$33,655.06. There are still checks to be written for Home Tour expenses as well as funds continuing to come in from various sources.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved. John asked if Joseph could send the minutes from the previous six meetings to him so that he could post them on the website.

Officer Reports

PSNIC: The city picnic is March 29, 2014 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at Ruth Hardy Park. . The application for our booth has been submitted, the \$25 fee has been waived. We agreed to arrive at 10AM and all who sit at the booth are requested to wear RCENO shirts. PSNIC meets this week so there is little else to report from them.

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Terry brought up Constant Contact as a service for publishing our newsletter. She passed around a sheet with several options. Rick suggests that we should go with the "Essential Plan" at \$45 a month. Robert stated that we should, in addition to the electronic newsletter, send out a hard copy of the publication. A member pointed out that if we do that we should note that those addressed "resident" don't get forwarded.

Terry made a motion that we should go with the "Essential Plan" and Rick seconded it; the motion passed. Terry will speak with the representative from Constant Contact to discuss methods of payment and services.

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Charitable Donations& Grants

The application and estimate for front landscaping that Ron emailed to us was reviewed. It was from Margie O'Brian of 458 E Simms Rd. The estimate total was for \$5699. Lauren suggested that a Beautification Committee be charged with the responsibility of reviewing such applications and bring their recommendation to

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the Board for approvals. Terry, Robert, Sylvie Teicher, and Joseph agreed to sit on the Beautification Committee.

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A free-from conversation began. Donna suggested that we require the applicants to get a second estimate on their project. There were discussions about how much we should pay and that we should not pay out our donation until after the jobs are complete.

Last month *Roy's of the Desert* applied for a donation and a member who claimed that he was very familiar with Roy's spoke to us about the organization. He told us that the facility, north of I-10 near Indian, was a model program founded by Roy Wilson. It provides housing, dining, and laundry facilities for those who need it for up to 90 days. It is well run and can house up to 110 people, men, women, and children, in dormitory style accommodations.

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Donna suggests that we should find out what other NORGS are donating to Roy's. Many on the BOA expressed that this was not necessary. It was suggested that representatives from the Board should go and visit the facility. Robert, Terry, and Rick volunteered to do that.

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2014 Home Tour

Comments were made.

Kudos:

- Our houses are very popular
- Steve Price presentation was very good
- Good musicians
- Reception facility was great
- Houses were fantastic
- Cars were great
- Food was wonderful
- Wine and Champagne were superb
- Thanks to all the helpers
- Registration went smooth

Suggestions for next year:

- We need a bouncer at the door checking wrist bands and preventing anyone from entering early
- Specify the closing time of registration on the website where tickets are purchased.
- People tended to like the old graphics on the t-shirts as opposed to the new ones on the polo shirts
- On the map number the homes and start people off at different numbers
- Have music in the background at the reception the entire time
- Plan on a couple extra cars in case one pulls out
- Feature a ranch style Alexander
- Get the homes on Starr that were featured on the TV show

- Get Nate Berkus as a guest speaker

Steve's suggestion via email:

- The homeowners and board should have an outing such as a meal and then be able to see the homes. Too many of the board members are unable to take the tours on the day of the event because they are so busy working the event.
- RCENO should consider purchasing art in the amount of at least \$500 from Nat Reed that could then be raffled off at the reception. We can decide if we want to sell raffle tickets or give them away at registration. This is the least we can do for all of his time and effort these past few years.
- Next year's bags should be shopping type bags like the type one can use in a store, with RCENO logo on it.
- Sixteen bags of ice were purchased.
- The hours of the home tour should be from 9.30AM -12.30PM; check in from 9:00AM – 11:00AM.

Semi-Annual General Meeting

The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM in the Multi-purpose Room at Vista del Monte Elementary School. The following board members are up for re-election: Robert, Joseph, Donna, and Dean.

We discussed ways to improve attendance and it was pointed out that our neighboring NORG posts signs at strategic intersections. We agreed that it would be a good idea for us to do the same. Rick and Lauren will look into the costs of printing up such signs. We will plan the May general membership meeting at our April board meeting. Terry will ask Lee Bono and our neighborhood police officer to attend.

Petitions for Green Walls Ordinance and Water Conservation

Terry distributed two petitions. One was to pledge to conserve up to 20% on our water usage and the other was to limit the height of hedges to ten feet in residential areas. The petitions were passed around for the Board and the general membership to sign, or not.

New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other

Lauren wanted to know if anyone knew what was happening in the park behind the public restroom. There was a construction fence erected there. Nobody seemed to know. [Note: a follow-up on the project there has been received and forwarded to the Board. The city is putting in a weather station for the irrigation system. The chain link fence will come down when construction is complete.]

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Ron's house; someone needs to check with Eric to see if it is okay and if not we need to move it to someone else's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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