

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of June 07, 2014 @ Vista del Monte Elementary School  
Board of Advisors 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 Sylvie Teicher. There were a few neighbors and representatives from the City and PSUSD in attendance.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$35,809.43. There are a couple small checks to deposit and he paid for our PO box for the year.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the May general meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports**

Terry reported from the latest PSNIC meeting:

- The Palm Springs Fire Department is holding their 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Fish fry on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-11PM at Ruth Hardy Park. The cost is \$10 per person and there is live music and dancing.
- In light of our continuing drought water conservation is becoming increasingly important and information was available on conserving water. Terry brought a handout: Water Conversation Tips.
- CERT training will be offered in October for any interested citizen. Terry had handouts describing the training and information on the trainings.
- There will be an update on the airport renovation at the City Council meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.
- PSNIC meets this Thursday, June 12.

**Guest Speaker- Ernie Palmerin**

Ernie Palmerin from the Palmerin Group continued with a discussion that they had been holding prior to the meeting. There were three members of the community expressing their concerns about the cell-tower project and representatives from the City and from PSUSD were in attendance as well.

A discussion about the project commenced. The neighbors concerns about moving the cell tower were that the new tower was too high, it blocked the mountain views of one of the neighbors, and the communications from Palmerin Group, the city, and PSUSD were not timely. At the conclusion of the discussion the concerned neighbors were invited to attend a city council meeting on the

project to be held at City Hall on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM. The Palmerin Group agreed to send out a letter to neighbors informing them of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Those who want to speak before the City Council at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were advised to email the City Clerk to secure their time to speak before the council. Dr. Murray of PSUSD agreed to send out a letter to the parents of the students of Vista del Monte informing them that the current cell phone tower will be moved away from the center of the campus to a more remote location.

### **Officer Elections**

There was a discussion about the bylaws and staggered elections of officers. We agreed that we would hold elections for all officer positions today but we need to review and/or revise the bylaws for future elections.

Each officer reviewed the duties of their position and elections were held following each review:

- Finance Coordinator- Dean stated that he was responsible for the books, statements, records, banking, receiving and depositing funds, paying the bills and providing the annual financial statement among other things. He said that he would continue in the position unless someone else wanted it. Dean will continue in his capacity of Finance Coordinator.
- Communications Coordinator- Robert stated that this person records the minutes, maintains the sign-in sheet at meetings, communicates information via emails, and will disseminate a newsletter that will be produced by a subcommittee. Joseph said that he would serve as the Communication Coordinator unless someone else wanted the position. Joseph was appointed Communications Coordinator.
- Vice President- Robert spelled out the duties of the VP, assuming the president's roles in his or her absence, attending PSNIC meetings and many other things. Terry stated that unless someone else wanted the position she would continue as VP. Terry will continue as Vice President.
- President- Robert stated that the president presides over meetings and enforces the by-laws among many other things. He said that he would continue in the position unless someone else wanted it. Robert will continue in the position.

(full job descriptions are found in the bylaws)

Joseph will meet with Ron Oliver to go over the job of Communications Coordinator.

### **October Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Robert resurrected the idea of having a block party in October after our semi-annual general meeting. It was pointed out that the bylaws do not require two general meetings but that we should have a short meeting before the party.

It was discussed that a cul-de-sac would be an ideal place to hold such an event. Two areas were mentioned, one of the three cul-de-sacs off of Alexander Way or one of the two cul-de-sacs off of Aurora Drive. Joseph will talk to residents of the

cul-de-sacs off Alexander and Sylvie will talk to residents of the cul-de-sacs off of Aurora and will report back at the August meeting.

Various local musicians were mentioned for entertainment. The event will be Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter**

Terry reported that Rick has opened an account with Constant Contact. He put it on his credit card because CC will not take checks for payments. Terry recommended that Dean open an account either with a credit card or a debit card. Dean is not comfortable with a debit card, which has the ability to access all of our funds, but will open a credit card account.

The newsletter should debut in September with the goal of publishing quarterly. The Newsletter Committee consists of, Terry, Rick, Joseph, and Sylvie.

### **Charitable Donation-Roy's Desert Resource Center**

Robert spoke with Roy's and they were wondering when they would get their payment. It was agreed that we would pay them immediately and would go there on June 28<sup>th</sup> to present them with a ceremonial check.

### **New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other**

Donna told us an interesting story regarding the power outage last night. Jeff Taylor met with Lisa Middleton, Chair of PSNIC's Public Works and Code Enforcement Subcommittee regarding the undergrounding of power lines. Lisa expressed her support of this effort though it will likely take time to work the idea through the power and utilities as well as the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

2014 meeting schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location, home of...</b>
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