

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of September 13, 2014 @ the home of Joseph May
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 Nicasastro, Joseph May, Lauren Scarbro, Donna Chaban-Delmas, John Russell. There were several members from the neighborhood present.

Approval of Minutes

Lauren moved that we approve the minutes from our August meeting, Robert second the motion and they were approved by a unanimous vote.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$33,045.43 in our account.

Charitable Donations

Dean presented a detailed report about our charitable donations. October 10, 2010 was our first charitable donation and June 7, 2014 was our most recent. So far we have given \$19,600.00. **John will create a space on our website displaying all of our charitable donations with pictures.**

Robert presented a request for a donation from Desert Blind & Handicapped Association ("DBHA"). After some discussion, motions, counter-motions, and withdrawing of motions it was agreed that **Robert will ask a representative from DBHA to give a presentation to the board about their organization and criteria for a charitable donation.**

PSNIC Report

Donna attended this month and brought us this report:

(which she also emailed to me and I copied and pasted here with some editing)

- ***PSPS Update*** - Lt. Combs reports there are 5 new hires added to the police force. He also reported about the recent high-end vehicle accidents, some major arrests.
- ***PS Fire Update*** - October 16 is "Great American Shakeout" for earthquake preparedness. He also talked about the recent flooding all around CV, keeping people safe. Ambulances & fire vehicles were brought in from all over Inland Empire, including from tribal. Just in case needed.
- ***Sept 23 6 p.m.*** - Charity Softball Game between Fire & Police personnel \$5 at the stadium.

- *October 14 - 25, CERT Training - some choices of dates. Go to city website for info.*
- **Sustainability** - *usual updates on rebates, landscaping grants are doubled now.*
- *Water ordinances for CV not yet in place; the state's rules apply right now.*
- *DWA offers landscaping consultation, no charge.*
- *Tree Planting Program coming in 2015.*
- **ONI** - *More neighborhoods forming (3 or 4).*
- *Extensive discussion regarding Little Beverly Hills (LBH). Tabled for now.*
- *Park San Rafael looking to join RCENO, or if Palermo starts up, they will join Palermo.*
- *Balloon drawing - we got the 28 ft Xmas stocking.*
- **City Manager** - *Will update City Council, on 9/17, on Measure J Programs and Progress.*
- *Bike Lanes - Discussion of Farrell Road & traffic issues, needs feedback by September 25 to Lisa Middleton.*
- *New Vacant Building ordinance, plan to fine or charge home or business owners for property vacant over 60 (?) days.*
- *COD at PS Mall - still working on this; environmental review to start soon.*
- **Chairman Report - Jim** - *Discussed LBH Norg application;*
- *BUZZ update (postponed),*
- *Website update;*
- *2015 Election Committee (PSNIC nominations) for December meeting.*
- **Public Works/Code Enf** - *Lisa M. reiterated D. Ready's report - new vacant building ordinance, safety issues "out and about" (for pedestrians, school children, etc); utility undedgrounding; vacation rental house ordinance; will publish list of homes with violations.*
- *On undergrounding, Jeff Taylor will be working with Lisa Middleton*
- **Communications** (Branding, changing PSNIC name) *Eric Chiel suggests we ask for our members' opinions and ideas for a new name. He needs feedback before 9/24*
- **Finance** - *Aye vote to open PSNIC bank account. Jim Gross looking into 501(c) 3*
- **Greg Gilman & Rosemarie Vacano, PSNIC Newsletter** - *coming out soon. He will e-mail to all reps. All reps need to remit to their communications person to email to our members list. Greg says that his email provider thinks the newsletter name is porn, and it goes into his spam folder, so we were advised to check our SPAM folders.*
- **Meeting** - *9/24 at noon and 10/22 at noon (4th Wednesday).*

Festival of Lights

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. We will be wrangling a 28 foot Xmas stocking. We need 18 wranglers. There will be a dinner for all volunteers after the parade.

RCENO 2015 Home Tour

Our tour will be on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

- 2015 Home Tour Chairman and Home Selection Locator – Robert Perry
- Organization of docents- Dennis Vasquez and Gene Graham
- T-shirts- Lauren Scarbro
- Food for reception- Terry Towne
- Beverages- Joseph May
- Vintage cars- Ken Lyon
- Brochure, purchase bracelets and booties – Rick Vila
- Obtaining a guest speaker- Donna Chaban (Robert has secured Lance O'Donnell)

Robert reported that MModern might allow us to use their space again. If they cannot he is looking into the possibility of using one of the empty storefronts in the same shopping center. He also stated that we need three or four additional homes. Robert requested that we all be on the lookout for possible homes to include.

Robert presented to the board a proposal to raise the ticket price to \$75.00. There was discussion about this. Robert moved that we raise the price for our 2015 home tour to \$75.00, Lauren second the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

There was a discussion to raise the cap on tickets sold. Dean moved that we raise the cap for tickets sold for our 2015 home tour from 350 to 500, Lauren second the motion. For: Dean; Against: Robert, Joseph, Lauren, Donna, John. The motion did not pass.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- Lauren moved that we pay for up to five neighbors to be CERT trained. Joseph second the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
- Robert, Dennis, Jeffrey Clark, and Donna will be docents for the city-wide home tour on October 12.
- Scott Workman brought up the increasing vandalism in Cathedral City Cove and that the neighbors there set up security cameras. He suggested that we look into doing the same here.

- Robert reported that Barbara's family is planning a celebration of her life on November 22 and we will be participating.
- Robert reminded us that the cell tower issue is put on hold for now and that Claudio Zanet and David Meckley will be working with PSUSD to help find a solution that would satisfy all. He wanted to know if there was someone on the board who is a fulltime resident to help out and would report to Claudio and David re his findings.
- John reported that he was going to update the website.
- Donna reported a missing street sign on her corner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

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	Church of Saint Paul in the Desert
9/13/14	Joseph May
10/11/14	Terry Towne
11/8/14	Lauren Scarbro
12/13/14	Robert Perry