

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of November 14, 2015@ the home of Terry Towne
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, John Russell, Sylvie Teicher, Lauren Scrabro, Terry Towne, and Donna Chaban. There were a few members in attendance.

Public Comments

- None

Approval of October Minutes

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes from October, Robert seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$37,629.58 in our general account and \$4599.19 in our Visa account. A few new members were added to our mailing list.

Officer Report/ ONE-PS

Terry reported from ONE-PS:

- There will be the 9/11 Memorial dedication at Fire Station #2 on 12/2 @ 4:00PM by the mayor and on Saturday 12/5 @ 10:00AM by the Fire Department.
- A new turn lane at Farrell and Vista Chino is under construction.
- The neighborhood mixer for NORGS will be held at Desert Regional in February.
- The Sustainability Commission has a new app- play/eat/walk Palm Springs. More information: <http://www.walkandrollpalmsprings.org/>
- The City Manager reported that The City would begin to enforce vacant building and lots ordinances.
- PSPD Chief is retiring and an interim has been appointed. ONE-PS is encouraging the department to promote from within.
- A vote on banning leaf blowers may come up to the City Council soon.
- A new vacation rentals ordinance is in the making.

Vacation Rentals

A vacation rentals work group is re-writing the ordinance. They are seeking input from the NORGS. Lisa Middleton, chair of ONE-PS will be invited to an upcoming meeting of RCENO.

A request was made that the monthly agenda be sent out to the board a week prior to our meetings for input from board members.

RCENO Beautification Grant

The question was raised about the status of our grants. It was pointed out that the parameters are too vague. A proposal was made that we grant lawn buy-backs. The question was raised: is granting money for lawn buy-backs neighborhood beautification or are we now branching into water conservation issues? It was agreed that our program needs better PR and there is a need to re-brand it and create a new application. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Festival of Lights

John will purchase the wearable lights. Robert has reserved dinner at Rick's. John will bring lights for 20 people. Everyone who is marching is asked to wear black clothes so the lights show up. Robert will look for the banner and we need to purchase a pole to hold it.

2016 Home Tour

Robert announced that he has procured six homes but no steel home. Sylvie has a neighbor who wants to include their house; Robert will look into it. The reception will be held in another space at the same center where we usually hold it. Ron is bringing Linda Gray as our celebrity speaker. We agreed to pay her up to a \$500.00 honorarium. Lauren will sell T-shirts at the check-in and Donna has agreed to inventory the shirts with Robert's help to see if we need to order more. After a discussion Joseph moved that we spend up to \$750 to purchase 350 bags to give away at check-in. Donna seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Steve will order the bags.

- Terry will be in charge of the food and rentals for the reception.
- Joseph will purchase soft drinks, Champagne, and wine.
- Sylvie will purchase water for both the reception and to give away at check in.
- John will provide music for check in and the reception.
- Ken will take care of the classic cars for each home.
- Robert will get the house information to Ken to include in the catalog by the first of January.
- Robert will work with Nat about the signs to place in front of the homes.
- Dennis and Gene are in charge of the docents and will make sure one is assigned to be at the door of the reception by 12:30 to make sure guest don't enter early while set up is taking place.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- Terry has done research about the “little free library” proposal. She showed us a book that she ordered with pictures of other such projects. All agreed that this would be a great idea for us to take on. Terry will do further research.

Robert made a motion that we adjourn, Donna seconded it, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:45AM.

2015 BOA Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Host	Time
January	1/10/2015	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00PM
February	2/7/2015	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM
March	3/14/2015	Sylvie Teicher	4:00PM-6:00PM
April	4/11/2015	Donna Chaban	10:00AM-12:00PM
May	5/9/2015	Vista del Monte	10:00AM-12:00PM
June	6/13/2015	Scott Workman	10:00AM-12:00PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/8/2015	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
September	9/12/2015	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00PM
October	10/03/2015	Block Party	3:00PM- 5:00PM
October	10/10/2015	Sylvie Teicher	10:00AM-12:00PM
November	11/14/2015	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00PM
December	12/12/2015	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM