

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of December 12, 2015@ the home of Robert Perry
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

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from November, Lauren seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$37,539.58 in our general account and \$4497.19 in our Visa account.

Officer Report/ ONE-PS

Terry reported from ONE-PS:

- Desert Regional is sponsoring a mixer for the NORGs with food and drink in February. The exact date is to be determined.
- Desert Regional is offering tours of the hospital for interested NORGs.
- PSPD is offering chips to residents to identify one's property in the event of valuables getting stolen.
- A rep from PSPD would be happy to attend one of our meetings to talk about the chips and how we can obtain them.
- The annual citywide picnic sponsored by ONE-PS will be held on Saturday, March 19th. Terry recommends that we become a top tier sponsor.
- Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is going to be provided to NORGs beginning at the first of the year.
- ONE-PS is working with Desert Publications Inc (Palm Springs Life) to create a glossy magazine featuring the NORGs of Palm Springs. This would be a one-time publication of 7500 copies. Terry has to vote on it at the January ONE-PS meeting and she is eliciting reactions from the board. The main concern was why? What is the purpose? Who is the target audience?

RCENO Meeting Space

I went to the school district to inquire about the fees for using VDM for our monthly meetings. PSUSD has changed who processes the use of facilities and it is all now done at the central office and the practice of waiving fees has ended. For registration for the home tour we have to pay the following: Rent: for 4.25 hours @ \$21.00 and hour is \$89.25. Custodial for 4.75 hours @\$42.00 is \$199.50. That is a total of \$288.75 and must be paid no later than 2 weeks prior to the event. We are approved for using the room on 2/13 and I have to bring them the check and proof of insurance two weeks prior to using the facility.

The fee for the monthly use of VDM will be approximately \$144 a month plus we have to show proof of insurance for each meeting. We decided to not hold our meetings at the school and Robert will check into using the Center for Spiritual Living as a place to hold our monthly meetings. Sylvie suggested we use a café. In the meantime John will host the January 9th meeting and Robert will host the February 6th meeting.

RCENO Charitable Donation-Roy's in the Desert

Robert suggested that we donate again to Roy's. Terry suggested we donate to Well in the Desert instead. A discussion ensued. Terry made a motion that we donate \$5,000 to Well in the Desert. Robert seconded the motion. There were seven yays and two nays. The motion passed. Lauren mentioned that another neighborhood was lacking funds to purchase blade signs. We discussed it and decided that we should help them to purchase their sings. Terry said that she would find out what neighborhood it was.

RCENO Beautification Grant

The question was raised about the status of our grants. It was pointed out that the parameters are too vague. It was agreed that our program needs better PR and there is a need to re-brand it and create a new application. A committee was formed and Sylvie, Scott, Joseph, and Robert volunteered to be a part of it. Scott brought up the question of Victoria Park and the proposal to reduce the lawn and not replace it with drought-tolerant landscaping. It was agreed that we should monitor the situation but no concrete proposals were made.

2015 Festival of Lights- Recap

It was agreed that the event was a success and a lot of fun. The lights were wonderful and many expressed the notion that we needed more. John instructed us to check out <http://www.windycitynovelties.com/party-wearables.html> to see what they offer. Wearing Christmas suit and choreographing our steps was also suggested. Jeffery and John were acknowledged for driving wranglers to and from the parade.

2016 Home Tour

Robert announced that he has procured all homes and a space for the reception. We will move the February meeting to February 6th at Robert's house. Steve will be ordering the tote bags. Robert will be ordering the signs for in front of the homes with numbering them one to seven. So far we have sold over half of the tickets.

- 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 is researching the mini-library proposal.
- The concern was raised about why the totem pole has not been replace. Apparently the arts commission is looking into ways to preserve the restored totem pole.
- Lauren presented her findings from the vacation rental homework assignment. She concluded that it is only three homes where there are a large number of problems. All three homes are off of Via Escuela on Jacques, George, and Berne and all are managed by vacation rental agencies. Terry will draft a letter to the agencies expressing our concerns. Donna will go to the city.

Scott made a motion that we adjourn, Robert seconded it, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:42AM.

2016 BOA Meeting Schedule

| Month | Date | Host | Time |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| January | 1/9/16 | John Russell | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| February | 2/6/16 | Robert Perry | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| March | 3/12/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| April | 4/9/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| May | 5/14/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| June | 6/11/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| July | No meeting | | |
| August | 8/13/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| September | 9/10/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| October | 10/8/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| November | 11/12/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| December | 12/10/16 | TBD | 10:00AM-12:00PM |