

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of December 13, 2013 @ the home of Robert Perry  
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting  
By, Joseph May**

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$36,214.71. So far we have earned \$13, 513.50 from sales of tickets to the 2014 home tour. We are 65-75% sold out.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November meeting were not approved because they have not been received.

**Officer Reports**

Terry representing PSNIC: Holiday safety tips were shared. Christmas trees will be picked up on Wednesdays.

The Palm Springs Police Department reports that there has been a 25% increase in auto thefts. It is believed that this is a result of the prisoner early release program. Residents are warned to watch for suspicious activity and report it using the non-emergency line or the emergency line if one witnesses a crime in progress.

Palm Springs Disposal is converting to once a week pick up in 2014. Each residence will be given new bins soon.

On 1/8/14 at City Hall at 10:00 AM there will be an open-forum on the carport and canopy issue. Interested parties are invited give input.

On 1/11/14 the Mayor's Race will take part. It was suggested that we take part until we realized this was on the same date as our January BOA meeting.

On 3/29/14 the PSNIC city picnic will take place from 11:00AM to 2:00PM in Ruth Hardy Park. All are invited.

On 12/19/13 PSNIC Neighborhood night is being held at Desert Regional from 5:30PM – 7:30PM all are invited but please RSVP at (800) 419-4990.

### **Guest Speaker- Ernie Palmerin- (The Palmerin Group)**

Palm Springs Unified School District has asked this group to move the existing cell phone tower at Vista del Monte ES to another location on the school property. They are proposing to move it to the south side of the campus on the property line between the school and Victoria Park. The present tower is 85 feet high and they want to keep it almost that same height. They are proposing a single tower as opposed to an artificial pine tree. The city asked them to come to us for our input.

After security issues were raised it was suggested that they install security cameras on the tower. They also stated that mature trees would be planted around the tower and accompanying small structure that would also be built. The group asked for our mailing list but we declined to give it to them telling them that they could receive such information from the city. The group had renderings of the project. The members of the board and residents at the meeting expressed positive feelings towards the project.

### **2014 Home Tour**

We have sold 65-75% of our tickets. Dean proposed we sell 500 tickets but the group was not in agreement. We have seven homes lined up with a mix of rooflines. The topic of guest speaker was raised and Deana Martin was suggested again. Robert said he would contact Ron to see if he has made any progress towards procuring a celebrity guest. Donna talked about a couple of architectural preservationists that she knows.

Donna presented a price sheet for 124 polo shirts to sell at the tour. The cost is \$1090. A motion was passed to purchase the shirts. She also reported that she had 16 docents but needs 28 more. If anyone knows of any potential docents they should contact Donna. She also proposed that we gift the docents more than we do but it was decided that no further gift was necessary.

#### Tasks:

- Terry is ordering the food.
- Joseph and Gene are in charge of buying the beverages: wine, champagne, lemonade, and water.
- Rick is in charge of the booties and wristbands.
- Ken requested new "fun facts" for the brochure.
- Rick and Ken are in charge of the brochure.
- Ken and Robert are in charge of the vintage cars.

**New Business**

Rick is going to re-connect with Terry regarding our monthly newsletter. They will bring a template to the March or April meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.