

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of December 13, 2014 @ the home of Lauren Scarbro
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, Donna Chaban-Delmas, John Russell, Sylvie Teicher, and Lauren Scarbro. There were ten members present.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2014 meeting. Lauren seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$28,532.15 in our checking account and \$2,494.00 in our Visa debit account. He gave Joseph a couple Membership Enrollment Forms MEF and suggested that Joseph ask Ron for any and all paperwork that Ron may still have. In addition, John was asked to change the address on the MEF from Ron Oliver's to our post office box. (PO box 185, 92263) Dean announced that we had received a check for \$7,087.50 from Modernism for tickets sold so far for the 2015 home tour.

Officer Reports

Robert read the report from PSNIC:

- Thanks to all Wranglers who participated in the Holiday Parade.
- Community Planting day was taking place December 13.
- Palm Springs High school was having a parade on December 18.
- Donna reported that the new PSNIC logo (one PS) was designed by Nat Gozzano

Charitable Donation

It was disclosed that we have yet to present Vista Del Monte our annual contribution for their attendance incentive program. Dean wrote a check to the school for our previously agreed upon amount of \$1,500. Robert will present the check to the school.

Donna brought up the controversy that has recently arisen around Roy's Desert Resource Center. A neighbor who volunteers at Roy's defended the organization.

RCENO Blade Signs

Robert ordered five new blade signs. Lauren reported that she had one that had been found and Robert agreed to take all of them to Ken to have the city install them.

RCENO 2015 Home Tour

Our tour will be on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Robert reported that he already has seven homes lined up for the tour. He reported that the write-ups for the homes are coming in for the home tour brochure. Robert asked Joseph to look at Kim Reeve's home.

We reviewed the various tasks:

- Robert is still trying to get a space for the reception. It will probably be a space at the MModern shopping center.
- Dennis and Gene are working on organizing the docents. So far they have twenty confirmed and they need eight more.
- John will contact Lance O'Donnel to find out his audio-visual needs.
- Joseph will be purchasing the beverages.
- Lauren said that she wants to order 175 shirts @ \$8.16 each. Donna made a motion to spend \$1,428.00. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Festival of Lights Recap

Robert thanked all who participated. It was agreed that we need to increase our presence and involvement in the parade. Robert told us about a float that he had seen in a parade in Toluca Lake that he thought would be perfect for us. He said that this float can be rented and he would look into the possibility of us renting it for next year instead of wrangling a balloon. Sylvie suggested that we request one large table for dinner at Rick's instead of several booths. Those sitting in the surrounding booths feel left out.

Spot Lights

A neighbor, Michael Howard, spoke to us about the newly installed spotlights at the casino. He objects to the lights and explained to the group how he contacted the casino explaining his objection and they replied that the lights were going away on December 15th. He posed the question: how might we, as a neighborhood organization, respond to quality of life issues outside our neighborhood? A discussion ensued with no resolution. We agreed to revisit this question.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- John asked if we could have our police officer at our next meeting to report on crime stats in our neighborhood; Robert will invite him.
- Donna reminded the group to look out for neighbors who keep their garage door open and to remind them to close it.
- Lauren gave each board member a beautiful mid-century homes pillow. Thanks Lauren!!!!!!!!!!
- Happy Birthday was sung to Lauren.

Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM

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	Rick Vila	4:00PM-6:00PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/8/2015	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
September	9/12/2015	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00PM
October	10/10/2015	Block Party	3:00PM-5:00PM
November	11/14/2015	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00PM
December	12/12/2015	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM

The meeting on December 13, 2014 will be at Robert's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM

Addendum to the minutes added 1/10/2015 :

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 13, 2014

As promised and because I will miss this Saturday's BOA Meeting, the following are the highlights of today's PSNIC Meeting that might be of interest to our NORG -- please read at the meeting or, if you choose, assign someone the task of reading these items:

Palm Springs Fire Department Chief, John Allen, urged everyone to visit the PSFD section of the City's website (located on the toolbar as "FIRE") for important holiday safety tips.

The best place to find out about or validate facts on local crime is www.crimereports.com.

Lesley Tisdale of PS Animal Control did a presentation on coyote "hazing" -- when/if you come in contact with a coyote(s). She noted that lots of information is available from the Humane Society website (coyotes, bobcats, snakes, etc.).

Suzanne Severin of the PS Human Rights Commission announced that they would be providing neighborhood dispute resolution services after the first of the year. More info to come on this new program.

The PSNIC Branding Subcommittee presented a logo for the new ONE-PS identity that will be introduced at the 10th Anniversary Citywide Picnic in March. Our own Nat Reed created the winning logo design that was approved today - unanimously -- go Nat!

The new trolley service the BUZZ will have a ribbon cutting on Friday, 12/19 at 5:00pm. I believe the location is North Palm Canyon and Tahquitz. For more info visit www.buzzps.com. This one-year pilot program will run on weekends with 30 or so between the Riviera and the Sugauro along Palm Canyon and Indian Canyon. Hop on hop off this weekend with the BUZZ.

The PSNIC Ecology Committee and the PS Office of Sustainability are asking everyone to visit www.watmatters.com for information on

conservation.

**New PSNIC Officers were elected - they are:
Chair - Lisa Middleton of Tahquitz River Estates
First Vice Chair - Phil Strout of Los Compadres
Second Vice Chair - Thom Bettinger of Midtown
Secretary - Terry Towne of Racquet Club Estates
Treasurer - Larry Da Silva of Indian Canyons**

Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our terrific balloon wranglers on a spectacular performance in the Festival of Lights parade! I think everyone had a great time!

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Towne