

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of March 11, 2017 @ The home of Eric Bowes  
Board of Advisors Meeting  
By, Joseph May**

**Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Terry Town, Lauren Scarbro, Eric Bowes, and Donna Chaban. In addition there were a few members as well.

**Public Comments**

A member brought up the increase in coyote sightings in the neighborhood. She suggested that people use a whistle to scare them away when they encounter one. It was pointed out that there are also apps you could upload that are dog whistles.

**Approval of February Minutes**

Robert made a motion to approve the minutes from February, Joseph seconded the motion, all but Lauren voted in favor (Lauren abstained because she wasn't in attendance at the last meeting) and the minutes were approved.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$46,376.93 in our general account and \$5,511.63 in our Visa account. We still have around \$7,000 coming in from the home tour and about \$800 in cash from the home tour.

**Officer Report**

Terry reported from the latest ONE-PS meeting:

- The Desert horticultural Society is holding their annual desert garden tour on March 26. Onsite registration is from 12-2 at Desert Water Agency.
- The WWII Air Museum will have \$3.00 off day tomorrow.
- The Palm Springs Police Department is down only one officer.
- There will be an environmental impact study regarding ACBOCI master plan.
- Roy's is closing; the county is shutting them down.
- The city picnic is March 25 and Terry made a motion that we donate \$500, Donna seconded it, and all were in favor.
- Racquet Club Road is going to be reconfigured to a two-lane road with bike lanes and parking.

### **Desert Blind and Handicapped- Guest Speaker: George Holliday**

We had a guest speaker from the Desert Blind & Handicapped Association. He gave us an overview of the history of the organization and what it does today. It offers transportation for the elderly, blind and for persons with disabilities. When asked about their funding source he revealed that the primary source is donations. After he left John made a motion to donate \$2500 to the Desert Blind & Handicapped. Donna seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Earthquake Solutions**

Robert informed us that Sunrise Park will use the same organization that we did for an earthquake presentation for their neighborhood. Robert suggested that we should make a small donation. Eric made a motion that we should donate \$300 to Earthquake Country Alliance. Robert seconded it and all were in favor.

There was also discussion about getting rid of the earthquake kits that we still have in storage.

### **Little Free Library**

Robert pointed out that people are using them! We had a discussion about expanding the program and buy two additional LFLs. A suggestion was made about installing one in front of the school. Joseph was tasked with emailing the principal to see if someone at the school would take on the maintenance of it. It was decided that we would ask residents if they could host one on their property. Terry and Joseph will make a blast to the neighbors.

### **ONE-PS Picnic**

Eric, Donna, and Gene offered to pick up the supplies at the storage unit and to set up. The picnic starts at 11:00am and set-up is 8:00 or 9:00am.

### **2017 Home Tour**

Modernism critiqued our tour and said that the registration was well organized. They also said our ticket price was a real good value. They did say that some of our rental homes didn't look lived in.

We then proceeded to debrief the tour and make suggestions for next year. It was agreed that the fire station was not a good thing and that we won't have it on a tour in the future. We decided to limit the use of STRs and make it a goal to not have any or have a minimal number in the future. We thought that we should close the homes at 12:45. The cars were great and Bill and Mac offered to arrange the cars again next year. The docents need to arrive earlier and be given a tour of the home from the owners so that they could be more conversant about the homes. Robert suggested that we go back to our practice of having a committee to find and select homes. He has done it by himself for the last few years. We need to have the registration lists printed in alphabetical order and arrange the check-in that way to keep track of who has already checked in.

The reception was great although we did run out of food rather rapidly. It was suggested that we should order more and we should return cheese and cracker platters to the menu. It was universally agreed that Shag was a hit as a speaker. We sold fewer t-shirts than we ever have and it was suggested that we have a new design for next year. Robert had flowers sent to the McLeans whose office space was a magnificent site for our reception. One of the signs identifying the homes went missing, we need to have a few made.

**Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment**

- We need to cut 2 checks; \$2,000 to PSPD and \$2,000 to PSFD.
- Terry made a motion to spend \$5.00 a month for a new email address; Robert seconded it and all were in favor. John will pursue getting us the new address.

At 11:51 Robert made a motion to adjourn, Donna seconded it, and all were in favor.

2017 BOA Meeting Schedule

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Time</b>
January	1/14/17	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00 PM
February	2/11/17	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00 PM
March	3/11/17	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00 PM
April	4/8/17	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00 PM
May	5/13/17	Vista del Monte ES	10:00AM-12:00 PM
June	6/10/17	Donna Chabon	10:00AM-12:00 PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/12/17	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00 PM
September	9/9/17	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00 PM
October	10/21/17	Block Party	4:00PM-6:00PM
November	11/11/17	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00 PM
December	12/9/17	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00 PM