

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of April 11, 2015@ the home of Robert Perry
Board of Advisors Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Terry Towne, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, John Russell, Sylvie Teicher. There was a small handful of community members in attendance as well.

Public Comments

- Sylvie brought up the issue of poor attendance by community members at our monthly meetings. We discussed various things that we could do to boost participation. Terry gave examples of other neighborhoods that experience high attendance. Some felt the need to include more social events like our upcoming block party. Terry asked board members to think about strategies to make our meetings more inclusive.
- Howard asked if anyone knew what our local water district is going to do to enforce the cuts that have been mandated by the state. We agreed to have someone come and speak to us at our general meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2015 meeting. Robert seconded the motion. All in attendance voted in favor but because there wasn't a quorum Robert called Donna and she voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$40,785.01 in our general account and \$5,500 in our second account. In addition we have \$1603.19 in our Visa account. Our current assets total: \$47,888.20.

Officer Report

Terry reported on the ONE-PS meeting:

- A thank you note from ONE-PS for participating in the picnic was circulated.
- There will be a benefit for the Palm Springs Firemen's Association 9/11 Memorial Fundraiser this Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00PM at 222 S. Palm Canyon Dr (Las Casuelas Terraza). We discussed donating funds to this drive but decided to bring it up at next month's general meeting.
- The city's Historic Site Preservation Board will be holding its second annual National Preservation Month Celebration on Sunday May, 3rd. The event is held at Temple Isaiah, 332 West Temple Road and begins at 1:30.

- There will be tours, information, lectures, short films and more. The event is free but reservations are required by calling 760 323 8245.
- There will be a Recycling event held on Sunday, May 3rd. Residents and businesses can recycle computers and monitors, keyboards and printers, cell phones, microwaves, televisions, fax machines and personal assistant devices (PDA's). All electronic equipment received at the event is dismantled and recycled. In addition there will be paper shredding at the event as well.
 - On Thursday evening, April 30 Cycledelic is being held during VillageFest.
 - The city is sponsoring a lawn buy-back program urging residents to "Get off you grass!" More information is on the city's website.
 - Opera in the Park is being held on Sunday April 12th at Sunrise Park.
 - It is festival season and current and upcoming festivals were announced: Coachella, Stagecoach, White Party, and on Wednesday, April 15th Tachevah.
 - The Buzz is highly successful; all were thanked for their support.

Annual Meeting-

Our annual general membership meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the Multi-Purpose Room at Vista del Monte School. We will invite a local police officer, fire fighter, someone from the water district, and Lee Bonno. Robert will look into having a Ben Jerry's ice cream social. As soon as the ice cream social is confirmed Joseph will send a blast out to the neighbors and will do so several times in the weeks leading up to the meeting. The notices will mention the ice cream social, the speakers, and the BOA elections. There will be four seats open and our by-laws state that we can have up to eleven board members if we desire. The four seats that will be open are the ones currently held by Terry, Lauren, Rick, and John. Nobody has said whether or not they will be seeking re-election. Terry requested that we formally adopt and date the revised by-laws at the May meeting.

RCENO Merchandise-

We brainstormed ideas for merchandise that we might be able to sell or use as giveaways. Sellable items mentioned: water bottles, martini glasses, coffee mugs, baseball caps, and plastic blade signs. Giveaway items mentioned: pens, post-its, and eye glass cleaners. Terry will bring ONE-PS giveaways to our general meeting in May.

Aluminaire house donation

The Aluminaire House, a 1930s era architectural installation, is coming to Palm Springs for permanent residency in the city's soon-to-be-developed downtown event space. Fundraisers are taking place to help pay for the installation. John made a motion that we donate funds but withdrew his motion at the request of the board to hear more information on the donation process. John will report back at the May meeting and a vote will take place then.

RCENO Storage

Sylvie has been looking for a storage facility for our stuff but is hesitant to go with the facility off Via Escuela due to the fact that she rents from the same company and they have raised her rent twice in the past year. She is going to look into other facilities around town and report back at our May meeting.

Festival of Lights Parade

Robert brought up the parade and our desire to increase our visibility. We expressed a desire to build a float but realized all of the work that would have to go into the design, construction and dismantling. We talked about wrangling a balloon but to dress in costumes and/or lights. We will further discuss this event and Robert will contact April Gunkel to see how her organization handles their float.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- Joseph brought up the October block party event and suggested that we begin planning it. We decided we would have a catered Oktoberfest theme. We discussed various sites and Robert is going to speak with the homeowners on Ace Circle to see if their street could host the event. It will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. We will hold our October meeting on Saturday October 10th. We do not have a place or time for the October meeting.
- John will look into changing our RCENO email address and will work with Joseph to facilitate that change. In addition we are going to update our Facebook and website as well and Terry suggested that we highlight the changes at the October block party.

Terry made a motion that we adjourn, Sylvie seconded it, all were in favor and the meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

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		
October	10/17/2015	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