

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of May 13, 2017 @ Vista del Monte School
General Membership Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Lauren Scarbro, John Russel, Dennis Adams, and Donna Chaban. In addition there were 15-20 neighbors and guest speakers.

Public Comments

None

Approval of April Minutes

Lauren made a motion to approve the minutes from April, Robert seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$53,195.98 in our general account and \$4,953.67 in our Visa account. He also reported that our storage unit rental fee has gone up to \$130.00 up \$15.00. He presented Profit/loss reports for 2016. He announced that our 2017 home tour made a profit of \$22,253.90. He received and shared a thank you card from the earthquake people at USC for our donation. He is attending a May 23rd luncheon for PSPD and asked if he should present our \$2,000 donation, the group agreed.

Officer Report

Donna attended the last ONE-PS meeting and brought the following items to our attention:

- On May 22 there will be a memorial for all Riverside county fallen officers.
- The city is hiring three additional enforcement people for the Short Term Rental division. The new Vacation Rental Hotline is 760 322 8383.
- The city is creating a new position to write grants.
- There will be a total ban on gas leaf blowers.
- The city is looking for volunteers for certain events and those who would like to volunteer can sign up on the city's website.
- The PSFD is holding their annual fish fry in Ruth Hardy Park on June 3.

Guest Speaker: Councilman Chris Mills

Chris Mills spoke to us and gave us some updates about things going on around town:

- The downtown redevelopment project will be nearing completion of the first phase. The Kimpton Hotel should open by Labor Day while the new streets should be open in July.
- The retail buildings under construction should be open late October or early November. The bulk of the retail stores are leased. Most of the current phase will be complete by the end of the year.
- There is a meeting this Thursday about the future of the new park in the redevelopment project. Residents are encouraged to give feedback about the park on the city website.
- The environmental impact study for the CV Link is coming up. Palm Springs will have 16 miles of the trail within the city limits.
- Our current city budget is \$109 million dollars.
- Work will resume by the end of this month on the Andaz Hotel project (Indian, Alejo, PCD).

There were several questions for Councilman Mills. One of them was about traffic calming on streets in RCE. Mills said that the NORG needs to vote and send a proposal to City Hall for consideration. He also told us that the Indian Canyon Road bridge over the railroad tracks near Interstate 10 is going to be replaced with a four lane bridge, construction should start soon.

Guest Speaker: Palm Springs Police Department- Sergeant Guarino

It was revealed to the group that crime statistics for 2017 have been low. He read an article: *21 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You*. Several more questions were answered.

Guest Speaker: ONE-PS- Denise Goolsby

Ms. Goolsby introduced herself as the new person in charge of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. She talked about Everbridge, which is a powerful mass notification system that will be used to send emergency information and instructions to anyone who lives or works in the City of Palm Springs. She said that Nixle is still operational.

Elections

We held elections for the Board of Advisors. Lauren, Denny, and Eric were reelected. Jenny Dillon was voted in and there is a seat that remains unfilled.

Charitable Donation: George Holliday- Desert Blind and Handicapped

Robert awarded Mr. Holliday a check for \$2,500.

Little Free Library

Robert announced that two additional LFLs have arrived and will soon be installed on Padua and at Francis/Starr.

Block Party

Robert informed the group that our annual block party was coming up on October 21. More information will be circulated, as we get closer to the date.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- LED lights and backpacks are here for neighbors to take.
- Special project grants are available, look on the city website.
- We award beatification grants look on the RCENO website.
- A member thanked the board for their hard work, applause followed.
- Members were encouraged to get ice cream outside.

At 11:50 Robert made a motion to adjourn, Joseph seconded it, and all were in favor.

2017 BOA Meeting Schedule

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

