

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of May 14 @ Vista del Monte ES  
General Membership 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 Nicastro, Joseph May, John Russell, Scott Workman, Terry Towne, Sylvie Teicherand Donna Chaban. There were many members in attendance and three guest speakers. Robert read our mission statement and there were introductions all around.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of April Minutes**

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from April, Robert seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$49,459.92 in our general account and \$2,619.04 in our Visa account. In addition, he distributed Profit/Loss reports. Terry asked if we should post our finances on our website. We agreed to discuss that at our June meeting.

**Officer Report**

Terry spoke briefly about ONE-PS and then gave her report:

- There was a press release about the occurrence of West Nile Virus in Palm Springs. We were warned to take caution.
- The PSFD is hosting their 81<sup>st</sup> annual fish fry on Saturday, June 2 from 6:00PM to 11:00PM at Ruth Hardy Park.
- The city is holding Community Emergency Response Team CERT training in the fall.
- PSPD is holding training for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Citizens' Police Academy in September.
- ONE-PS holds Brown Bag Lunches every Thursday. At the next one, May 19, vacation rentals will be the topic of discussion. Bring your lunch to City Hall 11:30AM.

### **Guest Speaker: Mayor Robert Moon**

The mayor spoke to us about a number of topics. He recounted some of his remarks made earlier in the week in his State of the City Address. He talked about the growth of businesses and the downtown redevelopment project. He also discussed the various architectural restoration projects going on around town. He praised ONE-PS as the only such organization in the valley. The mayor admitted that he wasn't a big fan of short-term vacation rentals and cited the work ONE-PS has been doing regarding short-term vacation rentals. He elaborated on issues that need addressing such as road repairs, the library, fewer employees at City Hall, a \$214 million dollar unfunded pension, and an increase in property crime. He ended by urging citizens to get involved in city boards and commissions.

He then took some time to answer questions from the members.

### **Guest Speaker – Officer Matt Olson: PSPD**

Officer Olson told us that property crime was up in our neighborhood. He gave us the following breakdown:

- January: 1 burglary on Miraleste
- February: 3 burglaries, Jacques, Glen, Lindsey
- March: 7 burglaries, Francis (2), Duane, Caballeros, Racquet Club, Jacques (2)
- April: Sunny View

In addition there were 21 thefts between January and today.

He then took some time to answer questions. He summarized by saying that well-lit maintained properties are less likely to be broken into. He urged us to get to know our neighbors and watch out for each other. It was agreed that we would address the idea of forming a neighborhood watch at our June meeting. Sylvie stated that Deepwell has a great program and that she would bring information about it to our next meeting. Officer Olson added that our high number of vacation rentals also adds to our high burglary rate.

### **Guest Speaker: ONE-PS- Lee Bonno, Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations.**

Ms. Bonno spoke to us about ONE-PS. She stated that as of now we have 40 organized neighborhoods with numbers 41 and 42 coming online soon. She and Terry Towne and going to make a presentation at the national conference, NUSA, in Memphis.

### **Elections**

There were five seats on the board that needed to be filled. These were the seats currently filled by Robert Perry, Joseph May, Sylvie Teicher, Dean Nicastro, and Donna Chabon. Robert asked if anyone else would like to run for one of the

seats, nobody replied. Terry made a motion that all of the present board members be re-elected to their seats, Robert seconded and everyone voted yes.

### **Little Free Library**

Terry gave a history of the Little Free Library project and then unveiled one of the two libraries that will soon grace our neighborhood. One will be in front of Terry's house and one in front of Lauren's house.

### **Block Party**

Robert invited the group to attend our second annual block party on Ace Circle on October 8.

### **Hunt Totem Pole**

Donna announced that the original totem pole would be installed at Victoria Park. A shade structure to protect it will be constructed. There will be a celebration when this happens.

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

- One member proposed that RCENO subsidize the purchase of earthquake kits for the entire neighborhood.
- The future of the land behind the Wexler homes was discussed.
- One member told the group about the benefits of receiving Nixle alerts on their phone.
- One member thanked the board for their service.

Robert made a motion that we adjourn, Joseph seconded it, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 11:40 and all enjoyed ice cream.

2016 BOA Meeting Schedule

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Time</b>
January	1/9/16	John Russell	10:00AM-12:00PM
February	2/6/16	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM
March	3/5/16	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00PM
April	4/9/16	Sylvie Teicher	10:00AM-12:00PM
May	5/14/16	Vista del Monte ES	10:00AM-12:00PM
June	6/11/16	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/13/16	Terry Towne	10:00AM-12:00PM

September	9/10/16	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00PM
October	10/8/16	Block Party	4:00PM-6:00PM
November	11/12/16	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
December	12/10/16	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM