

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of June 11, 2016 @ the home of Lauren Scarbro
Board of Advisors Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:03AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, John Russell, Scott Workman, Terry Towne, Lauren Scarbro, Sylvie Teicher and Donna Chaban. There were a few members in attendance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of May Minutes

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from May, Donna seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. John asked whoever had the April minutes to send to him so that he could post them. Joseph agreed that he would.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$48,214.62 in our general account and \$2,517.04 in our Visa account. We had one \$50 donation and he also stated that our PO Box renewal is up.

Officer Report

Terry gave her report from ONE-PS:

- ONE-PS is incorporating and will obtain 501(c)(4) status.
- PS-NOW Bar and Restaurant Association is being formed in reaction to the proposed no-smoking ban in outdoor areas of restaurants and bars.
- The Palm Springs sustainability Commission is meeting on June 23 at 6:00PM at City Hall. Some of the topics to be covered are the master plan, goals and budgets for 2016-17, and green building standards.
- The Palm Springs Police Department is holding their 63rd Citizens Police Academy. The twelve-week academy will commence September 15, 2016.
- Village Fest is now operating on summer hours. It goes from 7:00PM to 10:00PM every Thursday.
- A condominium development is going to be built at Indian and Via Escuela at the location of the ruins of Sonny Bono's old restaurant.
- Terry Towne has enrolled in the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
- Joseph asked Terry about Lee Bonno's replacement and she said that there is no word yet. Robert suggested that we give Lee a going away gift. He moved that we spend \$200 to purchase a spa treatment gift card; Lauren seconded it all voted in the affirmative. Terry will take care of it and we will present it to her after she officially retires.

Officer Elections

Officer elections were held and the following board members will fill the positions:

- Dean will continue as Treasurer
- John will continue as Webmaster
- Joseph will continue as Communications Coordinator
- Terry will continue as Vice President and she informed the board that she will be retiring from the board at the May 2017 General Membership meeting.
- Robert will continue as President.

RCE Neighborhood Security

Sylvie met with the Deepwell NORG to learn about their neighborhood watch. She described their system of Block Captains, Dog Walkers, and others. This model, or some rendition of it, is something that we might consider. We are going to invite a representative from Deepwell to attend our August meeting. John is going to look into creating a survey to distribute to our neighbors soliciting their concerns.

Guest Speaker: Maxwell Security

Chris Maxwell, of Maxwell Security, spoke to us about several options that his firm could offer us for neighborhood patrols. Maxwell has patrol cars with armed security guards who patrol neighborhoods and individuals' properties. He gave us several options and prices ranging from \$4,000 a month to \$6,000 a month. We thanked him for the information.

2017 Home Tour

Robert informed the group about some new policies that Modernism is implementing. First they are raising their participation fee from 10% to 20%. Second, they are requiring that we have our homes selected by October 13th. Lastly, they want to preview the homes to make sure they measure up to their standard. A discussion ensued about these new stipulations and the general consensus was that these are all unreasonable. We discussed the idea of going it alone but concluded that it would be too much work. Robert replied to Modernism's email stating that these new demands were unfair and is awaiting their reply. Terry is going to voice our concerns at the next ONE-PS meeting and find out what other groups are doing about these new demands. Robert will copy the board in all future communications with Modernism.

2016 Block Party

The 2016 block party will be held on October 22 on Ace Circle. We agreed that since last year's party was such a success we will follow the same format.

Hunt Totem Pole

Donna reported that the totem pole would be reinstalled in a week or two. The sprinklers will be removed, desert landscaping will be planted and a shade cover

will be installed. The Art's Commission will be requesting a donation of funds from RCENO.

RCENO Email Address/Website

John has been looking into new email providers. He informed us about Rackspace for our email. He will look into the services they could offer us.

Survival Kits

Donna shared her earthquake kit, which holds food supplies for emergency and survival. Wise Company produces it. Robert gave us information from Earthquake Country Alliance, which offers backpacks for customized earthquakes kits. We discussed the idea of distributing backpack starter kits to a certain number of neighbors. We talked about holding an earthquake awareness meeting. We need to discuss this further.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- John told the group that he has installed an automatic gas shut-off system. It will automatically shut off his gas in the event of a 5.4 magnitude quake or higher.
- Terry shared a bid that she had from her handyman to install the Little Free Libraries. The bid was for \$550. She moved that we should allocate that amount and have them installed. Joseph seconded the motion all voted in favor. We agreed to have an unveiling and invite the media.

Robert made a motion that we adjourn, Donna seconded it, and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 12:14.

2016 BOA Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Host	Time
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