

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of August 10, 2013 @ the home of Lauren Scarbro
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Lauren Scarbro, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Donna Chaban-Delmas, and John Russell. There were several members of the community present as well.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$26,197.51.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June BOA meeting were not approved because not all BOA members have read them yet.

Officer Reports

None

Guest Speaker- American Home Builders

Andrew Harrison from *American Home Builders*, the new NBC home renovation show, came to talk about renovating two homes in our neighborhood to be on the show. The show, as Andrew told us, is a competition among homebuilders. There is an architectural focus and builders would be in a competition that would span several weeks in several locations and a variety of architectural styles. The renovations include inside and outside encompassing interior design, architecture, and landscape design. Nathan "Nate" Berkus is the host of the show.

Paul Kaplan helped Andrew find the two homes in our neighborhood that have been proposed for use on the show: 2680 and 2736 Starr. They were chosen because they were very similar, near each other, and both in need of renovation. Andrew's visit at this meeting was to ask for RCENO's support and to ask if we could assist in circulating information and petitions that the city is requesting. The show is asking for the city to suspend the 24-hour noise ordinance for the week of filming. The filming would span one week, 24 hours a day.

Andrew circulated a packet showing the affected homes and streets. Dashboard passes would be given to residents and visitors. Various board members and others asked clarifying questions. The owners of one of the homes were present. Some of the concerns/clarification addressed were:

- Activities at night will probably be quieter than during the day but that cannot be guaranteed.
- Private security will be provided and NBC will be looking into getting more PSPD officers as well.
- All work will be done on the site.
- Some homeowners will be asked if their property could be used for production related activities and they would be compensated.
- Andrew didn't know if NBC would be able to offer perks to the neighborhood like money to the local school etc.
- He was told to speak with Joe Scudder.
- There is no set number of required signatures for the go-ahead from the city but Andrew reiterated that the most valuable signatures were from the homes closest to the two homes that would be renovated.
- At least two homeowners close to the proposed renovation site have stated that they will not sign the petition even after being offered hotel rooms and cited the 24 hour a day situation.
- The show airs in late February.
- We asked Andrew if he could see if Nate Burkes might be able to be our celebrity guest for our home tour, he will look into it although he said he has never met Nate.
- Andrew said that he would answer any questions about the project. His cell number is 310.877.5322.

A motion to support NBC and *American Home Builders* to help provide information to the neighborhood was passed by the BOA.

2014 Home Tour

M Modern Gallery is closed, Robert reports, and we will need to find another venue for our reception. Everyone was asked to help come up with ideas and Lauren suggested we work with Pau Kaplan and maybe use a listing as the spot to hold the reception. We spoke about a new t-shirt design in time for our home tour. Robert will contact Nat about the possibility of designing a small logo that could go on a polo style shirt. Robert contacted Mark at Modernism regarding the date for our home tour and amount we needed to submit and by when. Our home tour will be on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Roles were reviewed and Joseph joined Robert for the home selection committee. Deadlines are needed for the various tasks.

Semi Annual General Meeting

The block party idea has been eliminated due to the fact that we still have not heard back from the city as to the legality of such an event. We brainstormed ideas as to what we can do differently this year, as our potluck has not been well attended in the last couple of years. We discussed having the event later in the day. Joseph brought up the concern that we are very close to the date of the event and that it is already too late to mail out notices to neighbors. If our goal is

to increase attendance we have missed the chance to mail notices. Lauren said we could manually circulate the notices when we decide the venue. We need to plan the event at our next meeting.

2013 Festival of Lights

We will be carrying the elf balloon at the parade this year. We will need 16 handlers and 2 banner holders. Robert will ask Terry if she could take charge of the event. We talked about where we would have the dinner afterwards and Rick's Grill and Billy Reed's were mentioned as possible locations.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

2013 meeting schedule:

Date	Location, home of...
January 12	Ron Oliver
February 9	Robert Perry
March 9	Rick Villa
April 13	Bob Merliss
May 11	General Membership @ Vista del Monte School
June 8	Terry Towne
July	No meeting
August 10	Lauren Scarbro
September 14	Joseph May
October 12	General Membership and picnic @ Victoria Park
November 9	Terry Towne
December 14	Robert Perry

