

Held at the home of Board Member Lauren Scarbro

The meeting was called to order by RCENO President Robert Perry at 10:05 A.M.

Board Members in attendance:

Robert Perry, President
Denny Adams, Vice President
Dean Nicaastro, Finance Director
Donna Chaban,
Lauren Scarbro
Eric Bowles
Jenny Dillon Absent: Joseph May, Corresponding Secretary

Guests:

Kyle Hartmann, Alex Schaefer, Steve Schultz, Gene Graham, Celeste Carbone, Erich Redder, Terry Towne, Beverly Taylor, Blanca Luna, PSPD Officer Stephanie Hutchinson and Lt. Frank Guarino.

1. Public Comment

Home owner Erich Redder discussed mail theft. Short discussion and reminders ensued, that residents should never leave outgoing mail in their mailbox, but take directly to the post office and drop into the INSIDE mail slot. The representatives from our police department confirmed that advice and even stressed that corner mailboxes have been broken into. In addition, residents who still have those old, open "shoe box" style mailboxes should switch them out for those with a secure lock.

2. Minutes of August 2017 Meeting

Motion was made by Donna Chaban to approve the August minutes, seconded by _____. Passed unanimously.

3. Finance Report from the Treasurer

Dean Nicaastro reported that we have \$46,400.43 in the general fund, and \$3,471.71 in our VISA account.

Other financial topics: storage unit - fees have increased, therefore Robert Perry will be seeking a new facility that is closer to our neighborhood.

Charitable Donations: The PSPD has received our check in the amount of \$2,000 for ***

PSFire Department:, VP Denny Adams will be presenting our check (\$_____) some time this coming week.

4. Officer Reports

ONE-PS - VP Denny Adams - No August meeting and therefore no updates to report.

5. Guest Speakers

Palm Springs Police Department -

Officer Stephanie Hutchinson, with PSPD ten years, has just completed her training to join the Detective Bureau. She and Lt. Guarino (with PSPD ____ years) addressed homelessness, trespassing issues, property crime, loitering in Victoria Park after 10 p.m., and other topics. The fire station staff calls in any incidents they see at Victoria Park on their surveillance camera.

As always, PD encourages residents the usual reminders - if you see something, say something. Be safe, watch out for your neighbors, do not leave purses or valuables in a shopping cart at the grocery store, or in the unlocked car as you are unloading groceries. Lock all 4 car doors when you are pumping gas, keeping your keys ON you. Never leave valuables in your car when parked anywhere, even in your own driveway. Lively discussion with Q&A from our guests and board. Simple rules to get in the habit of practicing.

Matthew Grace from the Palm Springs Animal Shelter was scheduled to speak, however was

unable to attend.

6. Charitable Donations and Grants (Check Presentations)

a) Annual donation to Vista del Monte School

\$1,500 to fund the school library's Reading Improvement Program software. The children compete for prizes as they complete assignments and show reading improvement. Our check was presented by Robert Perry to VdM principal Blanca Luna and librarian Beverly Taylor (photo to appear on our website).

b) Neighborhood Beautification Grant

The first recipient of our Neighborhood Beautification is Erich Redder in the amount of \$500 toward the improvement of his home on the corner of Miraleste and Spencer. Our check presentation photo will also be on our website. Mr. Redder purchased his home in 2015 with the intention of being a full time resident. The previous owner had transformed this classic Alexander into a Southwest style in 1989. Mr. Redder researched our website, spoke to design experts, and set about the task of renovation and restoration. He applied for our grant for landscaping and other exterior items, and was ultimately chosen by our selection committee based on prescribed criteria. Check presentation photo to appear on our website.

7. 2017 Palm Springs Modernism Week Home Tour

VP Adams reported that we have 9 potential homes and one confirmed. RCENO will offer 6 homes on our tour in February.

Donna Chaban has invited as our guest speaker at our post-tour reception, author and architectural historian Alan Hess. Mr. Hess has accepted, and Robert Perry is working out the details with Mr. Hess.

Home Tour Committees:

Docent Directors (Gene Graham and Dennis Vasquez)
Tour Book (Eric Bowles);
Check in (Eric Bowles, Jenny Dillon, Lauren Scarbro, Ron Oliver, Joseph May)
After Tour Reception (same, plus Donna Chaban)
Products (t-shirts, beach towels or other - Lauren & Robert)
Wrist Bands, shoe covers, chairs (_____,)
Vintage Cars (Denny Adams)
Atomic Ranch (Robert Perry)
Home Tour Sponsor (TBA)
Reception Venue (McLean)

No promotional tables or materials of a commercial nature are allowed at tour homes, whether by home owner or sponsor. This is a PS Modernism Week rule as well as a previous ruling by the RCENO Board.

8. Storage Facility

As discussed above under "Finance Report." We will advise such new facility that we are a 501c3, to be given non-profit rate.

9. October Annual Meeting - BLOCK PARTY

Once again on ACE CIRCLE (cross-street Alexander Way)

Saturday evening, October 21 from 5 to 8 p.m.

All RCENO home owners and residents and their families are invited.

This year we are pleased to announce that the food will be provided by "Tacos Gonzales" known for their wonderful party setups and great food, of which there is always plenty. Dessert by Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Music and entertainment provided by DJ Denny Adams and friends.

Flyers will go out soon to all neighbors.

10. October Modernism Week Preview Events

Home Tour Tickets and Free Raffle for Sept RCENO meeting attendees.

RCENO purchased 5 pair of tickets from PS Modernism as a donation, and held an announced free raffle ("must be present to win"), at the end of our meeting. Winning numbers pulled from the mid-century modern hat were

1. #527 - Officer Stephanie Hutchinson
2. #517 - Kyle Hartmann
3. #519 - Celeste Carbone
4. #523 - Terry Towne
5. #518 - Gene Graham.

Congratulations to all, and enjoy.

11. Old/New Business

- a) Lauren Scarbro did an inventory of missing blade signs. Only 2 are missing and will be replaced by city staff.
- b) Discussion by Donna of the vacant parcel at 3200-3298 North Indian Canyon. Several weeks ago, she and Ken Lyon of the city's planning department researched where this stands at present. This and two other parcels in the city are coming up for bid by developers. This parcel is the one that our neighborhood, and Wexler Steel Home owners and other experts vigorously protested an inappropriate development several years ago, and we proudly won that fight. Donna has a complete file of that event with the letters and testimony presented to city council and planning, plus her own site plans for the parcel which contributed to the eventual denial of that developer's plans. We will keep an eye on this.

Interested parties should log onto the city's Planning Department web page now, where announcements of bid dates and bid requirements are posted. Or, call the planning department. Any potential developer will be urged to keep line of communications open with the neighborhood, to keep everyone in the loop as to what is proposed. If anyone is interested in being part of the initial process, please contact Donna Chaban.

It was suggested we contact K.U.D. Realtors who built the new Eichler homes in Palm Springs to recommend they consider this parcel. Donna will do that this coming week.

- c) Fancy Street Numbers to embellish the plain ones on curbs: Robert P and Eric B are looking into this.

- d) Putting up neighborhood boundary signs ("monument pillars") discussed.

Meeting closed

With no further discussions or questions, Robert Perry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Denny Adams 2nd, all in favor,.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.