

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of May 11, 2019 @ Vista del Monte School
General Membership Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Lauren Scarbro, Joseph May, Denny Adams, Jenny Dillon, Donna Chaban, and Eric Bowes. In addition there were 24 members and guests.

Public Comments

- Paul, from Upper West Side and ONE-PS presented an updated map of organized neighborhoods in Palm Springs. We currently have 48 organized neighborhoods and we are soon to have 50. Some NORG boundaries are expanding but not RCENO.

Approval of April Minutes

Lauren made a motion to approve the minutes from the BOA meeting of April 13, 2019. Robert seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$56,405.18 in our general account and \$5,782.82 in our Visa account. He distributed a Profit and Loss report for 2018. Our 2019 home tour made \$25,275 and it cost \$10,248.16. Our net profit was \$15,026.84.

Officer Report

There were no officer reports.

Guest Speaker- Councilman J.R. Roberts

Councilman Roberts gave us an update on projects around Palm Springs.

- Downtown park- project is moving along. Construction should begin in early 2020. There were lots of questions about the park.
- The Buzz- is back. Suneline is operating it with a small subsidy from the city.
- Indian Canyon- is being converted into a two-way street. A second left turn lane is being constructed on Gene Autry northbound at Vista Chino.
- College of the Desert- project is now underway on the site of the former Palm Springs Mall.
- Agua Caliente Cultural Center – project is under construction. In addition to this project the tribe is going to be reconstructing the Spa Hotel and a “huge entertainment center.”
- Racquet Club- is in escrow, it is not clear what will be built on the site.
- Affordable housing project -adjacent to our NORG is moving forward.

- Plaza Theater- is being restored. At this point the effort is focused on fundraising. Ten to twelve million dollars are required to complete the project.

Guest Speaker- Officer Hutchinson, Palm Springs Police Dept.

Stephanie Hutchinson introduced herself as our neighborhood officer. She did say that she would probably not be our officer for very much longer as she is being reassigned. She reported that property crime in RCENO is down. There was a spike in April but the overall trend for the prior six months is decreasing. She did report that a trend in property crimes is theft of pool equipment. She conducted a question and answer session.

Guest Speaker- District Two Candidate Pete Maietta

Mr. Maietta is running for the open city council seat from district two. He introduced himself, spoke about his background, and laid out his platform. He has small business experience and has owned a home in Palm Springs for twelve years. He has lived here full time two years. He has been involved in flipping houses and has served on the boards of a number of charitable organizations. His platform focuses on three areas: revitalization of district two, public safety, and homelessness.

Elections

Three seats currently occupied by Jenny, Eric, and Lauren are open. Lauren announced that she was not serving another term. The group thanked her for her eleven years of work on the board. Jenny and Eric said that they would serve another term. Nobody else volunteered to serve. We will vote on officers at our June meeting.

Charitable Donation- Desert Blind & Handicapped

Desert Blind & handicapped requested another donation. A discussion ensued. Joseph made a motion that we donate \$2,000 to the organization and Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor. Robert informed the group about our beautification grants.

RCE Address Stencil

Robert shared a mock-up of the address stencil. He said that we need 100 neighbors to volunteer to have their address on their curb. A discussion resulted about the design, the font size, and other concerns. Many believed that we should just have the numbers on the stencil. Robert said that we will take the ideas into consideration and discuss our next moves on this project.

Palm Springs Walk of Stars- Alexander family

Robert reported to the group about this project and it was shared that we have approved a donation of \$2,000 towards it.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- Ken Lyon talked about the condition of the parking lot at the Albertsons shopping center and encouraged the group to report code violations when they see them.
- Lauren Scarbro announced that she and Joseph will be presenting our first scholarship award at Palm Springs High School at their May 23rd awards assembly.
- Jeff Taylor suggested that we use funds to landscape medium strips on Racquet Club and Caballeros.
- Terry Towne reminded everyone that the NUSA conference is taking place this week. She suggested that we say hello to participant that we might encounter around town. Joseph and Denny are representing RCENO and presenting a workshop at the conference.

At 11:30 AM Denny made a motion to adjourn and Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Ben & Jerry's ice cream cart was outside for the group's enjoyment.

2019 BOA Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Host	Time
January	1/12/19	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00PM
February	2/9/19	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM
March	3/9/19	Denny Adams	10:00AM-12:00PM
April	4/13/19	Denny Adams	10:00AM-12:00PM
May	5/11/19	Vista del Monte ES	10:00AM-12:00PM
June	6/8/19	Donna Chabon	10:00AM-12:00PM
July	No meeting	NA	
August	8/10/19	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00PM
September	9/14/19	Denny Adams	10:00AM-12:00PM
October	10/12/19	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00PM
November	11/9/19	Block Party	2:00PM-4:00PM
December	12/14/19	Robert Perry	10:00AM-

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