

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of May 12, 2018 @ Vista del Monte School
Annual General Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:07AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Dennis Adams, Jenny Dillon, Lauren Scarbro and Donna Chaban. In addition there were quite a few members.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of April Minutes

Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes from April, Lauren seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$55,725.19 in our general account and \$5,583.14 in our Visa account. He submitted profit/loss statements for the year.

Officer Report

Denny told us that the minutes from the ONE-PS meeting are posted on their website.

Guest Speakers: Mayor Robert Moon & Councilmember Christy Holstege

Mayor Moon spoke and afterwards he and Councilmember Holstege entertained questions and answers. Talking points:

- Spoke to his history of involvement in local government
- Encouraged us to apply to be on city commissions, deadline May 15
- COD has purchased the Palm Springs Mall and are going to begin construction on their west valley campus
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians broke ground on their cultural center and spa
- Downtown Palm Springs is shaping up quite nicely
- The museum attendance is up and he maintained that it was because now you can see it from PCD
- The budget process is in place and he reminded us that unlike the federal government we have to have a balanced budget
- Challenges to the budget:
 - Pension liability is up, 13 million to 27 million
 - Retired employees' health care is up

- We have many infrastructure needs, a study showed that we need \$269 million to address the needs of city-owned buildings
- We need 8 1/2 million dollars a year for twenty years to maintain infrastructure

Moon went on to discuss the city districts that are being created for district elections of the city council. He stated that we have two options: five districts with a rotating mayor or four districts with a mayor voted elected at large.

The mayor spoke about Measure C. He stated that he usually doesn't like to take a public stand on political issues but that he must on this one. He said that the current regulations on STRs are working. Even if Measure C passes we would still have SRTs but they would go underground and therefore unregulated. He reported that the tribe would probably still go ahead and allow them on their lease land and that overall the city would not be able to enforce it if it passes.

Ms. Holstege introduced herself and spoke of the many subcommittees on which she sits. Both Holstege and Moon then answered questions from the group:

- Q- Are there plans to lay water pipes?
A- *those are under the jurisdiction of Desert Water Agency*
- Q- Is Forever Marilyn returning?
A- *We don't know, there is a place in the new park for an art installation but the city is not going to purchase her*
- Q- What can I do about crimes and break-ins on my street?
A- *Overall crime is down but you could look into a private patrol company (it was pointed out that we have but the cost is way too high)*
- Q- Does someone at City Hall take care of ADA compliance?
A- *Yes*
- Q: What can we do about the homeless population living in Victoria Park?
A: *Call Path of Life ministries and check out the city website with homeless information*

Guest Speaker: James Rowland – Riverside County Dept. of Water Resources

Mr. Rowland passed out literature and spoke of the importance of taking care of our landfills.

Elections

Robert, Denny, Joseph, Dean, and Donna were reelected to serve on the Board of Advisors.

Block Party

Robert announced to the crowd that the 2018 annual block party would be held in October, the date to be determined.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- Lauren reported that she and Joseph were going to be meeting with the Career Guidance Specialist at Palm Springs High School about RCENO awarding scholarships to students. The meeting takes place on May 31.
- Robert informed the group that we have been assigned the date we wanted from Modernism for our 2019 home tour. That date is February 16, 2019.
- Robert ordered fourteen blade signs and brackets.
- Donna offered books that she obtained from DWA on desert landscaping free to the first members to come up and claim them.

At 11:40 Joseph made a motion to adjourn, Lauren seconded it, and all were in favor. Attendees were invited to go outside to get ice cream.

2018 BOA Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Host	Time
January	1/13/18	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00PM
February	2/10/18	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM
March	3/10/18	Denny Adams	10:00AM-12:00PM
April	4/14/18	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
May	5/12/18	Vista del Monte ES	10:00AM-12:00PM
June	6/9/18	Eric Bowes	10:00AM-12:00PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/11/18	Joseph May	10:00AM-12:00PM
September	9/8/18	Donna Chabon	10:00AM-12:00PM
October	10/13/18*	Block Party	4:00PM-6:00PM
November	11/10/18	Lauren Scarbro	10:00AM-12:00PM
December	12/8/18	Robert Perry	10:00AM-12:00PM

* Fall Modernism is October 19-21