

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING  
November 21, 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Roseann Bleiweiss, Kathy Cohn, William Follett, Bruce Maughan, Carolyn Mayfield, and Curt Watts. Absent: Byron Lohman. Guests: Mike McLean (on behalf of Byron) and Ken Nelson.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

I. The proposed agenda was accepted with the addition of two items: Possible Social Event under Old Business and 2016 Proposed Budget under New Business.

II. The minutes from the October 24, 2015 meeting were approved.

III. Public Comments

There were none.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chairperson

Curt reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.

B. Vice Chairperson

Kathy reported on four items currently before ONE-PS. The open meetings proposal has been approved by the Governance Committee with improvements to the language offered by Christine Hammond, Thom Bettinger, Kathy, and Curt. The leaf blower ban was withdrawn by the Ecology Committee when it became clear it lacked support as currently written. The Public Works and Code Enforcement Committee recommended to the City Council that it renew the contract for the BUZZ Trolley Bus with the suggestion that the City work with the neighborhood organizations affected by the BUZZ routes.

Kathy reported that the Governance Committee is developing a timeline for assisting neighborhood organizations that decide to incorporate and/or apply for tax-exempt status.

Kathy also reported that we are set for the Festival of Lights Parade. A discussion followed about what we should wear, when we should meet, whether we may hand out candy, and how to decorate ourselves with lights. The details will be finalized by emails within a few days.

C. Secretary

Bruce, Kathy, and Curt reported on possible locations for the annual meeting in March. The March 19<sup>th</sup> date selected at the last Board meeting conflicts with the ONE-PS picnic, so the Board agreed to move the meeting to March 5<sup>th</sup>. The preferred location is the

Palm Springs Teachers Association building on Luring, which is available at no cost. The meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m., be kept to an hour, and will be followed by a brunch.

D. Treasurer

Mike presented Byron's report. The bank balance is \$9,902.68. (Documents attached.) Curt noted that there are several outstanding receipts and bills since the end of last month, which will reduce the balance to approximately \$7,000.

E. Communications Officer

Roseann presented a draft year-end letter. The concept and draft were approved, although any further comments from Board members on the draft are due by Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

V. Old Business

A. Social Event

The Board noted that the October 24<sup>th</sup> event was well received by our neighbors, especially the food prepared by Byron. Since many people were pleasantly surprised at the amount of food provided at this first social event, the Board agreed that we need to manage expectations for future events so that people know before they arrive what to expect in the way of food and beverages.

The Board then discussed a possible event offered by Bruce and Bob—a social combined with a chance to tour their drought-tolerant yard. The Board agreed to Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with light refreshments on a budget of up to \$250. Roseann will send out a notice.

B. Neighborhood Watch

Curt reported that the order for the neighborhood watch signs was finally placed with the manufacturer on November 4<sup>th</sup>, after more complications than previously expected. The signs should be delivered within 3 to 4 weeks of that date. Will, Ken, and Curt will ensure that the City receives the necessary information to install the signs as intended. Installation in December is possible, but not assured. With respect to the two people who made previous contributions to fund neighborhood watch signs, it was agreed to treat the contributions as supporting this program rather than the installation of particular signs unless the individuals object. In that case, the subject will be revisited, although the City does not support additional signs in our neighborhood.

C. Modernism Week

Roseann reported that we have identified 7 homes, but Modernism Week has not yet previewed them before giving approval. The Board agreed to basically handle sponsorships for the event as they were handled last year; however, Curt, Byron and Roseann will meet to discuss.

#### D. Blade Signs

Curt reported that of the ten neighborhood blade signs in the most recent order, only one has not been claimed by a neighbor and Will knows of someone who wants to pay for that sign. It was agreed that because the cost per sign is higher for small orders, we would not place another order until there is sufficient interest (i.e., minimum ten signs). We will not do another general solicitation of interest at this time, but the annual meeting could provide an opportunity to solicit additional interest.

#### VI. Updates on City Projects

Curt reported that concerns have been raised about the visibility of traffic on Tahquitz now that the newly planted landscaping at the end of each median section has gotten quite large. The City is looking at a solution. Curt also distributed a report on vacation rentals in our neighborhood. We are asked not to distribute it, but to use it to identify problem homes and to identify homes that may not be registered despite being used as vacation rentals. Finally, he reported that the vacant buildings ordinance was pulled from the Council agenda to allow possible concerns of the Tribe to be addressed.

#### VII. Old Business continued

Curt said that the vacant triangle at the split of Arenas and South Saturmino is an issue that has been selected by the City as a Safety Hot Spots project. He and Carolyn will work on that issue. In addition, Curt will attempt to find out why two streets in our neighborhood that were scheduled for paving were not paved when the others were recently completed.

#### VIII. New Business

Curt presented budget documents in support of a proposed budget for 2016. After brief discussion, the 2016 budget as presented (document attached) was approved. The budget forecasts \$15,625 in Income and \$6,900 in Expenses.

#### IX. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments

Kathy noted that an acting chief of police has been appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board will not meet in December. The date for the next Board meeting will be determined at a later time through an email survey of Board members.

Recorded by Bruce Maughan, Secretary

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