

SUNRISE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING  
Palm Springs Teachers Association Offices, 180 N. Luring @ Andreas  
April 9, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Roseann Bleiweiss, Kathy Cohn, Will Follett, Byron Lohman, Ken Nelson, Curt Watts and Neil Wortman.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Meeting Agenda - The proposed agenda was accepted as previously distributed with one addition to New Business: Possible Recruitment of Additional Board Members.
- II. Public Comments – None.
- III. Minutes – Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2016 were approved as previously distributed.
- IV. Chairperson’s Report on Annual Meeting – The previously distributed Chairperson’s Report on the March 6, 2016 Annual Meeting was reviewed. It will be submitted to the City Manager as required by City Ordinance.
- V. Election of Officers – A copy of those sections of the SPNO Bylaws related to the duties of the Board of Advisors and Officers was distributed. After nominations, discussion and voice vote, the following Board Members were selected to serve as Officers until the next Annual Meeting:

Chairperson - Ken Nelson  
Vice Chairperson – Kathy Cohn  
Secretary – Curt Watts  
Treasurer – Byron Lohman  
Communications Officer – Roseann Bleiweiss

VI. Officer Reports:

A. Chairperson

- The calendar of upcoming events was reviewed.
- The 2016 Board Meeting schedule was discussed. The Board agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday morning of odd-numbered months (i.e. May, July, etc.). Therefore, the next Board meeting will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. Vice Chairperson

- The March 19<sup>th</sup> ONE-PS Community Picnic was discussed. The Board agreed that this is a worthy event to continue to be involved in. Neil suggested a Sunrise Park informational flyer be prepared as a hand-out for future such events.
- The draft submittal for the upcoming ONE-PS Guide to Palm Springs Neighborhoods was reviewed. Any additional comments should be submitted to Kathy by Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the tentative date for a general membership meeting of SPNO to approve any required bylaw changes in support of our future incorporation as a non-profit entity. ONE-PS has prepared templates to assist all neighborhood organizations in this effort. Byron offered to assist Kathy on this.

- Upcoming meetings regarding the City’s future budgets will provide an opportunity for input regarding future spending priorities. Ken and Curt will attempt to attend one or both meetings on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The ONE-PS recommendations to the City on Vacation Rentals were discussed. As was the case with the representatives of the various neighborhoods in ONE-PS, SPNO Board Members hold differing views on possibly restricting the number of vacation rental licenses issued to individual vacation rental operators in the City. This issue is expected to be one of the more controversial topics when the City Council addresses the various ONE-PS recommendations on suggested changes in regulations governing vacation rental properties.
- C. Secretary – No Report.
- D. Treasurer
- The April 9, 2016 financial report was reviewed. The current balance is \$20,811.29. No significant expenditures occurred since the last Board meeting.
  - Byron recommended that one of the Board members should serve as an “internal auditor” to review the Treasurer’s financial records. Will Follett will assume this role. It was agreed that a review of the financial records should be completed and reported to the Board at its May and November meetings.
- E. Communications Officer
- Lisa Middleton of ONE-PS forwarded to SPNO’s representatives & alternates a letter dated April 8, 2016 from the City Manager updating Palm Springs residents on events within the City subsequent to the FBI seizure of City Hall records last September. After discussion, the Board decided not to distribute the letter to SPNO Members since the letter has already been widely distributed throughout the Palm Springs community and may be viewed by some as SPNO taking a position on a politically charged situation.

## VII. Old Business:

The results of the 2016-17 Survey of Members taken at the Annual Meeting were reviewed (and are attached hereto). The results generally support the prior direction of the Board’s activities with an overall focus on “quality of life” issues. Undergrounding Utilities was mentioned this year as an additional area of interest (by 16 members).

### A. 2016 Modernism Home Tour

- Roseann & Byron reviewed the February 20<sup>th</sup> Home Tour and recommended that we plan to sponsor another one in 2017. While the event itself is somewhat easy to handle given our two years’ experience, the special challenge is working with the Modernism Week organization on advance review/approval of properties selected for the tour. This needs to be discussed further in addition to recruiting additional volunteers to help out as advance planning starts for next year.

### B. Annual Meeting

- The Annual Meeting location worked very well. Outreach efforts appeared to be very successful as attendance increased considerably over the previous year. The addition of a brunch may have also been a motivating factor in boosting attendance.

### C. Social Events

- The possibility of an informal social event prior to summer will be investigated by Will. He will consult the Board via email or at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting on this possibility.

D. Neighborhood Watch

- The format and location for a Fall Neighborhood Watch event was discussed. As proposed, the event would be held at the same time the neighborhood meeting to approve bylaws changes for non-profit incorporation takes place (i.e. Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>). Either the Palm Springs Teachers Association Building or the Police Training Facility (“PTF”) is a possible meeting location, although scheduling the PTF can be problematic. The two possible formats include either a more formal neighborhood watch organization with block captains and related activities, or focusing primarily on presenting tips to attendees on how to reduce/prevent crime in the neighborhood.

E. Blade Signs/Neighborhood Identification

- No additional activity in this area at this time.

VIII. Updates on City Projects

A. Future Street Improvements – There are no SPNO streets included in the City’s upcoming slurry seal project but several streets are expected to be included in the repaving of streets in late summer. More details will be covered once final decisions are made.

B. Possible Farrell Road Bike Lanes & Road “Diet” – The City will be considering a road “diet” for Farrell Road SOUTH of Ramon, so the section of Farrell adjacent to SPNO is not currently being considered for modification.

C. Additional Items from ONE-PS Code & Public Works Committee – Ken is now attending these meetings on behalf of SPNO.

IX. New Business – There was a brief discussion about whether or not the Board felt it appropriate to recruit additional Board members to provide representation from properties south of Tahquitz. Curt will review the attendance records from the Annual Meeting for possible “recruitment” candidates. A follow-up discussion will be scheduled for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

X. Non-Agenda Board Member Comments – None.

XI. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Teachers Association Building.

Recorded by Curt Watts, Secretary

Drafted: May 7, 2016

Approved: May 21, 2016

**Sunrise Park Neighborhood Organization  
Survey of Members about Issues and Themes for 2016-2017**

<b>Theme/ Issue</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not a Priority</b>	<b>I want to Volunteer</b>
Fundraisers #7 tied	10	5	1 Modernism Home
Neighborhood Identification/Blade Signs #6	13	2	
Neighborhood Watch/Crime #2	24	1	2
Social Events #7 tied	10	4	2
Speeding / Traffic Issues #3	20	3	3
Street Improvements #1	26	1	1
Vacation Rentals/Noise #4	19	1	
<b>Possible Issues of Interest:</b>			
Write the History of Sunrise Park Neighborhood	6	3	
Host a Modernism Tour of Your Home in 2017	5	5	3
Incorporation and Non-Profit Tax Status	8	2	1
(Underground Utilities write-in) #5	16	3	3
(Homeless write-in)	1		
(Beautification Areas)	1		1

**Additional Comments:**

A brief discussion about the night darkness revealed there are strong opinions for and against additional lighting.

Name and email if volunteering:

**Kathy Cohn has the list of 16 volunteers, their specific interests, and contact email.**