

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 31, 2017 :: 3:00PM :: Smoke Tree Clubhouse

3:10 pm

Call to Order and Roll Call

Eric Chiel, Larry Johnson, Stan Sartor, Barb Scott, Jim High

Acceptance of Agenda - **Yes 5 No 0**

Review and approval of Minutes of May 12, 2017 **Yes 5 No 0**

Public Comments – No public comments

Treasurer's Report—Larry Johnson distributed copies of our 7/31/2017 financial statements (Budget for 2017 Versus Actual Income and Expenditures.) To date, our income is \$53,620.86 with expenditures of \$14,126.56 leaving a balance of \$39,494.30.

Reports/Updates (Projects, Committees, Tasks)

Monument Signs

Stan Sartor unveiled the scale model of the Monument sign we had made. Everyone agreed that H3K had done a very professional job. It should help us in presenting the idea to potential property owners where we would like to propose placing the signs. Stan outlined the next steps including getting together to decide potential locations, determine who owns/controls these locations, and how best to approach the owners. Eric said the City has indicated that there will be a signage fee, but that it is subject to negotiations. The scale model will be unveiled at the next General membership meeting.

The Board reviewed the draft of the Neighborhood Initiative Application for the second phase of the Monuments Signage program. This proposal requests an additional \$5,000 toward the cost of additional signs. This request will augment the \$3,000 approved by the Advisory Board earlier this year. Each sign is anticipated to cost around \$1,250 with additional costs possible at some locations.

In accordance with the Neighborhood Initiative Policy guidelines, this application needs to be sent out to the membership in advance of the general membership meeting where it will be discussed and acted upon by the membership.

It was M/S/C to approve recommending that the general membership approved the Application for phase 2 of the Monument Signage Initiative. **Yes 5 No 0**

2018 Modernism Week Planning, Stan Sartor reported on the progress of the planning for the 2018 Modernism Tour. To date, 5 homes are lined up, and several more are in the works. The goal is 7 homes. Stan reported that Modernism Week has moved up its deadlines for submission of materials to September 1, 2017. Efforts have already begun to recruit docents to help the day of the tour. Stan said we need to really expand our efforts to secure enough volunteers.

Stan noted that plans are underway to add a William Krisel Display at the tour. It will honor Mr. Krisel and will include historical memorabilia and models of some of his houses. Several board members offered suggestions of things that might be included in the exhibit. Discussions are underway to secure a location in the neighborhood where this exhibit can be housed.

Larry Johnson stated that the proposed budget for the 2018 Tour will need to be ready to present to the Finance Committee by early November so it can be factored into the development of the proposed 2018 TPNO Budget.

Storage Contract

Larry Johnson reported that we have secured a new location in the neighborhood to rent space to store all of our TPNO equipment and supplies, mainly things used in our Modernism Tours.

Website Update

Larry Johnson reported that we have addressed the issues raised at the last meeting, and we are now ready to enter into a \$3,000 contract for the development of our long discussed TPNO website. It will take several months before we can be ready to launch the site.

The website will serve several functions. It will be a place to house all of our historical documents since our inception in 2013. It will be a place for members to find information about current and future activities. It will also be a place for the public to learn more about TPNO, and also our neighborhood's unique place in the history of mid-century modernism in Palm Springs. We will be able to make available all the documents and pictures we have related to William Krisel, including, for example, his acceptance video premiered at the William Krisel Street Renaming Dedication Ceremony in 2015.

Fire Station status

The latest update on the status of the renovation of Fire Station #4 is that the architects are finishing up the final construction documents which will be submitted in the early Fall to the City. The current timeline is for the City Council to give final approval of the plans in November or December, and for the formal bidding process to start in early 2018. Hopefully construction can begin a few months later. The Board will keep on top of the schedule, and will alert the membership when the item next goes to the City Council.

The Board did follow up on a concern raised that there was no exterior lighting at the closed-up Fire Station. Turns out that there is no electricity at the site. In response to our concerns about safety issues, the City did install motion activated solar lighting on the 4 corners of the building.

Safety Vests

Larry Johnson reported that all but a few of the extra-large sizes of the first 100 safety vests have now been distributed to neighborhood residents. A new order for 25 more vests is in the works.

Next General Membership Meeting Planning

The Board discussed planning for the next General Membership meeting. The Board reviewed a draft agenda. The formal part of the meeting will be from 10:00 am to about 11:45 am with lunch from 11:45 am to 12:30 am.

The agenda will include reports on accomplishments since the annual meeting, on going activities, and future activities. The agenda will include recognition of the contributions of Peter Walsh and Eric Chiel. It will also include a brief tribute to William Krisel who passed away recently. It was agreed to schedule time for an interactive discussion between the membership and the Board members related to our collective vision and goals for TPNO. The Board wants to know what the membership thinks "success" would look like in three years.

The Board discussed the order of the agenda, how much time to devote to each item, who will take the lead on each agenda item, and what materials will be needed for the meeting including the power point presentation, handouts, registration materials, certificates, etc. Members volunteered to take responsibility for room prep, registration, food and clean up. Jim Hill will take the lead in posting announcements about the meeting on Next Door.

Given the number of things that need to be done to prepare for the meeting, and the extremely hot weather we are having this summer, it was agreed that we should reschedule the meeting to either September 9th or October 14th. We will need to confirm the availability of the location and then finalize a date. It was agreed we could use email to discuss and finalize the date.

2017-2018 Organizational Objectives

The Board reviewed the objectives approved at the last meeting. No new items were added. At the next meeting, we will make sure that we have a lead person(s) identified for each objective, or determine that the whole board needs to play an active role in that objective.

Continue Discussion of Long Term Vision

The Board spent the remainder of the meeting discussing our long-term vision and goals for the organization. What is most important to each of us? How do we go about developing and agreeing on our collective vision/goals for TPNO? What would “success” look like to us in 3 years?

It was agreed that we need to involve the membership in this discussion, and to seek their input. As noted above, we agreed to devote time at the next general membership meeting to this dialogue. It is important that the membership be an integral part of planning and executing the future direction and focus of the organization.

Next Meetings

General Membership: TBA

Advisory Board: TBA

Adjournment: 5:10 pm.