

Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization (TPNO)

Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 14, 2018 :: 9:45 am :: Indian Canyon Golf Club North Clubhouse

Attendees

Alaina Bixon, Ann Damore, Brian Balthazor, Connie Fruhwirth, Connie Meredith, Douglas Guerra, Dorothy Duffy, Doug Young, Erna de Rath, Kevin Kendrick, Gary Kramer, Hung Fan, Jan Sartor, Jeffrey Fine, Jim High, John Heard, JR Roberts, Karen de Rath, Keith Kendrick, Kevin Fruhwirth, Kim Kaiser, Larry Johnson, Laurie Ridgeway, Layla Maxwell, Lisa Middleton, Lorraine Lawrence, Lucien Rizzo, Lucy Brown, Lynn Pettit, Margie Norris, Maryjane Jensen, Michael Feldman, Michele Johnson, Mike Acabapo, Pam Keating, Rick Acuna, Robert Scott, Sheila Brown, Shirley Cunningham, Stan Sartor, Steve Becker, Steven Lewis, Tal Rencus, Tarin O'Brian, Terry Johnson, Victoria Balthazor, Wally Brown

Call to Order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Board/First-Timer/Guest Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Stan Sartor who welcomed everyone to our TPNO Annual Meeting. Members of the Advisory Board introduced themselves. Stan then asked anyone who was attending for the first time to introduce themselves.

Stan then reviewed the agenda. With no objections, the agenda was accepted.

Approval of October 14, 2017 Minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2017 General Membership Meeting, followed by a vote of unanimous approval.

Recognitions

Stan Sartor reported that Barb Scott was retiring from the Advisory Board. She was on the Board since its 2013 inception, and has provided tireless leadership in a number of areas of the organization's activities. She was not able to attend today to receive her Certificate of Appreciation due to work conflicts.

The Neighborhood Architectural Award was presented to Jim High and Gary Kramer for their extensive restoration of their William Krisel-designed home on La Jolla Road.

Advisory Board member Eric Chiel was absent due to family responsibilities. In his absence, Larry Johnson presented the Second Annual Eric Chiel Leadership Award to Stan Sartor. For the outstanding leadership he has provided to the Twin Palms Modernism Tour for the past five years, Stan was presented with an engraved acrylic plaque.

Financial Report

Larry Johnson distributed copies of the 4/14/2018 TPNO Financial Report. As of this date, total income was \$62,171.87 and expenditures were \$18,347.46, leaving a balance on hand of \$43,824.41.

On-Going Activities

Pam Keating gave a brief recap of the very successful January 28, 2018 TPNO membership social gathering at the Indian Canyons North Clubhouse. This was our first ever social event meeting. About 50 members attended to enjoy the view, good food and drink, and spend time with neighbors. Pam Keating thanked Barb Scott for chairing the planning committee for this event, as well as the other committee members for their efforts to make that get-together so fun and memorable.

Stan Sartor recapped the highlights of the 2018 Twin Palms Modernism Week Tour which was again a sellout with over 500 tickets sold. The reviews were excellent. After expenses, we made a net profit of over \$20,000. This is our primary source of income to support the activities of the TPNO. Steve Lewis, the new Modernism Committee chair for 2019, reported on the plans already underway. He noted that a key to our success in 2019

will be gaining the participation of homeowners whose houses have not previously been featured on our tours. Steve thanked Stan for his leadership over the past five tours and for his help in taking over the leadership role.

Stan reported on the status of the Monument Sign Community Initiative. This effort has been on the back burner for the past few months due to other pressing activities. He said the committee is still seeking appropriate locations to place the signs around the perimeter of the neighborhood. If anyone has suggestions he asked them to please talk to him.

Website Update

Larry Johnson provided an update on the TPNO website. The basic format of the site is now in place and a beta version is now up. Over the coming months additional material (i.e., documents, pictures) will be added to the site. Its formal launch will be announced later this year.

“William Krisel’s Twin Palms” Exhibit

The second and most-recent public showing of this exhibit was at the ONE-PS Picnic and Community Expo in March. Efforts are under way to identify additional events and venues to display the exhibit in the future. Members were encouraged to explore the exhibit which is on display at this meeting.

Larry Johnson reported that the Advisory Board established a “William Krisel’s Twin Palms Sponsorship Program” to help underwrite the exhibit’s continued development, construction, transpiration, exhibition, and preservation. Information about this sponsorship program was distributed. To date, \$1,000 in donations have already been collected.

Future Activities

Steve Lewis asked members to complete the Volunteer Interest Form if there are areas for which they would like to volunteer. Larry Johnson said that copies of both the TPNO Neighborhood Initiative and Community Grants programs descriptions and applications are available on each table. He also reported on the local fire station and the timeline for the construction. The current goal for reopening the Fire Station is mid-2019.

Remarks—Councilmember Lisa Middleton

Our special guest today is Palm Springs City Councilmember Lisa Middleton. She shared information and answered questions about a number of current city issues including its budgeting process, the La Verne Way bike lane conversion, recent crime statistics, and the short-term rental ordinance. Councilmember JR Roberts was also in attendance and also answered questions from the membership on several of these issues. A question was raised about the loud noise coming from dozens of busses parked along Twin Palms Drive last night. The buses are there to transport attendees of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio. Ms. Middleton said she would work with city staff later today to see if this issue can be resolved.

Open Discussion

The meeting was opened to a general membership discussion moderated by Larry Johnson.

ONE-PS Activities

Lucy Brown, a ONE-PS volunteer, gave a brief report on recent ONE-PS activities.

Events/Meeting Calendar

Stan Sartor said that the next General Membership meeting will be in the Fall, likely October or early November. Meeting details will be posted on *NextDoor.com* once the date, time, and location are finalized.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. Everyone was invited to stay and socialize with their neighbors. The bar and continental breakfast table remained open until 12:30.