

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 14, 2017 :: 10:00am :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse

10:02 am

Attendance: Stan Sartor, Eric Chiel, Steve Lewis, Larry Johnson, Barb Scott, Pam Keating, Peter Walsh John Lacombe, James Sowa, Joe Hayden, Patrick Henry, Dorothy Duffy, Tarin O'Brian, Paul Stevens, Ron Weaver, Michele Johnson, Tedd Kessel, Dan Shenefelt, Bill Marchese, Greg Hardy, Donald Richards, Tom Mason, Todd Curran, Bill Pugin, Robert Scott, Joseph Harvey, Kevin Fruhwirth, Connie Fruhwirth, Diane Saxton, Joyce Debreczeni, Layla Maxwell, Vivian Chiel, Wally Brown, Sheila Brown, Barbara Gay, Andy Rohrer, Jeff Fine and Shannon Medcalf

Call to Order, Welcome, Housekeeping, Board/First-Timers/Guest Intros

Stan Sartor called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone to the TPNO general membership meeting. He asked each member of the Advisory Board to introduce themselves. He then asked anyone who was attending for the first time to introduce themselves and tell something about themselves.

Mr. Sartor then reviewed the agenda (see attached PowerPoint presentation). With no objections, the agenda was agreed to.

Recognition

Eric Chiel presented a special recognition award to Peter Walsh to thank him for his 4 years of service on the Advisory Board. He was a member of the initial group that launched the organization. (see PowerPoint presentation).

Barb Scott presented the Neighborhood Architectural Award to Steve Lewis for his outstanding work in the renovation of his home on La Jolla (see PowerPoint presentation).

Larry Johnson announced the established of a new annual award—the Eric Chiel Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization Leadership Award. This award will be presented in recognition of outstanding leadership to the Twin Palms neighborhood through the Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization. The first award was presented to Eric Chiel for his service over the past 4 years. He was one of the founding members and has served as chair for the past four years. (see PowerPoint presentation). He was also presented with a check to honor his exceptional service to the organization.

Leadership/Officers for 2017-18

Larry Johnson reported that the Advisory Board had elected the following officers for 2017-18: Treasurer Larry Johnson, Secretary Barb Scott, and Communication Officer Jim High. No member was willing to serve as Chair or Vice Chair. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided to move to a more collective style of Leadership. The duties of the Chair and Vice Chair will be distributed among the Advisory Board members. Board members will share these duties for now and test the viability of this new leadership model.

Monument Signs

Stan Sartor reported on the status of the Monument Sign Neighborhood Initiative. The design for the sign was previewed at the Annual meeting earlier this year, and was recently sent out to the membership on Next Door. The Advisory Board has made a \$3,000 grant to launch the Initiative planning and implementation.

Stan thanked H3K for donating their services to professionally design the sign. The sign reflects Krisel's iconic butterfly roof line, the Krisel font he designed for the Ocotillo Lodge sales brochure (which we use in our Blade signs), and breeze blocks. The projected basic cost of the sign installed is around \$1,250 (see PowerPoint presentation).

He said that we have identified a number of potential locations around the perimeter of the neighborhood and are exploring their feasibility as sign locations. No location will be announced until the site has been approved by the owner of the property.

The Advisory Board is recommending that the membership approved another \$5,000 Neighborhood Initiative Grant to provide the funding for additional monument signs. During general discussion, there was support for the basic elements of the design. The primary question raised was why the design did not include the 2 palm trees that are a part of our TPNO logo and Blade signs. Stan Sartor said that the rationale for the proposed design was to keep it as simple as possible. A motion to add the 2 palm trees to the design failed to receive a majority of yes votes.

After further discussion, it was M/S/C by more than a majority vote to approve a \$5,000 Monument Sign Neighborhood Initiative utilizing the proposed design.

2018 Modernism Week

Stan Sartor and Steve Lewis reported on plans for the 2018 Twin Palms Modernism Tour to be held on February 19, 2018. Tickets will be \$75 this year. Stan thanked the 7 homeowners who have offered their homes for the tour (see PowerPoint presentation). Without them, there would be no tour. He also thanked the Modernism Committee members for their tireless work in ensuring the success of the tour each year.

Stan noted that an addition to this year's tour will be a William Krisel Exhibit to honor his central role in the creation of what is now Twin Palms, and the role the TPNO has played in preserving and celebrating his contributions to our neighborhood.

After chairing the Modernism Committee for the past 4 years, Stan announced that Steve would be the new chair of the Committee in 2019. Steve said it is not too soon to share with him if you are interested in discussing having your home on the 2019 tour.

Financial Report

Larry Johnson distributed copies of the 10/14/2017 TPNO Financial Report. As of this date, total income was \$53,645.86 and expenditures were \$19,647.32, leaving a balance on hand of \$33,998.54 (see PowerPoint presentation).

Remembering William Krisel

In honor of the passing of William Krisel this year, Eric Chiel shared with the membership a tribute to Mr. Krisel's many contributions to mid-century architecture and highlighted some of his major contributions to the Twin Palms Neighborhood (see PowerPoint presentation).

As a part of that look back, Steve Lewis shared a set of before and after pictures obtained from Goggle that show some of the amazing restoration of Mr. Krisel's midcentury homes in the neighborhood over the past decade. (see PowerPoint presentation)

2017-18 Organizational Objectives

The Advisory Board has developed a written list of objectives for 2017-2018 to guide its efforts. This is the first time the Board has adopted a written set of objectives. (see PowerPoint presentation)

Discussion of our collective vision/goals for TPNO

Eric Chiel lead a discussion around what is our collective vision and goals for the organization over the next few years. The question is what would "success" look like and how do we engage the membership in shaping and implementing that vision. As a preface to that discussion, Eric reviewed the key accomplishments of the organization over the past 4 years. (see PowerPoint presentation)

The floor was then opened to those in attendance to share their ideas and comments about where the organization should focus its attention, and how to involve the membership in actualizing that vision.

Future Activities to be Involved In

Steve Lewis said that copies of the Volunteer Survey were at each table (see PowerPoint presentation). He encouraged everyone to fill out the form and share with the Board their volunteer interests in both one-time and ongoing activities. Barb Scott, who is chairing the committee to plan the upcoming January social membership meeting, asked for volunteers to plan and implement the event.

Grants and Initiative Ideas

Larry Johnson reminded the membership that applications are available for those wishing to submit funding proposals for Community Grants and Neighborhood Initiatives (see PowerPoint presentation).

Fire Status Status

Larry Johnson reported that the final plans for Fire Station 4 are being prepared for presentation to the City Council before the end of the year. Once approved by the Council, the plan is to put the project out to formal bidding in early 2018. Hopefully groundbreaking for the renovations/expansion of Fire Station 4 will be by Spring.

Community Interaction-ONE-PS Activities

Eric Chiel gave a brief report on the activities of ONE-PS. He addressed the questions What is ONE-PS? And What does it do? (see PowerPoint presentation)

Meeting Calendar

Barb Scott reviewed the calendar of upcoming events including: the TPNO Social Event, planned for January 2018, the Modernism Week Tour on February 19, 2018, and the TPNO Annual meeting to be held in April 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm. Everyone was invited to stay and have lunch. (Box lunches were provided).

APPROVED