

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, July 20, 2019 :: 12:30 PM :: Larry's house

Call To Order and Roll Call Meeting called to order at 12:35. Attending were Stan Sartor, Larry Johnson, Pam Keating, Shannon Metcalf, Jim High and Alan Beardslee. Neighborhood resident Brent Apt attended. Brent and his partner Bob have lived in the neighborhood for almost 2 years.

Acceptance of Agenda **Approved Yes 6 No 0**

Review and Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2019 (see handout) **Approved Yes No**

Public Comments

There were no formal public comments.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Johnson reviewed the current Financial Statement as of July 20, 2019. Total income for the year to date was \$49,458.08. Expenditures for the year were \$17,995.01, leaving a balance of \$31,463.07.

Larry said that the paper work with our bank had been completed and Stan Sartor was now the official second person authorized as a check signer.

Reports/Updates (Committees, Task Groups, Projects)

2019 Modernism Week

Stan Sartor reported that planning is moving ahead very well on our 2020 Twin Palms Modernism Week Home Tour. He said that Alan Beardslee is taking the lead on identification and selection of homes for the tour. At least 3 homes have been secured, and we have leads on about 6 more prospects. The hope is to have 6 or 7 homes on the tour. The deadline for submitting our Tour details to Modernism week is August 19th. In order to proceed, it was agreed we need to have 6 homes nailed down by that date.

Stan reported that we have scheduled photography of the homes for last August. He said we also need to update the text of the brochure as we have not done so for a couple of years. Stan said that we still have to finalize a number of details like ticket price, and whether to provide bags and/or magnets.

Monument Signs

Larry Johnson reported that we have now been assigned a contact in the City Planning Department to work with us on our application for a neighborhood entry sign at Twin Palms Drive and Via Aguila. We have submitted the requested documentation, and will be meeting with staff to do an onsite inspection of the proposed location. We are scheduled to have our application reviewed in September by the Architectural Review Committee and then the Planning Commission. He noted that both groups are not meeting in August. After that, we can then proceed to apply for a building permit. So actual construction is not anticipated until the late Fall.

Krisel Exhibit

Larry Johnson said that he will ask Eric Chiel to provide an update at our next meeting. At this time there are no confirmed showing of the Exhibit scheduled beyond the 2020 Twin Palms Modernism Tour.

Review and Action on Fire Station Community Grant Application

A request for \$1,488 in Community Grant funding for a gas BBQ for local Fire Station #4 was received and reviewed through the normal Community Grant review progress. It was reviewed by the Community Grant Advisory members, members of the Finance Committee and members of the Advisory Board using the standard rating form. In all, 11 people submitted ratings. The request received an average 96% positive approval rating, and was recommended for full funding by all 11 raters.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that this request met all the requirements and was a good use of our grant funds. **It was M/S/C to approve \$1,488 in Community Grant funds to the City of Palm Springs Fire Department to purchase a built in gas BBQ to be located at Fire Station #4.**

Vote Yes 6 No 0

Fire Station opening celebration

The long-awaited reopening Celebration of Fire Station #4 will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 9:00 am. TPNO has a place on the agenda to welcome the Fire fighters back to Twin Palms and to present our Community Grant of \$1,488. The Mayor and all council members are scheduled to attend. Hugh Kaptur will be honored for his contributions to the exterior redesign of the station. He was the original architect of the station in 1971.

Several announcements about the event have been posted on Next Door and all neighborhood residents encouraged to attend.

Discussion of Alexander Family Star Community Grant request

Larry Johnson reported that Eric Chiel had informally inquired of the Board whether it would be interested in considering a request for a Community Grant to support a local effort to honor the Alexander family and their construction company's pioneering efforts in building mid century modern homes in Palm Springs, and specifically, for their key role in the development of the Ocotillo Lodge and then the launch of the Twin Palms neighborhood with the development of the first 90 home tract.

After review and discussion of a 2 page description of the local effort to place a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars honoring the Alexanders, it was agreed that the Board would consider a request for up to \$1,000 to support this effort. When a written application is received, it will go through the normal review process before any final decision is made.

Home and Resident Survey

Alan Beardslee reported that he had started the test of the Home and Resident Survey on the homes on Marion. Due to the heat and the fact that so many of the houses are seasonal, he said he was going to wait until the Fall to complete the test. Larry Johnson said that he would try to recruit several more residents to get involved in doing the survey on their streets in the Fall.

Code Enforcement on homes and yards

Alan Beardslee said that the house on Caliente with the worst overgrown yard had now been cleaned up. He said that no progress had been made on the remodel of the house on Anza. He said that at this point he did not see any formal way to deal with the rusting out red car on Navajo, but suggested that we try to identify any neighbors who might be willing to talk with the owner.

Website Update

Larry Johnson reported that we have renewed our domain name for another 3-year period. We continue to add content to the website on a monthly basis.

Review and Action on 2019-2020 Objectives

The Board reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 TPNO objectives. The objectives include both ongoing activities and new activities for this year. **After review and discussion, it was M/S/C to approved the proposed 2019/2020 TPNO Objectives. Yes 6 No 0**

Planning for Fall Membership Meeting

Larry Johnson presented an idea for the Fall Membership meeting. He suggested we make this year's social event meeting in the Fall rather than in January as we have done the past 2 years. He proposed that we hold a luncheon BBQ at the new Fire Station #4 in November. We would provide the food, and fire department staff would cook the hamburgers and hot dogs on the new gas BBQ we just donated to them. Larry said that we could order salads and desserts from Aspen Mills. This location would also allow residents the opportunity to take a tour of the new fire station.

He said he had talked informally with the Fire Chief and staff at station #4 and they liked the idea. They said that we could set up tables in the fire station bay. We would need to rent some table and chairs.

Larry said that this would be something new, and would be much less expensive than going back to either Indian Canyons Club House or some other commercial venue. He thought the total expense would be around \$1,000.

After discussion, there was unanimous agreement that this sounds like a good idea. Larry said that he would follow thru with the Fire Department to work out the details and report back at the next meeting.

New Business

Enhancing our Social Media Profile

The Board continued its discussion of ways to improve and expand our social media profile, specifically as it relates to promoting our 2020 Twin Palms Modernism Tour. Shannon Metcalf said that we need to build on our efforts to increase traffic to our Instagram account. She said we need to get more content for the account. She suggested using Next Door to ask residents to submit pictures of the neighborhood like sunsets, houses, special landscaping etc. Larry suggested taking pictures of the interiors of the homes on the tour as a teaser to generate interest. It was agreed that we need to continue this discussion at every meeting.

Exploring options for promoting undergrounding electrical poles/wires

Shannon Medcalf said that she was very interested in exploring what we might be able to do in regards to the ugly electrical poles and wires throughout the older sections of the neighborhood. She said many residents have expressed interest in undergrounding all the overhead utility lines. Clearly this is a huge and costly undertaking.

It was suggested that one place to start would be to do a map of where the poles and wires are in the neighborhood. Clearly the residents affected most directly would likely be the most interested. Another suggestion was to raise the issue on Next Door and see how many people would be willing to volunteer to meet to discuss and work on this issue. Shannon said she was not able at this time to take the lead on such a task group, but that she would be a participant. It was agreed this was an important neighborhood issue, and that we need to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Next Advisory Board meeting

Shannon asked if it were possible to have a meeting during the week. Alan and Jim said that due to their work schedules that was not possible for them. The next Advisory meeting was set for Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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