

Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization (TPNO)

General Membership Minutes

Saturday, April 6, 2019 :: 9:45 am :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse

Attendees

Members: Alan Beardslee, Wally Brown, Sheila Brown, Carol Buckman, Megan Cassette, Jack Cassette, Eric Chiel, Colleen Clark, Joyce Debreczeni, Suzanne de Rath, Dottie Duffy, JoEllen Dumm, Hung Fan, Michael Feldman, Connie Fruhwirth, Kevin Fruhwirth, Kelly Gardner, Marv Geistlinger, Linda Geistlinger, Deb Greco, Kevin Goddess, Jim High, Blount Hunter, Gary Kramer, Larry Johnson, Michele Johnson, Terry Johnson, Steve Lewis, Bill Marchese, Tom Mason, Layla Maxwell, Shannon Metcalf, Phil Puncer, Alex Quintana, Paul Rafail, David Ross, Greg Roth, Diane Sexton, Wilma Smelcer, Jim Sowa, Paul Stevens, Anthony Vardaro, Bob Vauthier, Scott Wigran, Doug Young

Guests: Hugh Kaptur, Michael Delgado, Jason Loya, Ryan Barrier, Mike Smith, Nathan Gunkel

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Larry Johnson at 10:03 am. Advisory Board members did self-introductions, followed by self-introductions of residents attending for the first time. Larry reviewed the agenda which was approved as proposed.

Approval of November 3, 2018 minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2018 General Membership Meeting. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Recognition

Neighborhood Architectural Award

Eric Chiel said that periodically the Advisory Board selects a recipient for the Neighborhood Architectural Award. This award is given out to recognize an outstanding architectural contribution to our Twin Palms neighborhood. Eric said he was pleased to announce that today we are presenting this award for the restoration and expansion of Palm Springs Fire Station #4. Award certificates were presented to Hugh Kaptur, the original architect in 1971 and lead for the current exterior redesign, and to the City of Palm Springs Fire Department. Battalion Chief Jason Loya accepted the award for the Fire Department.

Mr. Kaptur was thanked for his remarkable contributions to the architecture of our neighborhood over almost five decades. Mr. Kaptur shared his memories of the original southwest-inspired design of the station, and about his extensive work in Palm Springs over the years right up to the present. Mr. Kaptur fielded questions from a number of residents.

Third Annual Eric Chiel Leadership Award

Eric Chiel presented the third annual Eric Chiel Leadership Award which is presented to an individual for outstanding leadership to Twin Palms through our neighborhood organization. This year's award was presented to Larry Johnson who has served as the organization's Treasurer since 2014. He has also served for several years on the Advisory Board, the Finance Committee, and the Modernism Committee. He also played a key role in our Community Grants and Neighborhood Initiatives programs.

Board Elections

Eric Chiel reported that our bylaws call for the election of a new class of Advisory Board members every two years. He stated that the terms of the current Board end with this annual meeting and so it is time for the election of new members. He reviewed the election procedures. Six people submitted their names for election. Each was given a chance to introduce themselves. Since there can be up to nine members, Eric asked if there were any further nominations. No nominations were made.

Each household is entitled to cast a ballot with up to nine votes, but with no more than one vote per candidate. A simple majority vote is needed for election. Written ballots were distributed and residents given an opportunity to complete and turn in their ballots. Eric said that the ballots will be counted and the results announced near the end of the meeting.

Meet Our Neighborhood Policing Officers

One of the benefits of being a member of ONE-PS (Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs) is that we are assigned liaisons to the Palm Springs Police Department, referred to as Neighborhood Policing Officers (NPOs). Eric Chiel introduced one of our NPOs, Officer Michael Delgado, who provided information about the department's efforts to improve neighborhood safety and responded to questions from the membership.

Accomplishments Since Last Meeting

Financial Report

Larry Johnson distributed copies of the April 6, 2019 Financial Report. As of that date, total income was \$49,108.08 and expenditures were \$15,782.99 leaving a balance on hand of \$33,325.09.

2019 Modernism Week Recap

Steven Lewis reported on this year's Twin Palms Modernism Week Home Tour. Close to 300 tickets were sold. He thanked all the homeowners who offered their homes for the tour, and to the approximately 40 volunteers who planned and/or staffed the event. He stressed the importance of starting right away with identifying potential homes for the 2020 tour.

January 19th Social Event Recap

Larry Johnson reported on the January 19, 2019 Annual General Membership meeting held at the historic Indian Canyons Golf Resort North Clubhouse. Close to 60 people enjoyed good company, food and drink, and a short program.

Monument Sign Update

Larry Johnson reported that we have identified the first location for placement of a Twin Palms neighborhood entry sign. The exact location will be announced once the final discussions with the property owners are finalized. The next step will be to submit the required entry sign application to the city. The application needs to be approved by the Planning Commission before we can apply for a building permit.

On-going Activities

William Krisel's Twin Palms Exhibit

Eric Chiel reported on several recent showings of the Exhibit. In addition to the showing at the 2019 Twin Palms Modernism Tour, the exhibit will be on display at the April 2019 *Preservation Matters* conference and the May 2019 *Neighborhoods, USA* (NUSA) annual national conference at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Eric also discussed plans for expanding the exhibit and requested ideas for future showings. Eric noted that a formal sponsorship program has been established to recognize organizations and individuals who make financial contributions to the exhibit.

Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization Website

Larry Johnson updated the membership on the status of our organization's website, *TwinPalmsPS.org*. He briefly reviewed the types of information on the site, and encouraged everyone to visit it.

Future Activities

Volunteer Activities

Jim High highlighted some of the ways residents can contribute their time and skills. He encouraged those interested in volunteering to complete the Volunteer Interest Survey, copies of which are available on each table, as well as at *TwinPalmsPS.org*.

Grants and Initiatives

Larry Johnson recapped the purposes of our Community Grants and Neighborhood Initiatives programs. He said that application forms for both are available at our website and that he was available to provide technical assistance to anyone interested in learning more about these programs or considering submitting an application.

Open Discussion

The meeting was opened to discussion by those in attendance. A number of issues were raised including requesting the city place *No Parking* signs during upcoming concert weekends, how we might better address ongoing burglary and safety concerns, and whether there might be a role for the organization in undergrounding utilities in the neighborhood.

Election Results

The results of the Advisory Board elections for the next two-year term were announced. The following residents were elected: Stan Sartor, Larry Johnson, Pam Keating, Jim High, Alan Beardslee, and Shannon Metcalf.

Community Interaction

Our liaison to ONE-PS, Eric Chiel, reported on recent activities of ONE-PS including release of the newest edition of *The ONE-PS Guide to Palm Springs Neighborhoods*. Copies were distributed. He also noted the role of ONE-PS in the upcoming NUSA Conferences.

Event/Meeting Calendar

Eric Chiel said that the next meeting of the General Membership will be the Fall meeting. The date, time and place will be announced once the details have been worked out. He also said that the date of the Fire Station #4 rededication event will be announced soon by the city and will likely be in June or July. He noted that meetings of the Advisory Board will be announced at *Nextdoor.com*.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. Everyone was invited to enjoy beverages and cookies and time to socialize with their neighbors.

APPROVED