



Little Tuscany Neighborhood Organization (LTNO)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 5:00PM

Roll Call:

Board Members – David Anderson (Secretary, Acting Chair) Liz Loomis (Treasurer), Denise Hoetker (ONE-PS Rep & Temp Social/Education Chair), Tyler Burton (Modernism), Rebecca Hendrickson. ABSENT: Rachel Sheedy (Vice Chair), Darin Roper (Communications Officer) Daniel Hall.

Committee Chairs – (Both Absent) Fred Balduini (Beautification). Ron Mesh (Crime & Safety)

Guests – Robert Rotman (resident), Mary Thomas (resident), Craig Meling (resident) and Christopher Bedford (resident), Ned Barker (administrative assistant).

Treasurer's Report:

Liz reviewed the Report, and indicated a balance of \$19,575.93. An outstanding check to reimburse Tyler Burton's expenses, \$129.47 for postal gift cards, is lost and will be replaced.

Standing Committee Reports:

Modernism Report (Liz Loomis and Tyler Burton)

Modernism Week will be February 17, 2022, through February 29, 2022. Little Tuscany will once again feature 8 remarkable homes, on Saturday, February 19, 2022. The sold tickets (up to 400) will be distributed between 10am and 1:00pm at 4 Paws Coffee Co (N Palm Canyon @ W Racquet Club) once again. Liz stated that we are looking for a volunteer /docent coordinator.

Neighborhood Beautification Report (Ned Barker for Fred Balduini)

Little Tuscany Neighborhood Monument Signs. Fred has contacted Denise Goolsby (Office of Neighborhoods Manager at City of Palm Springs) to arrange an in-person meeting to try to get contacts for the preferred sites for the boulder monument signs. We are hopeful that as the seasons change we will have better luck in making contact with the owners of the preferred sites. Once sites are approved we believe we can proceed with completing this project.

Education & Social Report (Denise H)



Denise shared thoughts on arranging an event for November. Liz mentioned that an idea had been put forth to hold an event at Palo Verde Gardens – Denise will follow up with Palo Verde.

Crime & Safety Report (Ron Mesh)

No report. Ron is working and traveling extensively until later this Fall. It was noted that our Councilman, Dennis Woods, sent us updated Neighborhood Watch materials.

New or Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting Plan (Ned Barker)

Ned reported that we have not secured a location yet, but he is working on it. He suggested that a date that didn't conflict with the Super Bowl, NFL playoff games or Modernism Week might be ideal.

Liz stated that she had a list of the term dates for board members and would share with the board.

Little Tuscany Open Spaces (Liz Loomis)

Liz reported on Boulders and Crescendo. She relayed that Boulders is "short platted" (grandfathered in) which means it can be sold at any time. Crescendo is not. She noted the community members who are on the committee. The committee wants to keep both properties together. Both parcels have naturalists reports. She said the Land Trust is more interested in Crescendo since it is not already developed on three sides as is Boulders. The committee will go to City Council next month. She cautioned that this will be an ongoing battle and we must be vigilant.

ONE-PS (Denise Hoetker)

Denise summarized the highlights from the most recent meeting, the previous day. ONE-PS stands for Organized Neighborhood Enclaves of Palm Springs.

- An issue has arisen specifically with low-frequency noises that have been recognized as a special environmental noise problem, and is being investigated for further potential action by the City.
- Parades are back! Beginning with the Pride Parade Sunday, November 7 (as part of Greater Palm Springs Pride 2021, Nov. 1-7), and the Festival of Lights Parade Saturday, December 4.
- Energy costs, especially electricity costs, are an item of concern for many, as new SCE (Southern California Edison) billing criteria has come into effect.
- A CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course will be offered, in person, on October 1



- Services for the homeless are now being offered in the former Palm Springs Boxing Club (now referred to as "The Palm Springs Access Services Center") located at 225 S. El Cielo Road and managed by Martha's Village & Kitchen, seven days a week from 8-5pm. Augmented meals, showers, clothing, toiletries, and beds for up to 30 people each night are being welcomed at the Palm Springs United Methodist Church once they have pre-registered with Martha's.

LTNO Web Site (Ned Barker, David Anderson)

Ned Barker explained the status of the web site, and expressed hope that it could be launched at the annual meeting. Denise Hoetker moved that the Board approve a subscription to WIX.com, costing about \$29.00 a month, so that the web site could be completed. Rebecca Hendrickson seconded, and the Board agreed unanimously. There was a discussion about adding a "Donate" button to the site, and Board members felt that this was an unnecessary expense. Robert Rotman suggested that we might be able to use Venmo for donations, and Ned Barker agreed to explore that option. Rebecca Hendrickson expressed concern that the font size in the web site is too small.

New Business (Ned Barker)

Rebecca Hendrickson graciously volunteered to be Acting Chair for the October meeting..

Closing: Acting Chairperson David Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:04pm.

Next meeting is 10/20/21 via Zoom.

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Minutes: Presented and proposed by Ned Barker