



## Little Tuscany Neighborhood Organization (LTNO)

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:00PM

#### Roll Call:

**Board Members** - Ned Barker (Chair), Rachel Sheedy (Vice Chair), Liz Loomis (Treasurer), David Anderson (Secretary), Darin Roper (Communications Officer), Denise Hoetker (ONE-PS Rep & Temp Social/Education Chair), Daniel Hall, Tyler Burton (Modernism), Rebecca Hendrickson. ABSENT: None.

**Committee Chairs** - Fred Balduini (Beautification). Ron Mesh (Crime & Safety)

**Guests** – Robert Rotman (resident)

#### Treasurer's Report:

Liz reviewed the Report, and indicated an unchanged balance of \$19,720.58. Two outstanding checks (\$73.91 and \$129.47) have not yet been withdrawn by the bank, so the actual balance will be \$19,517.20.

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### Neighborhood Beautification Report (Fred Balduini)

**Crescendo & Boulders Cleanup Day.** Despite the hot weather, we are forging ahead with our Cleanup Day this coming Saturday, June 19, 2021! Before the heat sets in, we're planning to begin by 7:00AM. Fred will be supplying gloves, garbage bags, and plastic grabber tools. David will provide bottled water. Participants should wear safe and comfortable shoes. One team will pick up trash at the Crescendo plot (along West Racquet Club Drive and its side street intersections). They will meet up with the other team, who will be working on the Boulders area (Chino Canyon Road). Fred will coordinate, and also ensure signatures are obtained before the event begins, releasing any liability. Afterwards, everyone is invited for a Social opportunity at Boozehounds for coffee/tea/light eats. Plan on being there by 8:15AM. Thanks in advance to everyone!

#### Education & Social Report (Denise H)

Social being connected with Cleanup Day (above), as reported by Denise.

#### Crime & Safety Report (Ron Mesh)



No report. Ron is working and traveling extensively until later this Fall.

### **Modernism Report** (Liz Loomis and Tyler Burton)

Modernism Week will be February 17, 2022 through February 29, 2022. There have been between five and seven homes that have been "recruited" to be part of the MW 2022 Little Tuscany Homes Tour. The next MW meeting is July 12, 2021 at 5:00pm.

## **New or Unfinished Business**

### **ONE-PS** (Denise Hoetker)

Organized Neighborhoods' Monthly Meeting Highlights: May 11, 2021

- 1.) VillageFest reopening on Thursday July 1 with limited vendors present (65).
- 2.) Update on street repairs in the Araby area and Riverside area to be coordinated with the Desert Water Agency installing new pipes so as not to "tear up" the streets twice. Also a new ordinance is being prepared on "leaf blowers." Battery or electric leaf blowers are the only ones allowed in Palm Springs. Many residents have expressed a desire to "do away" with them all together. This will be studied.
- 3.) Sustainability Committee reported on new timeline for a food ware ordinance. NO MORE Styrofoam nor plastic food containers and straws after January 1, 2022 (State Ordinance).
- 4.) Patrick Tallarico gave out "NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE" certificates recognizing cleanup efforts by two neighborhoods.
- 5.) Palm Springs Fire Dept. is receiving over 1000 calls to assist stranded hikers. They are planning to look at some other created dept. to handle these calls and possibly a monetary charge for these calls.
- 6.) Palm Springs Police Dept. reported an unusual amount of vehicle collisions due to unsafe speeds and bad lane changes on the roadways. Also assaults, home burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts continue to rise.
- 7.) Ted Janka, new City Events Chairman, is looking for volunteers to assist in new City wide events such as Pride week, Veterans Day events, Christmas Parade etc. Please contact him at: [events@ONE-PS.org](mailto:events@ONE-PS.org).

### **LTNO Web Site** (Ned Barker, David Anderson, Darin Roper)

Ned reviewed two RFP's to get our personalized LTNO Web Site up and running. Liz proposed that the Board accept Ned's suggestion going with Shannon Michael's \$500 bid. Rachel seconded it, and the Board agreed unanimously.

### **New Business** (Ned Barker)



Ned announced that the item originally posted on the agenda about “adopting” an unincorporated area into LTNO has been removed since David learned that Racquet Club West had already done so two years ago, but the maps were not updated yet from city hall.

Finally, Ned has officially resigned as chairperson since he has sold his home and moved to a different part of town, however he has offered to remain on as a Temporary Administrative Coordinator until the next official elections will be held in February 2022. Liz explained how this could work, and made a motion to accept Ned’s proposal. Rebecca seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Since we have met the annual quota required for meeting requirements, and in the midst of the summer slowdown, the pandemic recovery, and the Board’s personnel changes, Denise made a motion to officially **suspend Board meetings until Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 5:00PM** with the next rotating chairperson to be determined as well as a location or Zoom. Liz seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**Closing:** (Former) Chairperson Ned Barker adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY or -AUGUST.**

**Next meeting is 09/15/21** via call-in OR In-Person (TBD) at 5:00PM. Access information will be updated prior to the meeting via email and online.

*Minutes: Presented and proposed by David Anderson*